

Herbert Hoover—The Modern Janus as a figure in Roman mythology. He had two faces.)

# Pa. Socialists

Hoopes Motion Carried Legislators Protest -Defeats Grundy Efforts to Make 4 Per Cent Maximum

By Arthur McDowell special New Leader Corresponder ARRISBURG, Pa.—The fight H cf Socialist Representative Darlington Hoopes to prevent parlington Hoopes to prevent against all delay in acting the emergency relief bills of the constitutional amendment have been introduced in both to permit graduated state income taxes, was victorious this week as far as the House of Representatives is concerned. The roll call on the final passage of the bill was almost complete when the Grundy bloc awoke to what the Socialist

member had done last week in an innoticed amendment from the door which struck out the crippling 4 per cent maximum slipped in by Grundy forces in committee. However, the Grundy recovery was too late. Even a recalling of the roll failed to defeat the measure which now goes in good form to the Senate, where there are, however, no Socialist members to

her outwit or openly fight reon and committee chicanery. he House committee on Constional Amendments, of which popes is the Socialist member, dealing with the radical legis-. The chairman came to comittee, meeting (the committee as amendments proposed by the Socialists, Hoopes and Mrs. Wilson, covering unemployment insurance and various types of social insurance of all kinds) without any bills in his folio. Apologizing for his remissness he hurries out and brings back only the Pinchot bills, restricting consideration to these measures and promising ac-

tion on others at the next meet-Wilson Bill 78-89 Rep. Lilith Wilson's measure to

stitution cannot be amended by referendum, forced out of comite only after a struggle, was de-ated in the House by a vote of to 89. Rep. Wilson, Socialist, e of the five women in the who has taken part in busion the floor by active participation, called attention of the legislators to the simple matter of honesty and democracy involved in their homes and to continue the housing organizations. the measure. Up until 1925 con-attutional amendments were sub-mitted to popular referendum as soon as two legislatures had passed them. In that year the State Supreme Court suddenly decided that a phrase in the constitution passed in 1874 meant that the people might vote on changes in the fundamental law only once in every five years. Under this re actionary decision, proposed amendments accumulate until the five-year period is passed and are then submitted in a massed and cumbersome fashion together with

#### Pewey, Upton Close To Discuss Far East

con of the season at the Hotel these markets receive \$10 per week Woodstock Saturday, Dec. 12th, at and depend upon tips received 12:45 P. M. The subject for dis-Maker Or War Maker?" Goldstein will preside.

### Wis. Socialists Win Fight for DemandAction **Income Taxes** To Aid Jobless

Any Drive on Emergency Relief Bills

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

ADISON, Wis.—"The present is not a time for politics but for action," states a protest signed by the Socialist legislators of Wis-consin Friday. "We respectfully but most emphatically protest

"The present special session was nvened for the express purpose of considering unemployment re-An interim committee has held extensive hearings on this question and has reported that the need for relief is very great. Further delay means intense suffer-ing to many thousands."

Industrial working hours in Wisonsin would be limited to six hours a day, five days a week, by pro-visions of a bill introduced by Socialists.

Propose Huge Relief Fund

Compulsory unemployment insurance, supported one-half by the state and one-half by employers, was recommended in another bill. It provides that the state raise its share of costs by increased taxes on incomes over \$5,000. sation would be from \$12 to \$25 a week, depending on size of normal income and number of dependents. An \$18,000,000 a year relief program for the next biennium was roposed by the Socialist members Their program, totaling little more than twice that advocated by Gov. Philip F. La Follette, would provide for two years while the gov ernor's is designated for one.

A joint resolution providing fo constitutional amendment to allow the state directly to enter the usiness of producing, transporting and distributing all necessities of life and their by-products was overruled by Lieut. Gov. Henry olish the five-year period be- A. Huber, on the grounds that con geen the dates of which the state stitutional amendments were not germane to the call of the special

Would Build State Bank

The Cocialist program also included a proposal for a state bank, with branches in various munici-palities, serving as a depository for all state funds and giving prefer-

Proposed change from 70 to 60 years in the minimum age limit for persons eligible for old age pensions, held not germane by Huber in a previous session, has been sion for increasing state aid for these pensions from \$75,000 to

#### **Poultry Store Workers** Organized in New York

For the past twelve months efa long ballot on offices making forts have been made to organize difficult any intelligent action. The issue, not that of a Socialist employed in retail poultry markets or even general labor character. in Greater New York Through the was set forth by Socialist Lilith leadership of Samue: Jacobi. this was set form by
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The union in its organization campaign demands raises in salaries and improved working condi-At L.I.D. Luncheon tions. Circulars are being distributed and open air meetings are The League for Industrial De-nocracy will give its second lunch-Non-union workers employed in ssion will be "America, Peace chickens to augment their salaries, laker Or War Maker?" The fol-wing will lead the discussion: makes it necessary for them to ohn Dewey, noted educator and work long hours so that they can hilosopher; Upton Close, author-y on international affairs; J. B. finds insanitary conditions pre-latthews, Secretary of The Fel-vailing in these markets. The onciliation. Dr. Sid- union agreement stipulates imum salary of \$25 per week.

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# HOOVER SERVES MASTERS OF CAPITAL

## President Condemns Unemployed to Insulting Charity But Stands Firm For Interest of the Rich

NOT in our generation has there been a smaller mind than resources and capacity the more is labor robbed. that displayed by President Hoover in his message to Congress. He has not made a record in this respect as he has simply measured down to the standard set by Harding and Coolidge, but he came heralded as the Miracle Man of the New Capitalism. Nobody thought that his two predecessors in intellect measured much higher than a village trustee; but Hoover was boosted to dizzy heights and fell like a Lucifer.

Hoover is a symbol of that modern capitalism which, through scientific management and more intense sweating of the working class, has created gigantic productive powers. Industry has gushed with increased values that have been piled up in the hands of the exploiters. The increased values have been wrung from the labor power of men, women and children of the workers. Hoover knows how to serve the sweaters but he knows no more than a child of the social consequences of this increased exploitation.

THE PRESIDENT GROWS TENDER

The message carries a collection of sweet words for the suffering millions and delivers them over to the doles of the robber barons. Then he becomes tender in considering the requirements of the capitalist class and proposes a huge corporation to help that class. He recommends an increase of one-third in the taxes of the barons and a policy of borrowing from the bankers which will be soothing to the usurers. The railway gamblers are to be helped through consolidation that will scrap more workers while the gamblers are already helping themselves by insisting on reduced wages.

Real material things for bankers and capitalists and sweet words for the starving millions of the jobless! A number of times he speaks of the need to "cushion the shock" of this or that but he provides a "cushion" for his railway proposal. Railway bonds are held by insurance companies, savings banks, benevolent and other trusts and this makes railway bonds "the investment of every family." There is a cushion on which the jobless men can rest their heads while they quietly starve. They can die with the knowledge that if the railway barons receive more revenue it is in some mysterious way returns on "the investment of every family."

"THE COUNTRY IS RICHER"

The sweet words may well move farmers and workers to tears. "The country is richer in physical property, in newly discovered resources and in productive capacity than ever before." Yea, the sun shines, the rain falls, and Hoover favors sun and rain, but whatever new resources and increased productive capacity there may be they are certain to enrich the possessing classes, not the laboring millions. These new resources and increased capacity are typical of each century but they have always been used to enrich an idle class. Capitalist ownership of them means the subjection and robbery of labor and the more

Again and again the President assumes that there is nothing fundamentally wrong with the American capitalist system. That system prevails in the leading nations abroad and he ascribes our prostration to the prostration of world capitalism. The logic of this would lead British capitalism to make this claim for itself and each of the other capitalistic nations to make a similar claim. It is a case of "passing the buck" and it comes with poor grace from the much advertised Miracle Man.

THE PHONEY PROMISES OF 1928

We call you to the bar of judgment, Mr. Hoover. We ask you if you recognize the following words:

We in America today are nearer to the final triumph over poverty than ever before in the history of any land. The poorhouse is vanishing from among us. We have not yet reached the goal, but, given a chance to go forward with the policies of the last eight years, we shall soon with the help of God be in sight of the day when poverty will be banished from this nation. There is no guarantee against poverty equal to a job for every man. That is the primary purpose of the policies we advocate.

That was your language in August, 1928, when you accepted the nomination by the brokers assembled at Kansas City. There was vast suffering in other capitalistic nations when you said that but you thought that American capitalism could forever fatten upon the miseries of other peoples.

THE WAY OUT OF THE MESS

You and your crowd had eight years of power. You asked for four years more and you were given it. Seven months after you entered the presidency American capitalism was stricken. Is the poorhouse vanishing? On the contrary, millions face the poorhouse and you can only offer them the hated charity doles of the class that has ruled this nation more absolutely than

In your message on Tuesday you said: "The major economic forces and weaknesses at home and abroad have now been exposed and can be appraised, and the time is ripe for forward action to expedite our recovery.'

If they have been "exposed" and "appraised" why did you not follow with an exposition and an appraisal? The fact is that you again turn to sweet words and you know no more about how to get out of this mess now than you understood the capitalism which you blessed as on the road to abolishing the poorhouse in 1928.

HOOVER'S MAGIC 'FAILS

You as a Miracle Man, Mr. Hoover, have reverted back to the Medicine Man of our barbarian ancestors. He chanted mystic words to banish evils that afflicted the tribe. As he claimed to understand the mysteries of life so you were sold to us as the man who knew the mysteries of life so you were sold tem but you do no more than to chant mystic words to the starving and then give a glad hand to railroad gougers, financial usurers, and corporation exploiters.

Not content with this performance you turn to the system of unemployment insurance of other countries and offer this bromide: "I am opposed to any direct or indirect government dole. The breakdown and increased unemployment in Europe are due in part to such practices. Our people are providing against distress from unemployment in true American fashion by a magnificent response to public appeal and by action of the

In that statement is contained one falsehood and more sweet. words. You misuse words when you call unemployment insurance a "dole" and then praise the hateful doles of the rich which have transformed the nation into a poorhouse for millions of the working class.

A SANCTIMONIOUS SERMON

But there is something even more hateful than this. Your professional smellers and alms-beggars all over the nation are coercing millions with small incomes to pour contributions inte the charity bags. The fear of discharge hangs over the man who rightly declines to give. Your system of "doles" has revived the coercion of the war period when Three Minute Men wheedled dollars out of the pockets of the masses to "save

You conclude your sanctimonious sermon with that ignorant ballyhoo that has brought us to the edge of an abyss. Local communities, you say, must not abandon "that precious possession of local initiative and responsibility" of gathering alms. "If the individual surrenders his own initiative and responsibilities, he is surrendering his own freedom and his own liberty." There is more of this sentimental mush with which you cover the beggars' hell into which millions of our class are thrust. With a nursing bottle in one hand for capitalists and bankers and a charity bag in the other for robbed farmers and wage workers, you are a typical representative of that capitalism which all over the world is on a cot in a hospital ward.

THE WORKERS MUST ACT

We turn from you and your class to the millions of the homeless, the jobless and the hungry with another message. Our advice is to organize their class into unions, cooperatives, educational clubs, and the Socialist Party in preparation for the seizure of the powers now used against them by the parties of capitalism. Once this mighty host of workers realize the secret of their power they will make short shrift of governing powers stacked

This is the one great issue and the big fundamental stake involved. It is a struggle for power to end the agony, the insecurity, the uncertainty, the beggary and the impotence of the American working class.

The Socialist movement is the evangel of emancipation for the working masses and not until the Diet of capitalistic nobles go out of the seats of power and the workers go in will this beggars' hell be wiped out.

# N. Y. Workers **Demand Action**

ton. Texas.

of the Neckwear Makers Union. Union 499 emphatically condemns to discuss a united policy for lift-the conference elected Nathan the position taken by the A. F. of ing the world economic depression. The I. F. T. U. proposes to hold unique the second demanding the second demanding the second depression. and Bright and William Peskoff as secretaries. secretaries. Addresses were made by Mor-

ris Hillquit and Louis Waldman. Ridiculing the provisions of the unemployment insurance bill spon-sored by the American Association for Labor Legislation, which would give jobless workers \$5 to \$10 a week for only 13 weeks in a year, Hillquit declared that if the workcould get the right kind of an un-

all state funds and giving preference in loans to persons seeking to Conference of 300 Del- N. Y. Painters' Local

while it exists city, state and nafederation of Labor has gone on manding seats all week. Seats ing industrial crisis through tional agencies shall provide aderecord against unemployment inwill be on sale at the Academy talism or through Socialism. quate relief and large appropria- surance as 'un-American and a requate relief and large appropriate surance as un-American and the tions for public works, more than flection on the independence of the Labor International 300 delegates, called together by the Emergency Unemployment Conference at Stuyvesant High whereas charity has been proven School, Wednesday evening, De- as inadequate in meeting unem-cember 9, adopted a vigorous. co- ployment as it is degrading, and ordinated program, as was sug-whereas the present situation is ordinated program, as was suggested by Norman Thomas in a telegram of greeting from Housand is sure to be repeated again. Presided over by Jacob Roberts therefore be it resolved that Local Union 499 emphatically condemns istered without discrimination

Longshoremen's Strike

whatever."

Broun-Gold Debate in Brooklyn Sunday Moved to Opera House to House Big Throng Unionism Made

For Jobless
this Sunday (tomorrow) night when Heywood Broun, Socialist and famed journalist, will clash with Michael Gold, Communist writer and editor, on the subject of democracy and dictatorship.

The debate will be held at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Lafayette avenue near Flatbush.

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One of the most interesting and | box office from now to the evevital intellectual battles of the win-ter's lecture season will be staged street. The street is season will be staged street.

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Urges A. F. L. Change Job Insurance Stand and Nation

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BERLIN.-Independent labor un ions of the world, including the tional Federation of Trade Unions vided that the A. F. of L. accepts promptly. Other delegations in-America and Canada.

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made themselves ready they do get the right kind of an unlowment insurance bill enacted.

when the operators agreed to withly a significant of the Group Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, at 8:30 p. m. in the Auditorium. employment insurance bill enacted. draw scabs and sign an agreement 150 West 85th street. Alfred

Borah for Compulsory

WASHINGTON-(FP)-H. H. Workers, in a letter to the recent to join it in a World Conference Washington conference on congres-to discuss a united policy for lift-sional program of the Joint Committee on Unemployment, advocated a big federal appropriation for emergency public works, and compulsory unemployment insurance. Broach advocated appropriation

draw scabs and sign an agreement garanteeing 85 cents an hour and state of New York, where the average is 54 hours a week. Only by reducing the hours of labor drastically and insisting on 54 hours pay for 30 hours work can (Costinated sea Page Targ)

draw scabs and sign an agreement garanteeing 85 cents an hour and Kreymborg, well known poet, will also deliver an address. Other well known poet, will also deliver an address. Other well street, New York City, Dr. Louis Sadoff will present his views on Russia where he visited last summer at limited to address the meeting, among framer. Sympathizers and critics of Resistance of New York.

This Friday night, Dec. 11, 1931 at Beethoven Hall, 210 East 5th A. B. Reed hoped to link Harvey's party with twenty or more additional groups, failed to attract a single delegate for the opening mer. Sympathizers and critics of Russia are invited to participate in the discussion. This Friday night, Dec. 11, 1931

# Issue in Harlan **Murder Trial**

"Liberty" Party Hits Rock Under Harvey Dictatorship

dawn of civilization," has proved the killing of three deputies May Johless Insurance Jackson of Indiana, was removed by the Executive Committee at have Jones explain yellow dog Harvey's request. The second, R. contracts and to bring out the fact Broach, president of the Interna- E. Bruner of Missouri, has resigntional Brotherhood of Electrical ed because Harvey insisted on having "national headquarters" of the party in northwestern Arkansas, rather than in a centrally located

A letter from the 'national secretary" reveals that scarcity of funds delayed him for three weeks in sending out a two-page type-written circular letter to the ten members of the committee "Cotirs" latest hallucination is that Thise oil man has offered to pay. vited are from independent unions of Australia, Japan. India, Latin gram of public works. He further a Tulsa oil man has offered to pay

State Attempting to Keep Witnesses From Stand-Defense in Need of Funds

MT. STERLING, Ky. (FP)— Every witness for Sec. W. B. Harvey two months ago as "the Jones of the Evarts, Ky., United unable to keep its own member-ship in line to the whimseys of its were something shameful. R. L. 5, is being cross-examined on nor founder and pope. Two "national chairmen" have already clashed with Harvey. The first, James G. private interests to help the state. convict Jones, took great pains to that he opposes them.

Defense -witnesses stated that their immediate aims in jo tilation in the mines, a checkweighman representing the men-which the Kentucky mining law wages!

Longshoremen's Strike

Ends in Boston

BOSTON—(FP)—The 2-month strike of the Boston longshoremen's district council ended Dec. 2 when the operators agreed to with-draw scabs and sign an agreement of the Group Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, at 8:30 p. m. in the Auditorium, draw scabs and sign an agreement to the strike of the strike of the Group Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, at 8:30 p. m. in the Auditorium, draw scabs and sign an agreement to the strike of the strike of the Group Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, at 8:30 p. m. in the Auditorium, draw scabs and sign an agreement to the strike of the strike of the Group Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, at 8:30 p. m. in the Auditorium, draw scabs and sign an agreement to the strike of the Group Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, at 8:30 p. m. in the Auditorium, draw scabs and sign an agreement to the strike of the Group Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, at 8:30 p. m. in the Auditorium, draw scabs and sign an agreement to the strike of the strike, or the Group Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, at 8:30 p. m. in the Auditorium, draw scabs and sign an agreement to the strike of the Group Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, at 8:30 p. m. in the Auditorium, draw scabs and sign an agreement to the strike of the Group Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, at 8:30 p. m. in the Auditorium, draw scabs and sign an agreement to the strike of the force of the force of Senator George W. Nor ris of Nebraska. A \$1,000,000 campaign contribution, Harvey says. will be given the Liberty party if this plot is consummated.

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### III. Socialists **Present Plan** For Jobless

Legislative Committee Hears Ringing Demand for Immediate

NOT since the war had a Socialist voice been heard in the Illinois Legislature, till last Tuesday evening. Then-

Andrew Lafin, representing the cialist Party of Cook County, and State Secretary Ben Larks, obtained a hearing before the Spe-cial Session of the Legislature, sitting as a committee of the whole. The hearing was obtained only after most persistent efforts had been the Secretary of the Socialist Party of Cook County. La-fin was granted only twenty minin which to make his talk.

In sharp contrast to Banker Traylor, who spoke for two full hours earlier in the day, worrying only about the possibility of de-fault by local governments of interests and bond payments (na-turally, a banker) Comrade Lafin ed the terrible conditions of the unemployed people in the country and in Illinois in particular. Not only is industry sick, but our governments are tottering. National Government has a deficit of about \$900,000,000 and ating daily by five million dol-Local governments in Illias is more important, not ing the salaries of their workers; teachers and others, who have no other incomes on which to ex-

#### Quotes Declaration

Quoting from the Declaration of ce, Comrade Lafin said: We hold these truths to be self evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of hap-piness. That to secure these rights,

"Under the present system, banker by law has the right to interest; a merchant has the right rent; and if interest, rent and profit are alow in coming in, the law enables them to 'cash in' on the value of their property. This seem copitalist law however does not enable the worker to cash in. nortgage or borrow on his propwhich is LABOR POWER! The exercise of labor power in the guise of the right to work is therere an illusion, it is rather a privilege granted the worker by and if the privilege is denied,—and it is—the workers are left to starve amid plenty."

Deny a person work, and his death warrant is signed! Without s job no one can live long in this capitalistic society. The law and must provide for the RIGHT Had our government taken and kept, the mines, mills factories, railroads, banks, etc. (our very means of life) instead of giving grants, charters and franchises to a few with power to make unlimited wealth at the expense of the country as a whole, we would not now, as in the past, suffer from the mal-distribution of the nation's wealth! There would be no unemployment with its atant poverty, crime, degrada-and social unrest!!!

#### Urges Immediate Action

Lafin urge action on unemployment relief and wallace J. Parks of Williams.

Student leaders at the Chicago

and a number of Legislators came over later, introduced themselves the Garrett Biblical Institute. Other speakers at the Chicago and congratulated Comrade Lafin. Conference include Clarence Sen-ior, National Secretary of the So-As one representative said to State Secretary Larks later: "It's been a long time since any thing worthcialist Party of America; Mr. James Maccoll, of the British La-bor Party; Tom Tippett, coal mina long time since any thing worth-while has been said from that rostrum, in behalf of the common er, author and leader in the West and that talk also came Virginia mine strike 1931: Profes-

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#### Phillips Thanks Comrades for

Telegrams, letters and visitors

that greeted Isidore Phillips, So-cialist veteran who reached his seventieth birthday on November 30th, have cheered him up as the shower of greetings and congrat-ulations were wholly unexpected. These were so numerous that Comrade Phillips finds that he has not the strength to acknowledge all mission of them and through The New Leader he extends a hearty thanks to all who helped to make the day

a happy one for him.

About 35 telegrams and 50 letters were received by Comrade

Phillips and among those who called personally were Esther Fried-man, Edward F. Cassidy, Julius Gerber, Morris Gisnet, Pat Murphy and Celia Rotter.

#### Students See ChangeComing In U.S.Industry

L. I. D. Conferences in New York and Chi-Collegians

REVOLUTIONARY changes in A. J. Royal of Local Richmond, the economic and political spoke against the proposals, presenting suggestions of their own senting suggestions of the next decade are predicted by a committee of students, representing the liberal clubs of more than 100 colleges, who will convene in two conferences in New York and Chicago, December 28th to 30th to had referred to the Socialist can discuss objectives and methods in "Guiding and Revolution."

An attendance of approximately 400 students from 50 leges is expected at the New York ssions which will be held at the Union Theological Seminary. An equal number of delegates is expected from middle-western and western colleges for the Chicago ssions which will be held in the

University of Chicago.
Several delegates already chosen for the New York Conference have innounced that they will propose long before the Socialist party Socialism as one way out of the men . . . ""The RIGHT TO WORK can not be separated from the RIGHT TO LIFE!"

Among those are Jerry Ingersoll of Amherst, son of Raymond V. Ingersoll of New York; John Hall of Heaven resent crisis. Among those are Donald M. Smith of Bates College, who recently organized a counci of 1,500 unemployed men and women in Lewiston, Maine, to de-mand adequate protection against hunger during the winter months.

Washington; Paul Porter, field sec

retary of the League for Industrial

Democracy; J. B. Matthews, secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation; and Paul Blanshard.

director of the City Affairs Com-

mittee of New York and vigorous critic of Mayor James J. Walker.

Student leaders in the confer

ence will include William Mont-

gomery of the Massachusetts In-

stitute of Technology, Albert Arent

of Cornell University, Joel Seid-man of Johns Hopkins, Lillie Me-

grath of Syracuse, Ruth Lehmann

Winston Dancis of City College of

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strike of coal miners in Harian County, Kentucky, last summer; eacefully come to Socialism.' Norman Thomas, Socialist leader Dr. Harry W. Laidler, president of the National Bureau of Eco-

the momic Research and author of "Concentration of Control in American Industry," "How America Lives," and many other books; Dr. not over 200 names. Lewis Lorwin, noted economist from the Brookings Institution in

ask how the Socialist party minates, and for about 10 tes the Socialist form of organi zation was discussed. Senator Eg gleston finally declaring that "You Socialists have us beat a mile in our organization methods eorge answered that "A Raskob a Bishop Cannon and a Harry Byrd would never be found toether in the Socialist party. sked which the S. P. would keep George answered that "we are not aking sides in your internal cons-in fact, we are not in

#### terested.". Asks for Proposals

The Socialist Committee was in-New York, Naomi Weinberg & Smith College, Maurice Goldbloom terrogated as to just what would suit the S. P. "How about reducting the deposit from \$500 to \$50, the deposit from 1.000 to and the signatures from 1.000 to wallace J. Parks of Wilhams.

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Conference include Robert Cullum

of Albion College, who was active

which will come as long as Capitalism reigns supreme, with its

workers education in West Virginia last summer; Lee Foster of answered that it would of course

ver \$100.

The Socialists assured the Com versity of Illinois and Professor fight to the bitter end against any on, however, that they should deposits or petition requirements for candidates of bona-fide politi-Karl W. Guenther of the Michigan cal organizations.

The Commission assured the Socialists that they would adopt sevreal suggestions approved by the Socialist party. These include a ferences have been established at the offices of the Intercollegiate different ballot, so that voters car the offices of the Intercollegiate Student Council of the League for the present ballot, by which they Student Council of the League 101.
Industrial Democracy at 112 East
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#### Va. Socialists Greetings Sent Him Appear Before **Election Board**

Socialists Present Convincing Case Before Election Codes Com-

By DAVID GEORGE

ial New Leader Corresp RICHMOND, Va.—The politiand frightened last week by the storm of protest that arose against the plan to bar minorities from the pallot by establishing cash depos its and signatures to petitions as pre-requisites to getting on the The "Election Codes Commis

sion" met in Richmond Dec. 3, af-ter a ten-day recess, during which

time the Governor, members of the

Commission and the newspapers were deluged with protest. On Dec. 3, when the Commission resembled in the State Capitol, over 100 telegrams and night letters added weight to the protest A committee of three from the cago Attracting Many Socialist party were granted one hour for a hearing Thursday. Herman Ansell, State Chairman; David George, State Secretary, and A. J. Royal of Local Richmond, for an improvement of the ballot. The commission members fell over themselves to apologize for what they averred was a mistake of the

> "We called the independents who run just for advertising purposes 'freaks.' but never referred to the Socialists that way," Chairman Weaver, a State Senator, declared "We don't want to do anything to hurt or hinder the Socialist party or any other party."

newspapers in saying that they

Ansell denounced the entire pro posal. He warned against any effort to "circumscribe or circum vent the workings of minorities." He warned that it might not be would be the majority, and Democrats the minority. Royal declared that his ancestors had fought under three banners of Revolt, in 1676, 1776, and 1861, in Virginia, one to each century of the state's existence.

"And if the workers are robbed altogether of the ballot as a means of attempting to change and improve their condition, another re volt may be necessary," he de-clared. "Take away the ballot altogether, and the worker has left only his strong arm. Give us the right to vote, and the state will

George attacked the deposit and petition plan, and suggested that the qualification for candidates be a certification by the Central Committee of each party, or in the case of independents a petition of

Senator Eggleston interrupted

The Legislature and the people in the gallery applauded the talk and a number of Legislators came that the number of Legislators came that it would of course answered that it would of course answered that it would of course answered that it would of course answered that it would of course answered that it would of course t

posits, and that these deposits woldu at least not apply to Congressional candidates. It also seemed certain that the requiredirector: and Commission on ments for Statewide officials would be lessened, with the deposit not

ple ballots may be printed.

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# Night's Lodging

T'S a world of rugged individualism in which we live and the man or woman who fails is responsible for the failure. Then, as Hoover has told us, the government is only an umpire in the race between individuals. He keeps each of us from tripping up the other. We all start with equal advantages and we are off in the race for success. Those with the best character and the noblest purposes are the winners.

Yet somehow or other the race does not seem fair to some of the runners. When one enters the race from a disease-breeding rookery and another with millions in his pocket given to him by a plug hat millionaire father; and Hoover's umpire smiles, rings the bell, and tells both that they "are off," there are cynics who laugh. Some may curse.

#### Dispossesed

If Mrs. DeVoe has heard of the Hoover fairy tale she must be bewildered. What was in her mind as she stood cold and hungry before a shoemaker's shop one can only surmise. A widow with two children cared for by relatives. without work, she was locked out of her room because of inability to pay her rent. She had walked the streets for hours and at no time in her wandering did she meet with Hoover's umpire. He was too busy looking for overseas investments for capitalists to think of the despairing mother of two who had in some way been knocked down in the race of life.

Standing in front of Rosario's shoemaker shop an icy wind beat down upon her. Rosario also owed rent, and customers were not as numerous as they were some years ago. The woman outside the shop was a "failure" and Rosario was by no means a "success."

An idea came to the shivering woman as a policeman approached. Would he please put her in jail by the side of steam pipes where she could keep warm? No. He took only those who broke the laws to the warm quarters of a jail.

Perhaps that policeman was a little dull of understanding. He passed on and another approached. The same question and the same answer. A third turned the corner and the broken woman asked him. The same reply and he disappeared.

Break the law, break the rules provided by Hoover's umpire, the government? There inside the shoemaker's shop was Rosario trying to earn the rent. A large glass window separated the two. It was 2:30 in the morning and Mrs. DeVoe had nothing to eat, nowhere to

#### The Window Crashes

Crash! The window of Rosario's shop crumbled into bits. Rosario was startled and a policeman, the third one she had accosted. returned on the run. She had complied with the instructions of the three officers of the law and the hungry woman was arrested.

The good cop heard her story and purchased her coffee and sandwiches on the way to the jail and there she spent the night by the side of a comfortable radiator. All of the rules of Hoover's umpire had been complied with but it seemed to be a terrible mix-up in the end.

Then the solemn magistrate's court the next morning. Nothing was concealed by the prisoner. She was guilty, she admitted the "crime." She did not comply with the umpire's rules She was crying.

Then a surprising thing occurred. All of the umpire's rules were pitched out of the window-at least for this occasion. "Every one was sorry right from the first," said a spectator. The magistrate suspended sentence. A lawyer gave the woman ten dollars and the Assistant District Attorney gave her five.

A nice lady who has a nice home with warm radiators and plenty of food looked on sympathetically. She had just paid a fine for having an unmuzzled poodle. Atonement was made for doggie's offense and the nice lady followed the homeless and workless woman into the street The two had dinner together, the lady gave the woman ten dollars, and promised that she would try to get the latter a job.

Every rule of Hoover's umpire had broken down and had been discarded in the face of grim

But we forgot Rosario, our shoemaker whose broken window added to his financial difficulties. He was in the magistrate's court in compliance with the umpire's rules. "What about my window?" asked Rosario. "I am behind in my rent, very behind, and had \$25 saved to pay The window costs \$28 to fix.

#### The Mystery of Justice

There had been hot words between Rosario and his landlord and threats of being dispossessed. What was the shabbily-dressed Rosario

"The case is over," said a court attendant sharply. "You can't get money for your window

Another rule of Hoover's umpire was broken and Rosario shambled out of the magistrate's court to the shoe shop with its broken window to settle with the landlord-if he could. Perhaps Rosario will soon be in the streets a wanderer and accosting policemen in front of anther window in an effort to learn the mysteries of Hoover's umpire who arbitrates in a race etween equals.

And now the reader may be left to solve these systeries of a beautiful world of justice where equitable awards are made to us all in the race of life. You may find more consolation in Hoover's message to Congress this week where he again expounds those rules that went to pieces in a magistrate's court.

And the reader may also look up the Socialist's version of an umpire of fairness which admits of no plug hat heirs to start the race with millions of unearned dollars while a working class mother begins with no guarantee of opportunity and ends by losing her children and finds warmth for her famished body by a so-

### Socialists File N. J. Socialists Charge Against Increase Vote Bronx Police

Result of Beating Given Watcher at Polls

THE Socialist party of the Bronx have permitted the beating of a Socialist watcher at the polls last election day. Matthew Levy. of Panken and Levy, has written to except one.

Police Commissioner Mulrooney to demand an inquiry be held. In his for Governor, received 5,247 votes for Governor, received 5,247 votes. letter, Mr. Levy charged that pre-vious complaints to the local police which is an increase of 3,206 votes precinct have gone unanswered.

Mr. Levy's letter sets forth the ncidents on election day and the ubsequent developments: On elec-ion day, Benjamin Schubert, a duly accredited Socialist watcher n the 15th Election District of the 4th Assembly District, Bronx, at Public School No. 63. Franklin aveie and 168th street, Bronx. While attending to his duties, Schubert was violently assaulted at the polling place by four thugs, in the presence of a number of policemen, dragged across the floor for its entire length, and brutally beaten in a hallway. His cries for

One of the assaulters, David ronson, was later arrested. At a tion and more agitation w Aronson, was later arrested. At a tion and more agitation work the hearing before Magistrate Overton Harris in the 6th District S. P. can easily double and treble this year's vote at the next election. al Sessions. That the officers of in the testimony taken on the

ask the opportunity of presenting witnesses before your Trial Commissioner," Levy's letter con-"Three of the gang who as-

saulted and battered Schubert were never apprehended. On Nov. 3 complaint was made to the commanding officers then in charge of both the uniformed and detective divithe uniformed and detective divi-sions of the 42nd Precinct in the Brohx. More than a month has bership meeting in Jersey City gone by. The complainant has not Dec. 27 and lay plans for the caminformed that no action whatsoever has been taken on this complaint; that the police present have ot been questioned; and that the members of the several election at for 1932. Better organization seault have not been asked to disclose their knowledge of what een requested by the Socialist party, Bronx County, to bring promptly, and I trust that you charges against the responsible be vigorous in your efforts to party, Bronx County, to bring the design of the 42nd Precinct for the ficers of the 42nd Precinct for the law they are sworn to enforce the la "I expect to hear from you and obey."

# 100 Per Cent

Levy Asks Hearing as Candidate for Governor Receives 5,247 as Against 2,041 in '23

SOCIALISTS of New Jersey have every reason to rejoice at the has begun a fight against po-lice officers who are alleged to result of the recent election. Official returns show that the Socialist party has made substantial Panken and Levy, has written to gains in every county of the state

> over the previous election for governor in 1928. The vote that year was 2,041.

In three counties, Bergen, Camden and Essex, the vote for gov-ernor was nearly three times greater than in 1928 and Union County increased its vote from 135 to 612 or nearly five times the vote of the previous election.

The organized counties where campaign meetings were held naturally produced the largest num-ber of votes, but there are a dozen counties in the state in which no meetings were held and where help brought no protection from the policemen present. some cases. This proves that the field is ripe for the harvest and that with a little better organiza-

The Assembly vote also shows a the law who were placed for the protection of the public looked on without doing their duty, appeared in the testimony taken of the field. the field. The total average Assembly vote in the state is 5,614, "On behalf of the Socialist party,
Bronx County, I am writing to
you for the purpose of bringing
charges against these policemen,
an increase of 380 votes over the
election in 1930. There has been
a steady increase every year in
the Assembly vote, from 1,835 in
1928 to 5,814 in 1931.

Essex County is the banner coun ty recording the largest increase in the Assembly vote: 1.741 against 1,104 in 1930. This is an increase of 637 votes. Union county comes next with 878 votes against 514 in 1930.

With this splendid showing to even been interviewed. I have been paign of 1932. A Socialist Party local in every county and Assembly candidates and congressional candidates in every district and county of the state is the goal we and more propaganda activity all that is needed in this state increase the vote and carry party to victory at the polls.

#### Whoopla of Hoover Sunshine SUITS - TUXEDOS Hickey-Freeman, Kuppenheimer, Goodman & Suss. Hart, Schaffner & Committee in Begging For Alms

in order to stimulate national charity!" morale. The Hoover Sunshine Com-

mittee is very active.

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the Better Days Ahead!'

"Very truly yours, the President's Organization on Unemploy-ment Relief, by Walter S. Gifford

Mobilization of Relief Resources. by Owen D. Young, chairman." slogan-slingers and phrase-fash- man.

If the unemployed are not being bjected to a "dole" then what needs. God's name is it ' Only, instead of being a business-like arrange- tion to the 10.000,000 uner

THE slogan-slingers have again right, it comes to him with all the a sense of insecurity, with fear been mobilized as in war-time traditional stigma of "private hanging over their heads! National

mittee is very active.

The national magazines have of late been carrying full-page adistration has nothing to do with lions shall be fed and clothed, but om terrogated as to just what would vertisement featuring these peppy of spensing this charity relief (DOLE) except in an advisory "Great Engineer" who fed the Belwhich leaves the Great gians, the starving "Give Generously:"

"Feel the Thrill that Comes Engineer free to point his finger the White Russians (with our in scorn at our brothers across the money) could not long ago have "Go Forward with America to sea and tell us what an awful found an acceptable solution to the

administered is spelled D-O-L-E!

lowering of wages and reducing God knows there's nothing else for the farmer's earning power down them to do under present conditions.

The Great Engineer of the White House—recently referred to by the head of a big farmers' organization as "the stationary engineer of the whole district the stationary engineer of the whole district the stationary engineer of the stationa the White House"—with his manis of war generals do not wait until of this year, for paying dividends for hand-picked committees, is at morale is shattered by cold and and interest! us again! They are attempting to hunger and then try to build it up! make the word "dole" appear hideous to us while at the same time compelling the private citizen must be well fed, warmly clothed to DOLE OUT charity in the role and comfortably housed. If our of "his brother's keeper" while government were forced to put government evades a great social 10,000,000 soldiers in the field tomorrow, means would be quickly found to provide for their physica

This is peace time. Yet, in addi ment in the form of unemploy- and their 30,000.000 destitute dement insurance, to which the pendents there are the additional worker has contributed and may millions working at part-time and therefore accept with dignity as his with reduced wages, tortured with

harity!"

Of course the administration in established with FEAR stalking

thing if would be to introduce the problem which involves the ma-"dole system" in the United States

It is well for Giff and Young administered is spelled D-O-L-E! to give advice to the people to assess of the people with thee masses of the people with thee catch phrases signed by Gifford and Young, this effort in the light of FACTS is an insuir to the mind of the content of A great many people will readily remember the activities of the of any right-thinking man or wodistress of the workers? Their con-Why didn't the administration Steel Corporation of which Gifford

> But, no matter how hot unde the collar you get, don't "dole"-for that's a White House bugaboo and very obnoxious. Please call it charity—sweet charity. O charity, what crimes are committed in thy name and guise!

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mands on Individual Trade Unions-Inter-

nal War Hurts Labor PITTSBURGH — (FP) — Union

building trades workers of Pittsburgh, their unions torn with internal warfare, face a 25 per enternal warfare, face a 25 per cent wage cut, demanded by the

tors' association. The de-

have already been placed

e individual unions.

for unskilled labor and 75 cents for skilled workers on state road con-struction are cited by contractors

as an outstanding reason for force

ing reductions on union workers Appeals by building unions to Gov

In addition Pittsburgh building mions are torn by a bitter war be-

tween the Building Trades Council

and the alliance formed by elec-

trical workers, carpenters and

bricklayers' unions. The electrical

work. The electricians assert they

(Continued from Page One)

An executive committee of 50 vas elected to push the program

adopted by the conference, which

1. The City of New York to

up machinery for expediting \$155,-000,000 of frozen contracts for pub-

3. The Governor of the State

of New York to call upon the leg-

islature in his message to the forth-

000.000, the money to be raised by increased taxation upon those

incomes in the higher brackets:

\$25 and no les than \$12 a week)

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12 Hours' Daily Work Bldg. Unions on Flood Control Projects

AZASHINGTON - (FP) - Announcement that the American Federation of Labor is submitting a copy of its investigators' report on "a most amazing and shocking state of affairs" as to laor, economic and living conditions workers on the lower Mississipflood control contract jobs, to the proper government officials with an urgent request that in-vestigation be made and the guilty nished, was made Dec. 4 by ident William Green. He had st received the report from his vo representatives at Gulfport,

"Evidently exploitation of deeless workers has been practiced in a most vicious and repreensible way," Green said. can scarcely comprehend that working people in any section of the United States could be exploited and oppressed in such a shocking way as is revealed by this re-Pinchot and other state officials against the low wages on state highway work so far have been fruitless Contractors on public work in the cities use the state scale as an excuse for evading un-

"Evidently employes of these ntracting companies engaged in vernment work were paid wages low as \$1.25 for a 12-hour day were compelled to spend small earnings in governcommissaries where they aid high prices. The inhuman reatment accorded many workers is revealed in the fact that when they were injured and thus became incapacitated they were neglected and treated in a most shameful

The text of the report, made public by the A. F. of L., shows that at Lake Providence, La., the Sternberg contract wages were strike until the two international unions ordered their men back to hours or longer, for common la-bor. Three years ago the present oyes, working for the governreceived \$3.50 for 8 hours' Names of individual workwith their working time and of pay, are cited, to lay a is for a genuine investigation. es of men discharged unpaid, discharged after suffering in-strial accidents, and given neithident compensation nor even wages due, are also given. oach's camp at Greenville, evidence indicated, at least en had been "unmercifully " and run off their jobs getting any part of the

ne major portion of the jects in the Greenville report says, "the con-establish commissaries eir employes are compelled a minimum of \$4.50 ut of their meagre wages. are not married they are \$3 a week for a cook. r goods and if their acre disputed they are taken whipped. Five cents per charged for ice water used job during warm weather. en are flogged if they do have the meals of their men on the works at meal time, en beaten because they discommisary accounts, accordthe testimony of other wit-Some sample prices of ary goods are: 51bs lard s; 12 lb. sack flour 75 cents;

2 lbs. for 25 cents. ional investigation of res is likely. Rep. Colsippi has taken the ith the War Depart-Sen. Wheeler of Mones an investigation of workers by contractors on all kinds of government contruction now in progress. Wheeler ry, contractors are violating the

pork 20 cents per pound,

#### Miner Is Convicted In Dynamite Case

PRINCETON, Ind. - (FP) -"This case has been one of the most complete frameups on an in-"This case has been one of the most complete frameups on an individual since the Mooney case in San Francisco." So speke up islation for financial assistance to San Francisco." So spoke up Thomas B. Morton, Indiana official of the United Mine Workers of America, to the judge in Circuit Court here after a jury found him guilty of conspiracy to dynamite the home of a mine company boss.

The conviction carries a prison of 12 to 14 years and a of \$1,000. Nine other mine onists face trial on similar res. The charges were brought st them on the basis of testiof labor spies because of the opposition to a non-union, Attorneys for Morton anthey will appeal his conto the state supreme court. Judge Thomas Duncan re-the jury's verdict with evi-"These things cannot on," he said, referring to the namitings. "I want those reert and A. Diamond ible for this conspiracy to severity of the blow th when convicted in this

#### Young Austrian Socialists Rally for the Republic



## Laborites Gain Four New Seats

But Lose to Conservative Coalition by Two to One Vote

bricklayers unions. The chool jobs, assert the council is aiding the formation of a dual union. The THE Labor Party in New Zea land faced an election last week in which the United and the Reform parties combined as Libercouncil denies the charge. The electricians had the support of the als and Conservatives did in the recent British election but the New Zealand Laborites fared better than their British brethren. The Coalition won a two to one victory but the Laborites, instead have had no help at all from the victory but the Laborites, in other building trades unions, which of losing seats, gained four. The position now is that the Re-

permit their men to work on jobs struck by Electrical Workers Loform party has 29 seats the United party 21 and Coalition In-dependents one, totaling 51, while N. Y. Workers Demand the Laborites have 24 and the Independents five. Two of these In-dependents will give general sup-Action for Jobless port to the government.

as previously, but there was little change in the country districts.
Minister of Agriculture David

increase its Unemployment Relief Cabinet who was defeated. The coalition was formed in September, but the opposition of the down and social services reduced appropriation of \$2,500,000 a month 2. The City of New York to set Laborites to the government's in every possible way. Maybe the drastic program of retrenchment people only learn by suffering and forced the Ministry to seek a new we have to pass through a period mandate from the country. The when the masses are ground under coalition leaders, like Ramsay the iron heel of capitalism. The MacDonald, Stanley Baldwin and Labor Party is by no means crush-Sir Herbert Samuel in Britain, re-cently asked for a free hand to to make the workers understand coming session to (a) increase its appropriation for unemployment relief from \$20,000,000 to \$100,necessary to save the country from party's position clearer on finance bankruptcy, and the New Zealand electors decided the issue in much

Apart from the desertion of our

(b) reduce the age limit from 70 to 60 years for those eligible for old age pensions; (c) raise the age lincrease the surtax and protective duties, to finance development by a lincrease the finance development by a stand that the crisis came from a lincrease the surtax and protective duties, to finance development by a stand that the crisis came from a lincrease the surtax and protective duties, to finance development by a stand that the crisis came from a loan of £25,000,000 and control world economic breakdown. The 4. The President of the United state-controlled central bank.

States, in a special message to Congress, to urge a \$5,000.000.000 Arthur Garfield Hays, well known author and liberal, and Al-word for increased income and both Weisberg accordant of The word which our principles are founded. come out of increased income and bert Weisbord, secretary of The come out of increased income and inheritance taxes. Part of the money should be used directly for unemployment relief. Most of it should be reloaned to public housing corporations created by cities and states to clear slums and to characteristic model housing for the

er 50% of his wage as long as he is out of a job plus an allowance for dependents (but no more than for dependents (but no more than at 8 p. m.

### New Zealand Labor Ready to Fight British Fascist Threats, George Lansbury Says

Leader of Labor Party Declares Mammoth Conservative Majority in House Will Be Overthrown at Next General Election-Pleads for International Socialism

By George Lansbury, M.P. (Leader of the Labor Party in the British House of Commons)

THE LABOR PARTY will have to fight a new form of Fascism.

That is the promise of the current trend of events since the general election.

The constitutional rights of the people of this country will be to some extent suspended. The new government will not declare a dictatorship but will take powers which in effect give the cabinet a dictatorship. For example, our Board of Trade has been given the power to impose a tax up to 100 per cent on any foreign manufacture they please. This is called an emergency measure. True, if Parlia-

ment sits long enough it can called in question such a tariff but parliament will probably not be sitting for months on end so that the Board of Trade will be able to do The Laborites, who won five much as it pleases and the power seats and lost one, expected great-er gains. The cities voted Labor, small indeed.

Labor to Fight Back

The victims of our economic system are in for a bad time. Th Jones was the only member of the international and national bankers take any measures they considered the present crisis and to make the

the same way as the British.

The Laborite program was to restord wages to their former level, currency and credit through a party must make clear this fact state-controlled central bank. which our principles are founded, which is international Socialism.

We will have to fight the tariff question so that our people will learn that fiscal policies will not solve unemployment. There are many in England who regard tariff as the magic pill which will cure Norman Thomas Finds" all our ills despite the fact they 5. The New York State legis-lature to enact at its forthcoming session an Unemployment Insur-session an Unemployment Insur-the Labor Temple, 15th street and countries. Only international So-countries and in free trade

It is quite certain that our work

### **Argentine Poll** Goes Against Dictatorship

Uriburu Regime Beaten, Incomplete Returns Show-Socialists Elect 22

ETURNS of the elections in the Argentine Republic so far at hand are against the dictator-ship of General Uriburu. The returns are from the city of Buenos Aires but information of the vote in the provinces is scattering. Uriburu desired to continue the rule of the militarist clique through election of General Justo as President. The Socialist party and the Progressive Democratic party agreed on an alliance in the elecion which had been approved at the Socialist congress held late in August. This involved support of Lisandro de la Torre for President and Nicholas Repetto, of the So-cialist party, for Vice President.

The Civil Alliance, as it was called, agreed to support the Socialist candidates for the Chamber in the Federal capital. In the Province of Santa Fe the Socialists supported the list of the Progressive Democrats. In other rovinces combined lists were sup-

The course of the Independent Socialists showed that they had practically ceased to be Socialists. Instead of supporting the Left op-position they rallied to the support Uriburu's candidate, General

The campaign was carried on in the face of all the restrictions imaginable and a strong opinion showed itself in favor of the Civil Alliance. Numerous universities set up committees and many trade unions which had formerly always remained neutral in the political struggles, lent their support to these candidates in order to prevent the reactionary and militarist victory which would bring with it the loss of the rights and advan tages gained by the working class

own destruction. I call to mind Chesterton's lines, written in 1912: after hard struggles Irigoyen's old party the Radical party, put forward Senor Marcelo "It may be we shall rise the last As Frenchmen rose the first, Our wrath come after Russia's party, put forward sent Marcel de Alvear, the former President, and Senor Adolfo Guemes. The "anti-personalist" Radicals were somewhat divided one section sup-porting the candidate of General The comfortable Tories in the porting the candidate of General House of Commons and those who Justo and the other that of Senor live in fine homes in the West End of London may think it fine sport to smash the Labor Party. Were it to be smashed we would see a Bolshevik revolution take its place, or what to me would be worse economic to make its place, or what to me would be worse economic to the world be worse to the worse to the world be worse to the worse to the world be worse to the worse t

or what to me would be worse, economic decay which would bring the returns give the Socialists onomic decay which would bring about that destruction of the manhood of our people which always

The returns give the Socialists and Democrats 166,000 votes in Beunos Aires and 126,000 to Genprecedes the downfall of empire.

But I really believe that the Laseats in the Chamber of Deputies bor Party out of defeat will regain and the Independent Socialists 10 power and regain it because our but as the latter have become faith rests on the rock of truth bourgeois they must be counted which is that the masses of the world by united effort will ultimately transform the world into a tors, Bravo and Palacios, both of whom have served the working class in jail a number of times. Palacios is a professor of law at Strike in New York

the University of Buenos Aires and also translated Marx into Spanish. It is probable that the returns

affiliated with the Amalgamated Food Workers, and chauffeurs. In the neighboring country In the neighboring country of salesmen and helpers employed in Uruguay the Socialists and Com-New York and vicinity, went on strike Dec. 2nd. Twelve hunwent munists both made equal gains Chamber and each won three seats in the new Chamber. each was also about 5,000.

A split in the Socialists ranks unists to obtain control of the party organ and most of the members, but the Socialists are "com ing back" with a stronger organi-

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in the United States.

### oreign Trade and the Future of Capitalisi

Increased Difficulties in Developing Profitable Foreign Trade Point to Added Burdens Workers Will Be Called Upon to Shoulder

previous article showed the American domestic market will expand more slow-ly in the future than in the and that as a result American capitalists will be forced to seek wider foreign markets an outlet for their sur plus production. in this nec-icle the prospects of this necessary export trade are dis-

#### By Louis Stanley

II.—Foreign Markets
MERICAN capitalists are jockeying for advantage in the tinue its enormous profit-taking.

TABLE I VALUE OF EXPORTS FROM cient to maintain high profits. It will be necessary to seek new foreign outlets for surplus production will not be easy. America will be made to pay the price in low wages and speeding up. As a result of the increased on the class struggle in the United States will be intensi

Slow-Growing Exports -The size of the American ex-

port trade will make for difficulties. It has not been increasing fast enough at a time when competion from foreign capitalists has been weak. The prospects for the 2—American exports play too small a role in the economy of future are not encouraging because the United States to be an effect business men abroad are going to tive factor in preserving profits. make greater efforts to increase their share of the world's fereign has absorbed practically all of trade. It is true that American exports have been increasing. In 1913 of fact, the proportion of movable the pre-war peak was reached goods produced in the United with exportations of merchandise States that has been exported has amounting to \$2,465,884,000. After tended to decline. The Department the war the highest level was at-tained in 1929 with the sum of has estimated that three decades enced a gain since 1922, still show \$5,240,995,000. Nevertheless, it is ago, just as the United States was a also true that the rate of expaners as a world power, the 9. been less than before. Table 1 gives the annual average figures for five-year period and the percentage of increase or decrease from one-half decade to another. From the nineties to the war the gain from fiveyear period to five-year period was last week's article they will not than 20 per cent. The world maintain this rate of consumption. conflict caused the abnormal increase of 62.1 per cent. The 1921-1925 yearly average, as was to be expected, showed a decline over the war period figure. It is more aignificant that the last five years have been marked by a gain of only 8.4 per cent. Even if we omit the depression year of 1930 and make a comparison of the annual average for the four prosperous years 1926-1929 with the annual average for 1921-1925 the increase

only 14.0 per cent. One would

posed advantages of the resulting profiteering prosperity American exports following the war would been 14.1 and 45.3 respectively. have been about the same as they actually were and more recently even higher. If American capitalism cannot increase its exports at a speedier rate it will not be able

## VALUE OF EXPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES

to expand rapidly enough to con

	Period	Per Cent
ı.	Average Annual Val. of Exports	Inc. or Dec.
n	1876-1880\$ 677,000,000	01 1500.
8	1881-1885 792,000,000	17.0
ž	1886-1890 738,000,000	- 6.8
1	1891-1895 892,000,000	20.9
3	1896-19001,157,000,000	29.7
-	1901-19051,454,000,000	25.7
1	1906-19101,779,000,000	22.4
ı	1911-19152,371,000,000	33.3
1	1915-19206,521,000,000	62.1
	1921-19254,397,000,000	-17.2
1	1926-19304,777,000,000	8.4
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Small Proportion Exported American production. As a matter ce the war has actually percentage of movable goods exconsumers had kept up with American production. In the years to come for the reasons described in

## TABLE II PERCENTAGE OF MOVABLE

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1927.												9.9	
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at least expect that the war had high level. Even this did not materialize.

If we assume that the last prewar rate increase of one-third
(33.3 per cent) every five years
had continued, then the annual
average for 1915-1920 would have

No rely upon semi-manufactures

They did not recommend to the means of the position is still above the pre-war level. In 1911-1913 American exports by now housing insistently came the conviction that "questions of the world, the means of the people of the per-war level. In 1911-1913 American exports by now housing insistently came the conviction that "questions of the world, the means of the people of the per-war level. In 1911-1913 American exports by new housing insistently came the conviction that "questions of the world, the commence with Europe were 12.8 per cent of the worlds by new housing insistently came the conviction that "questions of the world, the commence with Europe may continue to do business with the 15.8 per cent. These gains have money been made at the expense of committee on any continue to do business of the world, the means of the people war level. In 1911-1913 American exports by new housing insistently came the conviction that "questions of the world, the commence with Europe were 12.8 per cent of the worlds by new housing insistently came the conviction that "questions of the world two-thirds per cent of two-thirds per cent of our popt to the worlds."

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of \$4,397,000,000 in reality; and biles, gasoline, iron and steel and in the very markets that American cent in 1929, Germany's from 11.3 forward to obtain their share of buy their raw materials. South

of the situation at the end of the

America used to buy 3.1 per cent now it purchases 9.4 Asia, Cceania

Australia, New Zealand, etc ) and

Africa formerly accounted for 3.9.

2.3 and 1.5 per cent of American

exports; today their quotas have risen to 12.0, 3.7 and 2.3 per cent

respectively, not very large por-tions of the total business.

TABLE V

CHANGE OF MARKETS FOR AMERICAN EXPORTS

The United States increased its

12.0 3.7

Northern N. A. ..

Southern N. A. ..

South America .

Europe .....

#### CLASSIFICATION OF AMERICAN EXPORTS

Period 1876-1880	Crude Materials 32.2%	Crude Foodstuffs 23.9%	Manufactured Foodstuffs 24.4	Manu- factures 4.5	Finished Mn'factures 14.9
1881-1885		21.0	25.5	4.8	14.9
1886-1890	38.1	15.0	25.5	5.5	16.4 .
1891-1895	33.7	17.2	27.2	6.3	15.6
1896-1900	26.1	18.9	24.0	9.6	21.3
1901-1905	30.3	12.2	22.2	11.3	24.1
1906-1910	31.7	8.9	18.1	14.2	27.1
1911-1915	30.7	8.8	14.3	15.4	30.7
1916-1920	18.2	9.2	17.7	15.4	39.6
1921-1926	27.5	9.7	13.9	12.5	36.3
1926-1930	24.4	6.4	9.7	14.1	45.3

Though manufactures have been American export trade the expor-33.3 tation of manufactured goods has 62.1 not been of the greatest importance to manufacture. In the fu-8.4 ture, however, the necessity for this kind of foreign sales will urgent. In Table 4 estimates of the United States Department of Com-merce for the share of manufactured merchandise exported are hown. It will be seen that the percentage of total manufactures exported has declined from around 10 in 1899 to about 8 in 1929, that the percentage for manufactured foodstuffs has dropped from approximately 17 thirty years ago to about 41/4 today and that other enced a gain since 1922, still a percentage of exports of barely 9. These low percentages prove that American manufactures have ported from this country was 12.8 not yet made such great advances per cent. In 1929, at the height of prosperity it was 9.8. American greatest moment to them. Their Oceania big battles for world market are Africa

easy success.

## economic position will hinder their share of the world's export trade

PER	CENTAGE	OF	LE IV UFAC	TURES	0)	XPORT	101
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	PERCE	NTAGE OF	MANUFACTURES	EXPORTED
Year 1899		All Manufactur		
		. 8.6- 9.2		7.6- 7.9
1909		. 7.3- 7.8	. 8.1- 9.5	7.0- 7.3
1914		9.3-10.0	8.6-10.0	9.5-10.1
1919		. 13.9-14.6	18.3-20.7	12.2-12.6
921		9.8-10.3	9.9-11.0	9.8-10.1
923		6.7- 7.0	7.3- 8.1	6.6- 6.8
925		7.6- 8.0	6.6- 7.2	7.9- 8.1
1927		7.7- 8.0	5.0- 5.5	8.4- 8.7
929		8.0- 8.2	4.5- 4.8	9.0- 9.2
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Recovery of Rivals placed American exports on a new the United States were raw maican export of the states were raw maican export of the states were raw

that in 1926-1930 \$5,620,000,000 instead of the \$4,777,000,000 which
trade expansion. Table 3 shows A half century ago more than four5.9. America's rivals will make but the countries which now conoccurred. In other words, if the that a half century ago semi-manu- fifths of American exports went strenuous efforts to recover their stitute these markets will become war had never occurred and the United States had not all the supposed advantages of the resulting prosperity American exports and fingoes but this is the largest single goes but this is the largest single their former positions but their native capitalists will begin to profiteering prosperity American exports following the war would been 14.1 and 45.3 respectively. limits. Keeping American capitalism within bounds will result in increased pressure being brought to bear upon the American working class to help preserve profits.

America is faced with this prob-lem. Also, in order to circumvent retaliatory tariff policies or to inprises abroad or at least invest funds in native endeavors, as has bear upon the American working class to help preserve profits.

Industrialization of Markets

Markets

More to distribute the available at home to the detriment of domestic labor conditions. The flow of capitalists of several countries in order that the so-called "backform of American investors will ward" regions will be able to find further wider the capitalists of several countries in order that the so-called "backform of American investors will ward" regions will be able to find further wider the capitalists of several countries in order that the so-called "backform of American investors will be able to find further wider the capitalists of several countries in order that the so-called "backform of American investors will be able to find further wider the capitalists of several countries in order that the so-called "backform of American investors will be able to find further wider the capitalists of several countries in order that the so-called "backform of American investors will be able to find further wider the capitalists of several countries in order that the so-called "backform of American investors will be able to find further wider the capitalists of several countries in order that the so-called "backform of American investors will be able to find further wider the capitalists of several countries in order that the so-called "backform of American investors will be able to find the capitalism of the c 4—Not only will the industrial customers prosperous enough to capitalist and the working classes

American Class War The future of American can the class struggle in the Unite States. A slowing down in the rat of expansion of the home marke crease their profits American cap-italists will set up business enter-prises abroad or at least invest in the development of foreign ma kets will lead to a greater exploit tion of American workers in orde taken place in Canada. The American-supported foreign establishments will compete with industry may home to the detriment of domestic that the working class has been receiving from a bourgelosie that was rapidly enriching itself will was rapidly enriching itself will approximate the senerous. The class was taken place in Canada. The American-supported foreign establishwill be revealed clear and uni takable. Socialism in the Unit States will have to be adjusted Socialism in the Unit

the intensified class struggle.

## The Hoover Housing Conference

#### By Helen Alfred

HAT institution, the great American Home, was dis-cussed from many standpoints, nineteenth century with that in re-cent years indicates the relative importance of the changing export technically, socially, economically, importance of the changing export and at all times conservatively, at channels (Table 5). Northern the conference called by President North America (Canada and New- Hoover in Washington last week. foundland) in 1896-1900 took 5.6 At no time did the chairmen of the per cent of American exports, in various meetings permit discussion 1926-1930 only 17.4 per cent. South to get off the key struck by the President in his openion Wednesday evening. ident in his opening speech

"It should be possible," said Mr. Hoover, "in our country, for any person of sound character and industrious habits to provide himself with adequate and suitable

during the process of formulating the recommendations which each committee made. Moreover, while a report approached the question of home building and individual to the control of the committee manual to include this state-ment in a special report, "Thus of large-scale operations. Further had been assembled, analyzed and made assembled, analyzed and made assembled, analyzed and made assembled, analyzed and made assembled, analyzed that Mr. Alexander Bing would make a special report on the basis of his wide experience in the field ment in a special report, "Thus of large-scale operations. Further had been assembled, analyzed and made assembled, analyzed that Mr. Alexander Bing would make a special report on the basis is now at hand for our use in point of his wide experience in the field of large-scale operations. Further committee made. Moreover, while was perinted to include this state of home building and individual ownership, its contents hovered almost lovingly about the vital problem of housing. The arguments for lem of housing. The arguments for

the great mass of our wage-earning population.

In view of this recognition of the realities of the situation, one the realities of the situation, one experienced keen disappointment der the types of governmental

#### Conservatism Rules Capitol Sessions **Devoted to Home and Mother**

rest, when it included in the rec-ommendations this statement: England?" ommendations this statement: There remain to be considered various devices for bringing govern-mental aid into the field of home mittee. The air was a bit elecbuilding and housing generally. Tric as Mr. Ecker, of the Metro-These proposals include govern-mental loans, tax-exemption, and opened the session. We waited mental loans, tax-exemption, and direct participation of government agencies in the construction, renting and sale of housing facilities. The committee feels that it does not possess a sufficient body of The committee feels that it does not possess a sufficient body of information to warrant its making recommendations upon the controversial matters raised by this discontinuous controversial matters raised by this

ly as a gesture of loyalty, and one report after another pointed out the fact that medium-priced homes were a drug on the market. Further, that home convenients as a startling proportion of the lowest income levels—their promote such enterprises." were a drug on the market. Fur-ther, that home ownership was of the whole number of families neither possible nor advisable for there are but three possible things: (1) Continue to live in the worst of slums; (2) Increase the family

4.5- 4.8 9.0- 9.2 that at no session of the Conference was there a direct approach cussed above; or, (3) Provide government subsidy that will permit within the means of the people to pay." The Committee on Hous-

to see where I am going, but least I can see where I have been The conference was not quite Home did better than any of the ment subsidy by way of tax levy, bad as that though. Alth

It seemed as if everybody in Washington was in attendance at the meeting of the Finance Comover a period of three months, and though their final reports squared all too well with the Presidential Purpose, there have been rumors of considerable conflict of opinion during the process of formulating the recommendations which each one of the Committee as a whole merely the recommendations which each one of the Committee as a whole merely the committee that the time for government housing had not yet arrived. of large-scale operations. Further disappointment here, however. Mr. and behavior of a community; at companies serve merely as an object lesson, "because of the limitations of capital accessible to He

> ity to make recommendations for the flow of capital for this pur-The remark was made by one gentleman, during the conference,, that he was reminded of the poor worm that got its neck twisted so that its eyes were turned toward ready to follow and supplies tail. The worm optimistically It is purely a matter of w its tail. The worm optimistically

closed his report with the sad ad-

mission of his committee's inabil-

committees had learned their well-bred, back-boneless children the undercurrent of dissatisfacti with the recommendations ma was highly encouraging. Here wer 3,000 realtors, con architects, social workers an

Though the field was fenc with a conservative Preside purpose, it has been cultivate convincing and widely dissem facts. It remains for Socialists to sow seeds of sound and fully worked out programs Socialists have only ourselv blame if public funds for the production of good homes for emarked. "Well, I may not be able lized proceedure.

## been \$3,161,000,000 instead of the actual figure of \$6,521,000,000; that for 1921-1925 \$4,215,000,000 instead of the actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be way out to be way out to be actual figure of \$6,521,000,000 instead of the way out to be way o Populism as a Political Moven

#### Capitalism Forcing Poor Farmers Into Alliances With **Workers of the Urban Areas**

By James Oneal HAT the material factors un-

derlying the life of a people largely determine their thought and action, and that these factors are more important than any others in interpreting their civiliza-tion, are facts that are more and there are few special studies of American history in the past twenty years that do not pay homage ning of feverish railroad building to him by following his method. in the West, aided by a generous The debt to Mark is rarely acknowledged but the output of these by the capitalist class. It is unspecial studies shows how much modern historical interpretation owes to him.

ited circulation and in the main The cheap lands attracted the imare intended for the few who are interested in such special studies, if we except the work of ics that had been voted empires of Beard and a few others. Some of land spent millions abroad to at these writers make no claim for tract settlers. "This rapid moveany school of historical interpretation and yet the explanation of events is sought in the underlying material factors. Populism as a olitical movement in this country is an interesting example of a regional movement so shaped by the material basis of the region; its climate, its rainfall, its agrarian economy, and its friction with the system of the East. Prof. John D. Hicks has written what is likely to be accepted as the definite history of this movement (The University of Minnesota Press. \$4) background of his work are found the factors mentioned.

The Populist movement was unthinkable before the Civil War al-though it has some minor analowith Jacksonian Democracy. capitalist class of the Northeast had to first settle accounts with the ruling planter aristocracy in the South before it could give attention to the exploitation of the West. There had been an ill-balanced sharing of power between the two classes at Washington but Northern capital developed more rapidly than planter capital and by 1860 Northern society had add further than Southern so-

government completely controlled necessary to enumerate the many methods by which capital marched into the region and came to grips As a rule such works appear as with the small farmers whose life university monographs with a limmigrants from the East and from E-irope while the railroad compan ment or population to the West, says Hicks, "was accompanied by an equally extraordinary moveent of capital in the same direc tion. Not much of the capital, however, was brought in by the

> In that brief paragraph fundamental explanation of the Populist revolt. A few decades before there was a rural and mer-chant resentment against the rise of capitalists in the East and, in fact, in the early twenties in New York State the first capitalists were considered undesirable citizens and vulgarians still smelling of large shop enterprises. ever, these first owners of capital developed among neighbors. They were not absentees while in the West the capital was not possessed by the settlers but by absentee owners in the East. As invested apita: obtained increasing mastery of their economic life the farmers rebelled against what they regarded as alien masters. Thus "Wall

settlers."

Street" symbolized absentee do-At the same time the farmers Eastern dominion, towns and coun- a brood of bankers whom they

ciety in practically every phase of ties often voted great quantities considered their natural enemies. districts and independent action in its life—population, railroads, manufactures, education, etc. Planter of bonds not only to aid railroads in periods of drouth suffering into the creased and radical resentment into the c society became archaic and it was pecting cheap rates, the farmers destroyed in the clash of arms. The were often the victims of extormore coming to be understood by specialists in history. The academic police of capitalism may expecialist as a "dead dog." but capitalism the control of the iod the municipal and state cond over \$74,000,000. When one renembers the enorm ous funds and orations we can appreciate how uch it raid Northeastern caniism to get rid of its ancient en

ny in the South.

In the Southern States, with the struction of the large estates, mall farmers also had numerous evances but here the survival of natred for the Negro and the e of the crop-sharing system. hich placed the farmers in the rip of merchant-bankers, present a variation from the Western tvation. Moreover, the West was Democratic which, in the days of opulism, produced some comic sit-ations in politics. Something like deb. servitude came to the tenant farmers of the South while politica continued in the seats of ower. They had little interest in posed legislation in the interest of enants was given scant consider ation. Usurious interest on loans, licu laws favorable to the merchants and increasing support of rising business interests by the ourbons fostered the agrarian revolt in the South

New Exploitation

Additional forms of exploitation angered the Western farmers. Elevator companies gouged them with excessive storage charges, their wheat was graded against creased.

agrariar economy having striking similarities and some minor dif-Flicks, "from the states of the up-per South to the Canadian border, Populism had made no genuine imsio.1" That it did not spread o other sections was not because oters outside the regions of revolt were more wise or more ig-norant but because Populism had me is true of the Nonpartisan League of ten years ago and the ster Agricultural Bloc in Conress. These movements belong a pre-capitalist stage of history nd represent exploited farmers tho hate capitalism but who want n assured status within the capapitalism itself.

The revolt first assumed the form of economic organization such as the Grange, the Farmers' alliance, and similar groupings of farmers were always confrontbut farmers were always confronted with public powers in the hands clever politicians representing use who lived on their labor and that in the West with its twoarty system and in the South duced some ludicrous results. In ery outwitted them. Republicans and in the South there and it is obvious that the move eeded railroads to transport their sold in a free trade market, and action varied all the way from in-rops and, much as they hated the National Bank Act had nursed dependent party action in one dis-

or action was in 1892 when the Populists rolled up over a million votes for Weaver and Field and obtained 22 votes in the electoral college but even this popular and celectoral vote was based upon fusion in a number of states. With reased. of action was in 1892 when the Here were two regions with an Populists rolled up over a million Terences that produced a political college but even this popular and event which made no headway in evolt which made no headway in other sections of the country, sion in a number of states. With the discovery of new deposits of the country, it is promising advance and many its of gold, rising prices of farm important offices in the hands of the Populists there arose an opportunism that brought chaos parties they became reconciled to within their ranks four years later. capitalism. Following the end of with one speech carried away the again been deflated and today the ent in 1896. No more illiterate no material basis elsewhere. The man ever aspired to the presidency and a majority of the delegates to the populist convention that year endorsed him but they found it difcult to swallow Sewell, the Democrati candidate for Vice-Presi-dent. He was a banker and a diector in a number of corporations. Bryan wanted Sewell as talist system, not the abolition of able window dressing in the East and the Populists wanted no such ressing so they substilited Tom Watson for Sewell but it was the beginning of the end. Fusionists in office desired to hold on to their jobs and they had become the rulag group in the party.

The subsequent history of Popu om is well known but the author olitical action was eventually the presents an interesting history sult. The problem differed some- the declining years during which the "Middle Roaders" endeavored to bring the party back to its in with its one-party system and the dependence while the fusion lead-differences in the two sections prothe West there were many fusions esting sidelights are thrown on with the Democrats against the this twilight period of Populism were many fusions with the Re- ment from its very beginning did multicans against the Democrats! not have that solidarity of views Moreover, in the declining days of that is essential to a political not have that solidarity of views Populism the Populists accomplished the unusual feat in a number them, mortgage companies swin-ed the unusual feat in a number leadly the Populists in the West re-dled them with extortionate rates of Southern States of fusing with turned to the capitalist parties, of interest, taxation was rigged the Democrats on a national tickmost of them to the G. O. P., and against them, a tariff protected et and with the Republicans on a their sons have rolled up the huge their Eastern exploiters while they state ticket! In the West political shows for Coolidge and Hard-show National Bank Act had action varied all the way from ining and Hoover. In the South they no stake in the preservation of the returned to the Democratic Party capitalist system and every reason trict or state to fusion in some after overthrowing the bourbon

leaders but in their place arose the Bleases and their kind, dema-gogues cultivating race hatred against the Negroes. Watson spent the last years of his life in a bitter war against Socialism, the West and the World War the farmers have Democratic nomination for Presi- regions of the Populist revolt are regions of a desolation which they did not know in the days when they followed Weaver, Donnelly and others. The absentee capital ism which they fought today rules the republic and although the sons of these farmers face stark privations they still herd within the parties of their enemies. The corporation farm is also appearing

> As capitalism advances over the ountryside the farmer is likely to equire more and more the same interests as the wage worker and make common cause with the wage slave. For the present he follows the bourgeois "progressives" of the Republican Party, Norris, Capper and their kind, who for ten years have kept him in an expectant mood and within the parties have been accomplices to his ecnomic ruin. The "progressives" bothe him in his misery with a few speeches directed against the fense contention that the deputies of this party and are started the battle. content with this fatuous child's play.

The whole economic set up the United States in favorable for a political revolution but a new style Populism is not the agency for it. The lower middle class in industry and agriculture is not the class that can lead it. The future belongs to the disinherited working class in all industries who have

#### Unionism Main Issue In Harlan Mine Trial called Green "Mr." Judginterrupted. "His name said the judge. "There are (Continued from Page One)

nal syndicalism," which involves punishment up to 21 years in jail and \$10,000 fine. In the cross-examination of witnesses, state's attorneys are apparently trying to laboring deviously to sen suggest to the jury that union activities are wicked.

Even reporters for the business press comment on this, for example John T. Montoux, of the Knoxville News Sentinel. Montoux Anoxville News Sentinel. Montoux also quotes Philip Kinsley, Chicago Tribune reporter, as terming the trial "an old fashioned fight on labor unions—they are 10 years."

Ism, a very real conspiracy coal barons' legal lackeys to itself in another of its man aspects. Starvation is to mine operators' ally and the labor of the senting of t

Miner Jones what the union was class and all friends farm called out of the mines.

#### Machine Guns Heard

"How much did you have invested in these mines," Pope asked the man who had grown thin and wiry in 20 years of working for

operators.
"Nothing," replied Jones. miners are all poor and own no property or stock."

'And was there any law elling you to work in the mine if you didn't like the conditions?" asked the attorney, so well educated and so ignorant of the law

of hunger.
The Knoxville News-Sentinel prrespondent wired his paper on and many farmers are sinking into this: "It seemed like the old feudal system argument that the can have nothing to say as to his master's treatment of him.'

Hester Partin, world war veter-an, and G. B. Hubbard, general foreman for the state highway department, who was working on the Evarts railway bridge when the battle took place, both said the first shots they heard were rapid fire guns. "It sounded like a ma-chine gun," said Hubbard. The miners had no machine guns but the deputies had two Browning automatics. This supports the de-

#### Judges Dislikes Negroe

Several farmers and a Bell county mine foreman with no affiliation to any union, testified that the witnesses are staying are eputations of five of the chief

was chairman of a committee For many months most o night before the May 5 battle to ask Sheriff Blair for protection against the Black Mountain mine capitalist system and every reason guards, and that Blair "didn't refuse and he didn't give '

When the prosecuting 'misters' in the court ro

(By a New Leader Corre M. STERLING, K. commonwealth atto electric chair for "conspire murder" in the frame-up de to break the rising power of labor unions—they are 10 years to cripple the miners' behind the times."

When Prosecutor Pope asked financial response of the

> zation at once re selection of non-y class Blue Grass counties across the state was to have miners tried by juries very activ ly prejudiced against unionis prejudiced against unice General Defense Com also showed that moving the tr scene 200 miles off would en great hardship for the importished defendants who would n undreds of witnesses. Far i oomed as another burden. In op court Commonwealth Attorn W. C. Hamilton showed the c rporation-commonwealth ven trying to limit to 16 the er of defense witnesses entitled to state payment of mileage and e claims. 100 Witnesses Needed

In the Jones case alone, the fir of ten miner murder trials on the Montgomery Circuit Court docket well over 100 witnesses are needs for the defense. Starvation, the among Harlan mine people, those of their number her added terrors of being strange roofs. Loyally, ously they have come to periled kind from being ! the death chair. A stiff defense counsel secured c 75 witnesses, leaving a la ber without provision that given by our organi local boarding places wh wives and children state witnesses were bad.

Gill Green, Negro preacher, said families at home who have no witnesses have been or locked out and blackliste to perform their class di of starvation is the trump card.

#### What a Book and What a Man!

N ORDER to atone for having devoted my last imn to a review of a book on poetry, I must get right back to good old economics.

Only this happens to be a new and tremendously conating way of treating economics, this latest reduct from the mass machine that is the mind of H. G. Wells. I am part way through the first volume of Well's latest, "The Work, Wealth and Happiness of Mankind." It constitutes a breathtaking adventure in two beautifully printed and illustrated volumes of more than four hundred pages each, published by Doubleday, Doran, for \$7.50. Which seems fike a lot of jack until you realize that these volumes contain just about all an intelligent man or woman needs to know about the ic activities of the contemporary world.

This is the third of the enormous books which 'ells and a number of collaborators have written to tell us what we want to know about the happening and what is likely to happen.

The first, as you all know, was the famous "Out-be of History." There was a book for you. How sorely the world wanted such a story about itself and its past is evidenced by the fact that alto er, in its various editions, the book found more han two million buyers and the sales are still go-Last year, for example, Mr. Wells tells a dollar reprint of the old edition ran to a sale of four hundred and fifty million copies.

Then in collaboration with Professor Julian Hux ley, whose famous grandfather taught Wells bi-ology and with Wells's son, G. P. Wells, the proli-Britisher turned out "The Science of Life" which gives the general reader the sum of what is known about his body and mind, discusses the origin and evolution of life, surveys all the multifarspectacle of living things on land and in the sea, brings together all the main trends of psycho thought and culminates in a special study very peculiar and exceptional biology of And so far as I can tell from reading it, does all these things magnificently.

Now either one of these two jobs would, for the generality of writers, constitute a life work. But as I have intimated, Herbert George Wells is a perambulating mass-production factory of ideas and no sooner had he finished these two titan tasks than he set to work on a third, in many respects the most difficult of the three, namely to get between book covers, "the whole story of man's vast and varied activities."

There is the most colorful sort of human interest story in the actual work of writing the book itself, the number of false starts that were made, the despair over the seemingly hopeless magni-tude of the job, the final triumph, for it is nothing less than that, of the organizing intelligence of one chubby little man over a world-wide wealth of ma-

I have a faint idea of what he faced, for last Spring, I had the notion of writing a book called "Work." This was to show what people actually do for a living and what they did in the past and now the job, whatever it was, colored all their insocial, political and religious. I felt at most of our economists even the best of the derns, theorized and generalized and made up

and rules that didn't fibe with the sweaty, reality of life and I figured that a book de ng the evolution of industry from the time n the gangs went out under the lash to pile up pyramids to this moment when the gangs, un-an invisible but nevertheless biting lash, are rking in the long wall mines under Illinois, might well worth the tackling. Then my breath left at the thought of all the new materia! that been gathered even since the days of Marx. example, and I deflated my project to cover America and went around boring my comrades such as Jim Oneal and Moris Hillquit with requests for references as to early American industries. Well, I got as far as an outline to be batted up to some publisher and then bang! Along comes Wells with such a coverage of the entire economic story from the days of Picathropus to the days of Henry Ford as to knock the proper out from my humble project.

I can't begin to tell here how significant for every one of us the publication of this new Wells book is. Especially for Socialists whose job it is to have by heart as it were, "the whole story of man's vast and varied activities."

I know, none better, how hard it is to scrabble ther seven dollars and a half. But I regard Work, Wealth and Happiness of Mankind," as much a part of our every day working equipment as, let us say, "The Workers in American History" or any other of the standard books in an adequate Socialist library.

scene could escape the grasping mind of Herbert George. Opposite page 226 in the first volume, for example, he runs a picture of a swell looking dame. getting her face massaged in a beauty parlor and makes a little speech on how the modern woman conquers age and fatigue. And pretty soon there's a stunning picture of a structural steel worker swinging precariously off the top of the Empire State building and a discussion of the history of building operations and the relative strength of used by modern man all the way from flint to stainless steel that is simply stunning.

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Reading economics set down in such appealing manner makes us ancients sore to think of the weary hours we spent in school and coilege prowing through the needless confusions of the "dismal science." Economics can be made as thrilling as the view from the top of the Empire State, as intimate as a beauty parlor when a journalist such as Wells who knows how to report things sits down at his typewriter. I said "journalist" but not in any such sneering sense as some of our highbrows use the word. To me journalism of the Wellsian variety seems to be about as disciplined, satisfactory and, if you like, creative art as any other. Of course there are thousands on thousands of tormer admirers of Wells who are tearing their previous shirts se he is not still writing novels dealing with he love affairs of young Britishers, with a bit of mics as a side-dish. It is just too bad for iem. For my part, I can manage to stagger ong without minute descriptions of English pubc school life and the adulterous leanings of Eng-sh squires. And so can you. For we are in so desperate a situation right here and now as to make our personal affairs fade into insignificance in the face of the common calamity which Wells and a few other active intelligences see overtaking us, unless a new sort of education takes the pla of the old. To that new education, "The Work, Wealth and Happiness of Mankind" is an invaluable ntribution and its author will be remembered, I long after the names of our most distingned professional educators of the old school go wen to the dust together with their outworn text-

McAlister Coleman.

## American Imperialism in Latin America

Our Capitalists at Work By Walter Langsam

studies in American imperialism, edited by Harry E. Barnes. Both books combine historical scholarship and accuracy with a pleasing ped with an introductory essay by Professor Barnes on imperialism in general and American imperial-

sm in particular.

Professor Rippy tells a straightforward and unvarnished story of American interests and investin Colombia from the middle of the nineteenth century to date, with special emphasis upon the period since the World War. The major portion of the volume deals with the adventures of the American oil and banking companies in Colombia-of their difficulties, their losses and profits, the assistance which they received from the Washington Government and which included every sort of pressure short of war, and their nfluence upon Colombia-American liplomatic relations. The importance of Colombia in the eyes of American capitalists can be easily Our First gauged when it is borne in mind that our investments there amount to some \$280,000,000. And in revenue States Gave ent years the United States Govsibilities of friction, therefore, are legion—and Colombia is not very Walter Millis

the time of American acquisition, ture or factors mentioned above and then proceeds to examine the history of the island's political and industrial development, and the progress of the economic and so-

THE two volumes under review cial status of the natives since (The Capitalists and Colombia, by J. Fred Rippy, The Van-couraging description of conditions guard Press; Porto Rico: A Brok- in Porto Rico today, when 600,000 en Pledge, by B. W. and J. W. of the million and a half inhabi-Diffle, The Vanguard Press) are the latest additions to a series of 000 are afflicted with malaria, and thousands are homeless and starving. Naturally, under these circumstances, Dr. Diffie cannot agree with Coolidge and Hoover that our is well" in Porto Rico. The conthe United States has failed in the island, are, in my opinion, un-matched anywhere for clarity, precision, and pith. They leave little else to be said on the reasons for the failure of American imperial administration in a region which,

> Both of these excellent volumes of them has an index. And both books certainly deserved to be dressed up in more attractive bindings than the ones which the publishers saw fit to adopt.—W. C. L.

## Imperialist

cent years the United States Government itself "has engaged in direct promotion of investments in Colombia." A large proportion of portant phase in an industrial rev-Colombia's resources and public olution in the United States and utilities are either owned by or the emergence of American capiolution in the United States and portgaged to Americans. The pos- talism upon an imperialist career.

pear from the author that these crest of an ocean in either hand" Was Big," and an excellent satire es combined with the actions of talists. men who had simply forgotten the old traditions of democracy.

Here is the insufferable "Teddy" "free" Cuba by taking the Philippines 10,000 miles across the Pacific; the yellow journalism of Hearst and Pulitzer, poisoning the promises to the islanders have been more than fulfilled, and that "all minds of readers with faked stories and sensational lies; the blowing up of the Maine; the nervous cluding seven pages of the book, ling up of the Maine; the nervous dealing with the question of why Consul General Lee at Havana reporting street rows as immine forecasts of the need of intervention; the double-crossing of Aguinaldo after he had pulled the nuts out of the fire for our military plutocracy; President McKinley's concealment of important in-formation in his war message that it was once hoped, would eventu-formation in his war message that ally become another state in the might have prevented war and his sanctimonious praying to God for light and deciding that God wantcontain useful bibliographical ed him to take the Philippines— notes, but it is a pity that neither all this and much more of absorbing interest will be found in the

But it all just seemed to happer to happen. In some mysterious way the martial spirit emerged without logic or reason. The fact that the western frontier had practically closed in this last decade of the old century, that industries were consolidating into big corpor-ations, that capital was accumulating for export and that overseas investments meant an imperialist capitalism are factors that are not

mentioned. Even in the field of politics hich he covers the author might study of this period by have obtained important leads by Millis (The Martial Spirit. reading the proceedings of the Re-Walter Millis (The Martial Spirit. Houghton Mifflin Co., \$4) presents publican national conventions of The sub-title of Dr. Diffie's book

"A Broken Pledge"—has reference to General Miles' declaration to the natives in 1928 that "the

"The sub-title of Dr. Diffie's book all the phases of the nasty politics, covert motives, betrayals, dirty journalism, and imperialist ty journalism, and imperialist greed that accompanied this crueral agents of Eastern capitalism were regaged in beating back the Westwell with its communist drive; The sub-title States agents of Eastern capitalism were regaged in beating back the Westwell with its communist drive; The sub-title of Dr. Diffie's book all the phases of the nasty politics, covert motives, betrayals, dirty politics, agents of Eastern capitalism were regaged in beating back the Westwell beautiful the personal conventions of all the phases of the nasty politics, covert motives, betrayals, dirty politics, covert motives, betrayals, dir to the natives in 1928 that "the people of the United States come people of the United States come and to bestow on you the immunities and blessings of enlightened civilization." The author gives a concise survey of the terrible someless and pless and relieving them of their content of the people of the United States to the people of the United States to the people of the United States come sade for "humanity," but one will be people of the United States come and to bestow on you the immunities and blessings of enlightened civilization." The author gives a concise survey of the terrible someless and relieving them of their convention in that be people of the United States to the point where it joined the international things in bossing weaker people of the United States to the point where it joined the international things in bossing weaker people of the United States to the point where it joined the international three people of the United States to the point where it joined the international three people of the United States to the point where it joined the international three people of the United States to the people of the United States come and for "Mumanity," but one will the Democratic convention in that the Democratic convention in that both respect to promptical three peoples, organ of the people, respectively. Four years later the speak. Four years later the speak, respect to the Democratic convention in that Modern Quarterly; the smaller Rebel Poets, organ of the people, organ of the people, organ of the people, with social vision. Others are less widespread than they should be. Nativity, for example (9 E. Wifflet Wifflet Company that the States to the people of the United States to the peop cial, economic, and political con- ples and relieving them of their China and elsewhere, Lodge boast- strong and bitter poem in Norman Europe where he made a survey cial, economic, and political conditions obtaining in Porto Rico at the time of American acquisition, the time of factors mentioned above pretential properties of being interested in the that make H. L. Mencken a pale will lecture on "The Theatre and the survey of the European stage."

things just happened through an were representing the claims of unfortunate series of circumstanc- our imperialist bankers and capi- Its critical department is run b

Just as striking is his omission of the role played by Captain Ma-han in formulating an imperialist Roosevelt emerging as a shining philosophy for years before the hero, who as an underling in the Navy Department prepared to in Germany and Professor Cramb in England were at the same time working out a similar philosophy in terms of economics, naval pow er, conquest of the "heathen" Christianity, universal military conscription, and the acquirement of markets and territory overseas, yet Mahan is mentioned only incidentally in the study and there is no hint whatever of his philosophy or its influence in shaping the views of men like Roosevelt.

The book will serve a useful purknowledge of the changing backgrounds would made it even more impressive and certainly more enlightening

JAMES ONEAL

#### The Magazines

MAGAZINES may be divided into four large groups. There are those concerned mainly with "literature," such as Poetry, The Atlantic Monthly, The Saturday Review. There are those that deal mainly with life, as The Nation, The New Republic. The Literary Digest, Current Affairs, Success is the largest group, has little to do with either life or literature: Love Stories True Stories, Liberty, The Saturday Evening Post. And there is the smallest group, the radical literary mag-azines, that find an intimate, unescapable connection between lit-

V. F. Calverton, who put sociologi ica. Pagany (9 Gramercy Park, New York) is the richest in liter ary quality of these magazine and presents searing pictures o life today by John Dos Passos Horace Gregory, William Carlos Williams and others. It seems the best established of these struggling magazines.

Two periodicals appear in French, German, and English. Mo rada (les colettes, Cagnes-sur-mer, France): "The Mexicans treat their beggars realistically actually give them something. The Nordics appoint a Commission to do something about it. But when the Commission desires to make pose and yet the same material in the hands of another man with knowledge of the changing ecoicates itself to "literature as an art, when it arms the worker against the bourgeoisie." Pau Peters has, in Front, scenes from two proletarian plays he should send to the Workers' Theatre (7

> trying in another way to bring workers' art to life. It is not to be expected, of course, that all the material in these magazines is of equal worth either as literature or a social study. But their constant appear--new ones (Contempo ancespringing up to take the place of those that succumb-is a sign of strong interest, carrying a mes sage to all, helping lift our read ers out of the sappy pep of the "escape" magazines, to a clear,

E. 15th St., New York), which is

bold facing of life. JOSEPH T. SHIPLEY.

Sifton at Rand School

Paul Sifton, co-author of the

#### The Chatterbox

#### God Speaks to Russia

rOU have no further use for Me, you say. You have closed your churches and sent an

left your altars empty and dark and scentless. For you are busy building a new society Where men shall somehow live in brotherhood; Where no one who works and loves shall be poor, or

wretched, or oppressed.
You are too busy bringing in the Kingdom To chant long prayers about "religion

O foolish, blind, and lovable, not to know That I was never in those incense-fragrant shring Never listened to the priests' drone, never noticed the

gaudy offerings.

O utterly foolish and lovable, not to know That as you labor to establish equity and freedom

You are doing My will. . And I am working by your side.

\* \* MARY A. HURD. Russia has always been fond of symbols. Any nation that has suffered intellectual suppression finds a way out through poetic figures of ink and

speech. Easy enough then for a land in newly acom to glut itself with symbolic sweets uired freedo n open festival. Many of its latter-day acts and professions are obviously impelled by the old hidden meaning hab-it. "We'll show them," is the sub-conscious com-

mand. And show them, they do, in what is already mand. And show them, they do, in what is already a deeply disturbing manner. I get a fierce thrul of joy every time they do "show them." Russia"s recent refusal to be hurt, insulted, or in any way provoked into bellicose posture toward Japan and her international banking partners has the stuff of grandeur. That's showing them," I'll say.

Surely, there is much to be displeased with. One could enumerate long lists of misdeeds, mistakes and miscalculations and noid them against the Third viet record in full justice. Yet, while the Third International is still dictating to us what we ought to have and we are justified in telling them to and miscalculations and hold them against the So mind their own sweet business, I, for one do not care to follow them in error, by advising, or condemning them on their conduct in Rus entirely too meek and Christian in attitude, true. But then, that's how I feel about it. And let us let it go at that.

What I really wanted to get at however, is this what I really wanted to get at however, is this business of symbols. When I saw the picture in the New York Times, and read the news about the dismantling of the enormous Cathedral in Moscow, so as to make room for a great palace of Soviet worker and peasant affairs, I glowed greatly. In fact, I'm still fearfully warm about it all.

Always I have bated the avescome accounts of the symbol of

fact, I'm still fearfully warm about it all.

Always I have hated the awesome arrogance of imposing churches. When I pause to think of how much of poor people's pence and blood has gone into the rearing of these terribly gorgeous buildings, I shudder and wince with deep pain. They have well-nigh crushed all my love of God and faith in any religion. To me, a prelate with the grant in any religion. To me, a prelate with his ornate trappings during mass, or a bishop with his uniform has always stood in ugly contrast to the pale, bleed ing shape hoisted against the night on two sticks of wood. Never, in the modest moments of imaginative adventure could I find relation or arfinity between the decorative creed thundered forth from glittering pulpits to fat, smug, over-dressed parishioners, and the simple words of the man who stood in home-spun robe upon a mount and spoke to the lowly and the distnherited. . . .

And when the moujik puts his gnarled hand upon the rope to yank down that heavy gilded sign of doubled crucifixion from the dome of the huge cathedral, my delight is doubled.

"Pull, Ivan, jerk it over, Boris, nor do it to the eisurely, slavish tune of the slave boatmen of the Volga. . . Let it come tumbling down to the hapof your revolutionary anthem. Step aside nimbly as it falls. For it is horribly heavy

ide nimbly as it falls. For it is normally ... heavy with the sins and outrages of over a undred years of unparalleled tyranny and oppressions of hearts of hopeless lead were insion. Millions of hearts of hopeless lead we paled upon it. They still weigh it down, although the bruised, wasted and broken bodies that once held them are beyond memory. A double crucifix it is. It was not enough for the priests to hold orth the simple sign of one man's willingness to die for mankind. It was necessary in some cruel mind to discard the plain hypocrisy, and with frank-er inhumanity build a double cross. It was large enough to hold one hundred and forty million ies nailed, and bleeding to death in 1917.

The second with the proposal control of the floridate flowers of the organization that the organization the flowers of the organization the flowers of the organization that the Yank it down, Sascha, jerk it over. Stephan . . and shout 'Hallelujah' as it digs its shapeless metal deep into dust. Then tear those massive walls down without souch care or order. Blast its spacious pride into formless ruin. It is a blessed thing you are that sprang from a worker's hovel in far off Bethurious surroundings. Luxury has destroyed emyou go building upon that hated site, a temple to work, to equality of human rights and opportunity, to happiness and plenty for all mankind, you will be doing belatedly, what a pale bright-eyed gentle voiced comrade asked men to do two thousand years ago. . . Yank it down, Pytor . . . haul it down forever and forever, all you newcome disciples

And speaking of Christmas, how symbolically splendid it would be if that monstrously beautiful edifice were thoroughly effaced from the sight of the winter sun, in time for Yuletide rejoicing. That would be my idea of an appropriate Xmas pres-

Drama, for workers, under the direction of the Workers Theatre, organized and led by David Rossi, is coming into its own at the Rand School. Plays by Richard Duschinsky, Peter Lampel, Elmer Rice and George Buechner are now under rehearsal. Subscriptions for all four plays costs but one del-lar. You should be a member and excourage this

#### THE NEW LEADER MAIL-BAG

PARTY GROUPINGS

Editor, The New Leader:

I read Comrade Gerber's letter with
a great deal of interest, as I was one
of the comrades who missed his first
one, but had read Comrade Levinson's

one, out has seen reply.

The question of a militant organization within our membership should receive the serious consideration of every party member. As one who went through that 1919 disaster, I can be approximately with Comrade have every sympathy with Comrade Gerber in his efforts to prevent an-other such dissention, and can heart-ily second him in his plea for a

other such dissention, and can heartily second him in his plea for a United Party.

However, I cannot entirely agree with Comrade Gerber's summary of the causes of the trouble. It reads something like the causes of the Civil War in our school histories. True the immediate cause was undoubtedly that small group and their Left Wing Manifesto • • but the real cause goes back a darned sight further.

Long before there ever was a phrase "left wing" quite a few sincere rank and filers objected to a lot of high-handed acts of some of our leaders, and in particular they objected to many what they felt un-Socialistic dealings of some of our prominent members. In Philadelphia, I can recall, as an example, one man, who promine... I can rememoers. In Philadelphia, I can re-call, as an example, one man, who seemed to feel that the only time to remember he was a Socialist was in the Party office. He was prominent in labor circles and a party official, yet every act of his was a refutation a refutation Naturally, the party principles. Naturally, en the Left Wing group came ng, they used him and his group discredit the party. Nor was this only case. All those tales the lefts

> The 50 bitter years through the eyes of

## GOLDMAN

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at your bookshop ALFRED A. KNOPF That's what made it so hard for the average comrade to tell the sheep from the goats. And that is precisely the reason we lost so many members. They didn't follow the left manifesto—they followed because they were sick and disgusted with the way the party was run.

Surely even in a capitalist society, of disunity.

told were not inventions, you know. because I was one of those who spontant's what made it so hard for the sored the Camp Eden conference I am says "a newspaper is to be established, into for the propaganda of Socialism, to for the propaganda of Socialism. The situation is different when the camp Eden conference I am says "a newspaper is to be established, not for the propaganda of Socialism, to for the propaganda of Socialism, to for the propaganda of Socialism. The situation is different when the table idea." The only phrase I have a discussion. For example, the recent acter of the publication was that it would be "devoted to Militant Socialism, to get the tendency is for them to desarrow and the propaganda of Socialism.

was run.

What I'm trying to get at is this:
that left wing group in 1919 could
not have succeeded so well if some
of our leaders and would-be leaders
had not given them so much help.
We cleaned out those lefts long ago,
and started all over again, to rebuild
our party—but we still retained a lot
of those rights \* \* \* and so, now we
have rights, we'll continue to grow
lefts. They go together.

I have no sympathy with many of
the ideas of this so-called "militant"
group. In some respects they are no
very militant at what. But I honestly
believe that most of them are sincerely interested in forming a real Socialist movement with a membership that
will live up to the ideals of such a
movement.

Surely even in a capitalist society,
Administration wenen, whatever

Surely even in a capitalist society, it should be easy for a Socialist to the up to some of his ideals at least enough of them so that his comrades would not have to be "explaining" his actions.

You need not be a Left Wing to, feel pretty sick over the way certain members of the Socialist Party have both here and in Philadelphia. We know too well that persons who accept favors from politicians, either for themselves or their organizations are called upon to pay the piper sooner or later. And even the most moderation, there need be no fear consideration, there need be no fear consideration, there need be no fear of distunity.

Administration men, whatever group opinion they represent, however, are usually fearful of other group opinion, and when their opponients form a group, no matter the very a group opinion, and when their opponients form a group, no matter the very opinion, and when their opponients form a group, no matter the very a group opinion, and when their opponients form a group, no matter the very a group opinion, and when their opponients form a group, no matter the very a group opinion, and when their opponients form a group, no matter the very a group opinion, and when their opponients form a group, no matter the very a group opinion, and when their opponients form a group, no matter the very a group opinion, and when their opponients form a group, no matter the very a group opinion they required for the group opinion they required for the group opinion they required for the group opinion they represent. Administration men, whatever a group opinion they required for different proponients form a group, no matter the very a group opinion, and when their opponients form a group, no matter the very a group opinion, and when their opponients form a group, no matter the very a group opinion, and when their opponients form a group, no matter the very a group opinion, and when their opponients form a group opinion, and when their opponients form a group opinion, and when their opponients form a group, n

within the party and u. o. which I was an officer is known to all who were active in that fight.

Let me assure Comrade Gerber that if I saw any signs among those likeminded comrades who are known as militants of the inauguration of the methods so well described by him of electing floor leaders and members semination of the militant idea." I voting "as directed by the caucus or thou floor leader," I would immediately definition one in my desire for unity in the none in my desire for unity in the party.

Chappels for dis-

Leader. That remark about the newspaper being published "right in the national office building" is partly explained by Comrade Senior in the party news column, although he was under a slight, misanymehanism of the column. column, although he was under slight misapprehension as to the sponsor of the idea. There is no group of Yipsels concerned in the publication of the Class Struggle, which is the suggested name of the new publication. A publishing asso-ciation is just now being formed, so that actual publication is something in the dim distant future. Comrades cutside of Chicago do not know that heretofore 2653 W. Washington Boule-vard has been not only the address of the national office but also of the state office, the county office of the party, the city office of the Y. P. S. L., not to mention a few party breaches

organization by those who disagree with it. Not because they want it but because they do not want to be placed at a disadvantage. This is the final at a disadvantage. This is the final logic of extra-constitutional organization and when it occurs the two groupings cross all subdivisions of the party and two forms of sectarianism appear. The regular party agencie for discussion and decisions then fadinto the background and the sectariar groups become the dominant agencie of party activity. At this stage we At this stage of party activity. At this stage we have two parties in embryo, drifting farther and farther apart, and party solidarity is shattered in what becomes a factional struggle. When this final stage is reached rational judgments are impossible. That is what genuine Socialists want to

DOUGLAS B. KRANTZOR.

S. A. de Witte

## "Frankenstein" - - Thrills at the Mayfair

English Playwright and Director



#### The Week on the Stage By Joseph T. Shipley

"BLOODY LAUGHTER." By Ernst Toller, Maurice Schwartz. At the

49th Street. Ernst Toller (whose "Boiler Fires" is being banned in Germany today, where twice already he has been imprisoned for protesting against such a "Reign of Terror of the spirit" as he sees now coming) has in "Bloody Laughter"—"Der Deutscher Hinkemann"—given us at oace a searing portrait of an individual problem and a searching glance at the ills of all society. The individual problem is tense, even tremendous, enough to be keyed lower than the Schwartz entation: but the social aspects are unerringly and pitilessly

The individual difficulty is that of Hinkemann, made a cunuch by a wound in the war, and of his wife who loves him. Desperate to hold his wife's respect, the man takes a job-the one he can findas "Homunculus, He Eats Em Alive" in a freak show. The wo-man, still loving him, yields in a weak moment to the call of sex; Hinkemann believes that she, along with everyone else, mocks him in his misfortune; and loving one another they torture one another beyond living endurance. This story is well told, with effec-tive scenes outside the freak show, and in the victims' home.

ing out of Hinkemann's misfortune is a guess for a solution to human ills, which he is not sure a revolution guarantees. Lust rules the world: soldiers and prostitutes, he sees, using the two weapons of persuasion and force against our bodies and souls. And the new order shall we be so changed as to be free of this? In thind in writing and performance, we watch every type of radical proclaiming his remedy: "Organi-zation," "harmony," "change the social conditions and the rest is simple": we see the pious mystic and the skeptical anarchist. Hin-kemann hears them all, and says:

In its implications as to numan to others. How the incongruous nature and society, the play is subject of her beatific aspiring—thought-compelling. Its story is excellently played by Walter Connolly; it's a splendid cast!—is altered to the control of the contro effective, poignant. The English is jazzed into a Broadway, not a worker's, slang; I prefer the translation that first stirred me when I read it in "Germinal" some years and the diplomat, and the head waiter with the diplomat, and the head waiter with the diplomat, and the head waiter with the wind week. mann, makes me wish John Barry no serious matter, yet (in an age more might have tried the role, the production is better than his Yidsen scant) matters a great deal. dish offering of the play, and unfailingly powerful. "Bloody Laughter" is a play every radical should see-and ponder.

THE WAYS OF THE PARENTS

"AFTER ALL." By John Van Druten. At the Booth. Van Druten has joined Zangwill and the many others who have

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written plays to show that one generation is much the same as another. "If Love Were All" (which deserved a longer run, this season) pointed out that parents may be as radical as their children; most writers—including the two named above—lay emphasis on the fact that the good old ways are not only old, but good, and that as the child ages it grinds its wild oats into tame, conservative oatmeal. In "After All" we find the brother and sister become mother and husband—but not father, exhibiting all the traits of domesticity of their parents, with every indication that they will drive their own youngsters to revolt-and later tameness. The one persisting rebel is the music hall-singer wife of the boy, with her

made important. What saves the play from banality is the picture of the original mother, pressed home by Helen Have. If her children are away they are neglecting her; if stay home, she regrets that duty makes them sacrifice themselves. It is a full picture of the sensitive widow, for whom nothing is right, who wants still to direct her gro children's lives; who always, with out asking, makes demands; and who is always, in her most selfish moments, thinking only of their happiness. Like a good many mothers, "after all."

ten minutes an actress could have

#### FAIREST FAIRY

THE GOOD FAIRY."-By Feren Molnar. At Henry Miller's.

Helen Hayes is a delightful em bodiment of the enchanting whim-sy Molnar provides in "The Good changed as to be free of this? In the beerhall scene, perfect of its lind in writing and performance, and the skies—who asks the meaning of one word, and a moment the Prospect later gliby uses many more difficult—would be to hold a match to end drama, rainbow gauze. The "fairy" is an Bride of Suffolk Street," bought a "unemployed glow-worm"—usher new Jewish musical comedy by kemann hears them all, and says: used to flicker down the aisles;
"You hate your comrade who has and she tries to justify the joy a different remedy more than the seeks in life, by having her sins of the flesh bring happiness.

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"Cold in Sables" will be the title of the play by Joseph Jackson and Doris Anderson, in which Arthur Greville Collins will present Taylor Holmes. It will have its premiere in New York City on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23d, at a theatre as yet to be decided upon. Betty Ross Clarke, Brandon Peters and others are in the cast. Mr. Collins is directing the company.

'Kaiserliebchen" and 'Opera Ball' 7th Week At the Little Carnegie

That the current German film resentations at the Little Cargie Playhouse are entertaining offerings, is fittingly at ested to by the fact that a continual large attendance has war-ranted its entrance into the seventh week of an indefinite run. seventh week of an indefinite run.
New York's original foreign film
theatre has succeeded in combining "Opera Ball" and "Kaiserfiebchen" ("The Kaiser's Sweetheart")
a clever musical romance, into a
program that sparkles with gayety
and charming music.
Otto Stransky, foremost contributor of German screen music, has

butor of German screen music, has succeeded in writing a sparkling waltz, "Music, the Dance, and the Night," and a pleasant tango, "In Santa Lucia," both of which aid immeasurably in enhancing the en-tertainment qualities of "Opera Ball." The waltz tune, especially, is attaining wide popularity and has been played on the air by Vincent Lopez and Lew White. The gayety of both films is in keeping with the spirit of the holiday ses

Fifth Avenue Playhouse Reopens - New French Film Current Attraction

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This week the current attraction is a French film "La Douceur D'Aimer," "The Sweetness of Loving," said to be one of the most entertaining pictures that has come over from France.

Jacobs to Produce New Yiddish Musical

Jacob Jacobs, actor-director of the Prospect Theatre in the Bronx, and producer of its current week-end drama, "The Unfortunate in a movie-house, whose flashlight | William Siegel and Yasha Kreitz berg called "The Galizian Shlemel," which he will present there on December 17.

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At the Fox Brooklyn Theatre "Secret Service," Richard Dix's this week, Fanchon & Marco's new starring picture based on the "Three Big Figures" Idea makes a famous William Gillette play, is the fitting stage presentation for current Hippodrome screen fea-"The Cuban Love Song" on the current Hippodrome screen feasion of one of America's stage classics includes in its cast Shir-Lawrence Tibbett to the screen as ley Gray, who was last seen as a marine stationed in Cuba and Dix's leading lady in "The Public who becomes enamored of a little Defender," Gavin Gordon, William who becomes enamored of a little peanut vender. This is Lupe Velez, Post, Jr., Eugene Jackson, Fred

spionage behind the Confederate es, "Secret Service" offers Richard Dix an opportunity to step into the role of Captain Lewis Duways see at the Fifth Avenue Playhouse something different, but at the same time, entertaining and Velez dancing the Rumba, Tibbett red-blood characterization, yet one

gram includes Will and Gladys Ahern, Fritz and Jean Hubert, Joe extravaganza in three scenic epi-sodes—"The Peanut Vender," "The ita and Brower, Sidney Paige, ita and Brower, Sidney Frankie Finn and Maximo

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Story of First Robot Has Fine Cast, Held Over at The Mayfair Theatre

"Frankenstein," Universal's thriller adapted from Mary Shelley's novel, which shattered house records at the Mayfair, naturally extends its engagement in the Broadway house. The picture was directed by James Whale, and features Colin Clive, Mae Clarke, John Boles, and Boris Karloff, Prominent in the cast are Dwight Frye, Frederick Kerr and Edward

The story follows the novel in so far as Frankenstein, a young medical student, obsessed with the medical student, obsessed with the idea that his discovery of a more powerful light ray than the ultra-violet can produce life at will, es-tablishes himself in an obscure leserted windmill on the top of a mountain, sets up a laboratory, and with the aid of a hunchback helper, constructs the figure of a monster man from stolen bodies Patiently he awaits an electrical storm to work in conjunction with his elaborate equipment to bring the figure to life. His fiances, be-coming worried over the vagueness of his letters, enlists the help of an old friend, and together with the scientist who formerly taught Frankenstein, they arrive on the mountain top just as the storm breaks. They are forced to wit ness the mad experiment which brings to life this monster that is to provide several reels before it is framatically brought to bay.

#### Symphony in Ballroom

The Manhattan Symphony gave its third concert of the sea Sunday last in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria. The conductor was Mr. Charles Lautrup of Copenhagen, who proved himself a calented technician of the baton, and a musician of high calibre. His program was classic to the nth degree and taxed the resources of

The Manfred Overture by Schumann was the high spot of the concert, and might be called a vir-tuoso performance. The soloist, Miss Julia Peters possesses a fine soprano voice, and her rendition of Weber's aria from Der Freischutz was a pleasure to listen to.

A first performance of Vivian Burnett's overture, "Racketty Packetty House," was the novelty of the evening. It was well played, particularly by the strings in the Valse theme.

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Killing to Live," brutal, killing and chaotic. Made in the U.S.S.R., Has American Premiere At the Cameo Theatre

A quotation by Karl Marx was the inspiration that fired a shock-prigade of the Soyuzkino to make a film showing that men can change nature and improve on

The film, "The Struggle for Life," is to have its American premiere showing at the RKO-Cameo Theatre, starting today. The quotation is: "Philosophers have only explained the world.

The thing to do is to change it."

The shock-brigade selected Vlad-imir Karolevitch as directer and he in company with his co-workers searched through most of Soviet Russia to find dramatic episodes to prove that there is no peace in the orchestra to the utmost. The mature. He caught amazing scenes musicians, however, came out of battles. He photographed epithe trying ordeal with flying sodes in which one animal killed another, and in turn he showed the killer being slain by another more fearful beast. Their photographed evidence showed that nature was

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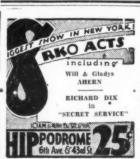
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tle clowns performing man-made tricks. We have allowed the animals to reveal the basic idea of the film—to tell the fascinating story of the struggle in nature—the struggle to survive at all. We see them struggling to adapt themselves to their surroundings. And finally the film shows man's finally the film shows man's planned and scientific endeavours to change and to hasten the processes of evolution."

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### Organizing of New Branches Urged by Senior

stional Secretary Appeals to Members-at-Large — Party News From Other States

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

HICAGO.—The number of newly

formed Socialist locals has been romen scients focas has been coreasing speedily for several months thing in the last three months a new loord since the war for a non-cambin year. Our movement is making orress, but that progress is not autoatic. It depends on organization. Are u working to build the cooperative mmonwealth by working to build a claim to granization. In your com-

inity?
The national office has addressed a colai appeal to members-at-large:
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l be given you.

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arence H. Taylor, member of the
imore, Add., carpenters' union, who
frequently spoken for the party in
South, will begin an organization
through the southern states next

Arizona

T. Landis, Colorado state organ-will work in Arizona under the tion of national headquarters, be-ag late this month. He will cen-is attention on Gila County. California

S ANGELES. — A three-story ling at 936 South Wall street, has leased for local headquarters. county executive and the Y. P. h. has asked that the N. E. C. agair in that city before the dential election.

B Socialists of California have made an informal get-together, supported the property of the prope

The Socialists of Cantornia nave anned an informal get-together sup-r at which to welcome their new the secretary, George R. Kirkpatrick, will be held at the Socialist Center, 8 North St. Louis street, Los An-es, Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p Kirkpatrick will outline his plans the building of a Socialist Califor-

Indiana

2R. — Dr. J. J. Livingston 3, has volunteered to help new Socialist local.

Kansas y-four members in three new is the report of Ross Magill, coretary, for November. Secre-of the new organizations are: City, W. L. Baldridge, Box do, D. W. Pierce, 616 North reet; Independence, Frank North Penn avenue.

Maine AND.—F. H. Maxfield, 547-A street, is canvassing a list urnished him by national seeking to organize a

Missouri

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HE season for giving is here. American work-ers, many of them now living in the doubt-ful luxury of enforced idleness, have of course been quite accustomed to giving. All their adult lives, and went of them as hows and girls have been giv. and many of them as boys and girls, have been giv-ing until it hurts. Giving to the masters of in-dustry to fill their homes with the good things of the life and their vaults with the riches of the nation. Every day is Christmas—or was Christmas, until the great Hoover Panic set in for the owners of industry.

ing out commissions or titles, we would make Comnation. Every day is Christmas—or was Christmas, until the great Hoover Panic set in for the owners of industry.

It is high time the workers of America started to play Santa Claus to themselves. There is plenty that the workers can give each other this Christmas. First and foremost is the precious gift of class solidarity, of a sense of mutual interest which should take concrete form in a political party of Socialism to give daily battle against the evils of capitalism and strive for the final overthrow of capitalism and that great racket.

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this meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

18TH A. D. BRANCH I.—By the first of the year it is hoped to have all plans ready for the monthly distribution of a leaflet or a paper, which will be the main activity of branches I and 2 of the 18th, until the presidential elections in 1932. At last week's meeting, Max Delson addressed the comrades on "War Time Socialism." At the next meeting, David P. Berenberg will speak on "The Fundamentals and Principles of the Socialist Movement."

is Movement."

18TH A. D. BRANCH 2.—Branch meetings are held Monday evenings in the Workmen's Circle Center, 3820 Church avenue. Following the meeting on Monday, Dec. 14, Organizer Claessens will lecture on "Graft and Corruption—Its Cause and Cure." The Branch is happy to announce the organization of a Yipsel Circle Meetings are being held in the home of Comrade Sadie Rivikin on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p. m.

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MIDWOOD.—The Sunday School held its first session last Sunday and it was very successful. Children between the ages of 7 to 14 were rejestered and the next session will begin at 10:00 a. m. Books are being collected to build up a library. Donations are requested. An important meeting will be held this Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 1637 E. 17th street. Nominations and elections of officers and committees will take place. The class in Socialism will hold its first session on Thursday evening, Jan. 7, 1932. The instructor will be David P. Berenberg.

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21ST A. D.—The branch meets every Monday evening at 55 Snyder avenue. At the coming meeting election of delegates to the City Convention and nominations for the National Convention will take place. Following the business meeting, which ends at 9:00 p. m., Bradford Young will give an interesting talk on "The Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens."

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#### **Heart Throbs**

CORRELATING with the Hoover message to Congress came the radio address by Frazier Hunt on the life of Hoover. Into this address he managed to pack much of the buncombe that has yielded a rich harvest to the retainers of American capitalism. There is the poor boy who faced the world with only a few dollars in his pocket, the boy unafraid, who earned "his bread by the sweat of his brow" and finally his virtues are rewarded with wads of cash. Then-God's in his heaven-the Presidency.

"And America today?" he asked "this man of the great heart." (Heart throbs are essential. Have a throb with us). "America is more the land of opportunity than ever before. The American boy or girl has even better opportunities and chances today than he had forty years ago." (More throbs). No more assurance is required for if anybody knows the former poor boy does. Other poor boys may think otherwise but there are always perverse persons in this world and we have to put up with them.

What does the great man think of standardiza-"Well, standardization helps individual-(Never thought of that, did you?) The reason for this is that bathtubs, radios, motor cars "and a thousand other things actually built up individualism by increasing the horizon of the individual." (Isn't it thrilling? Have another throb while you are estimating that increased horizon that came with your bathtub.)

"We are still a nation of doers and workers," said the great man, and Hunt paused to paint a picture of the man "battered and swept by storms of misunderstanding and emotional dissatisfaction and unfair mob psychology." We were about to enjoy another heart throb when our eye caught another news item, a man and woman found dead in the street of cold and hunger. They await identification in the morgue. Life was passing from these two as the ether carried these heart throbs into millions of homes and now we may turn to our wider horizon and be thankful that opportunities are as abundant as forty years ago.

### Congress

CONGRESS convenes with the Democrats strong enough to control and to elect a Speaker and this is followed by the usual baloney about the House rules being "liberalized." The fact is that as industry in the last several decades has assumed more and more the character of a feudal oligarchy Congress has been shaped by the same trend. The revolt against "Cannonism" in the Taft administration was hailed as a victory but when the Democrats came into control the oligarchy continued. Part of its machine rule was transferred to the heads of the more powerful

With the restoration of the old kings under Harding the Republicans took over the works and the machine moved along as before. By 1926 co-operation between Republican and Democratic leaders in the House was so smooth that when the Democrats wanted to punish a member who had "imped the reservation" arrangement was made with Speaker Longworth and the job was done. In that year Democratic leaders of the House were anxious to assist Longworth to get the Republican nomination for President in 1928 if Lord Calvin decided to return to the Berk-

The fact is that party life and struggle are dead in the House. The reason for this is that 'ie Democratic party since the end of the World War has enlisted about as many millionaires as the G. O. P. In 1928 the Republicans had about en leading contributors of this class to its campaign fund and the Democrats had about seven-:een. Corporate capital and finance has flooded both parties so that differences disappeared in platforms, in Congress, and in those who underwrite the expenses of parties. Ours is the we live.

only country in the world where the ruling capitalist class own two parties.

Watch the new "liberalized" House. If there isn't back-stairs co-operation between the twoparty brokers we will feed Hoover's rugged army of happy freemen.

#### A Short Cut

ONE suggestion has been made to pull the wreck of American capitalism out of the hole. It is offered by the Rolling Mill of Pittsburgh, a journal of the steel interests, and it is simplicity itself. "The building of the largest air fleet, army and navy in the world," it declares, "would probably do more to return prosperity and confidence to this country than all the proposals and agreements to stabilize currencies and markets.

A few details are offered by way of temptation. Such a program would "raise the morale and increase the nationalism of the American people." Modestly enough, it is pointed out, there would be huge orders for steel for motors, tanks, armor plate and guns; copper, aluminum and other metals for munitions, aircraft structures, and other supplies.

Some people might object to this vast war machine but they should be assured that we would not "be thrown into action without justifiable circumstances" and the circumstances "are more likely to arise when our country is unprepared." All this is offered as "A Short Cut to Prosperity."

Well, it would be prosperity for the steel, copper and aluminum boys, that is certain, but we doubt whether workers with brains would care to be used up as cannon fodder. If we could induce the steel, copper, aluminum and other great capitalists of the country to make up the fighting forces we would work up some enthusiasm for this "short cut." If they never came back we would be glad to take over their industries and even erect a memorial to the dead, but to give them the profits, the army and the navy and give the workers the graves doesn't quite appeal to us.

#### Striking in the Dark

DOLITICIANS and patriots are accustomed to speak of the farmers as a bulwark of conservatism but that the impact of desperate economic privation will transform them as well as others is evident from events in recent weeks. A few weeks ago dairy farmers in Illinois resorted to sabotage on a large scale against their exploiters and now it is the turn of the tobacco growers of Kentucky to run wild.

At Lexington more than 1,500 farmers under determined leader halted burley tobacco sales four warehouses, marching from one to the other and ordering them stopped. Prices have declined from six to eight dollars compared with last year and the farmers face bankruptcy. Last week a similar demonstration of farmers at Owensboro closed the tobacco markets. At Lexington farmers forced the release of their leader who had been arrested and at one warehouse they ejected two officers.

Whatever may be the tendency of workers in normal periods, in an abnormal period of suffering they are likely to turn to methods that shock the upper classes and their politicians. Human beings will not starve without making a noise about it, not even to please the stupid and arrogant who live on their labor and yet wild and instinctive action by the victims of exploitation will bring no relief. The farmers are blindly striking in the dark at an enemy they know is there but whose power they do not clearly understand.

#### IN A NUTSHELL

= By J. O. =

Historical Materialism

"Human beings are not mere automatons help-lessly shaped by the material environment. This exclusion of free will makes one a fatalist." This sums up the objections one hears to historical materialism and they merely exhibit confusion, not understanding. The misunderstanding arises largely from confusing the will to live and to do with free will.

When one studies a nation over a definite period or the classes within that nation and even sections of that nation he will be impressed with the fact that each is responsive to some definite underlying causes. If we were born in Turkey we would likely live and think and act like Turks and if the furk were porn on the American frontier he would live and think and act like the rough frontiersman

hatever each might will to be in either country. Nations and regions within nations change as men obtain increasing mastery of their environ-ment and new ideas arise in the changing environment. On the other hand, some of the old views may survive in one form or another for a long period. In a little known book published ir this country in 1909, "The Road to Power," by Karl Kautsky, the author remarked that "Relations that have been constantly repeated through decades and indeed through centuries, create customs and instincts, that continue to operate after their material basis has disappeared." In this way ideas and habits difficult to explain in the modern world have their origin in a former environment and survive

as a cultural lag. This brings us back to a consideration of the will. One cannot say that a movement of masses like herds on a prairie displays a free will. No doubt they will to do but that will is not free of the environment and the accumulated intellectual baggage that have come down from other decades and to which are added the ideas and intellectual percion exerted by the ruling classes. In fact, the will of many is coerced against their own best

In bourgeois philosophy "the human will is a separate element alongside of and above econom ics," wrote Kautsky. It is this idea of a free will that sustains the American myth that as a small number of men have become millionaires so all

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can become millionaires fi they so will.

Historical materialism subscribes neither to the fatalism of an automatic process not to the bourgeois view of a free will. Socialists seek to in spire the working class with a will to power but not to shape things irrespective of the material forces that underly the changing society in which

#### Lagging Behind



A Market Letter

#### The Bottom Is in Sight Economist Charts Way Out of the Depression

By Our Financial Editor THE close of the year finds the

I views expressed by leading bankers, publicists and statesmen sound: at least as sound as they have ever been and by that is not meant sound and fury, signifying nothing. A survey shows that the defunct banks prove that the counference held by the directors of the Bank of the Universe, a resolution was adopted in which the spending for non-essentials by the workers was described as carry-ing us towards the dole. Grave warnings continue to be sounded by leading educators who say the struggle will become intensified for the things of the spirit and the finer things of life.

One of the noticeable results of the slightly disarranged period through which we have been passing for the past twenty-six months is the lessened speculative tenden-cy, especially in jobs, if any, hours if any. Eight hours work-look-ing for jobs-bears out the promise that staggered shifts would put the country on its feet with a oig corn crop.

To be sure some readjustments were necessary during the busi-ness recession. Depreciation and depletion have been inevitable cor-ollaries. The hopeful sign in this connection, is the workers amortization program which includes plans to pay the grocer, landlord and opulent relatives who are employed. This course is fraught with promise which will surely mature if the corner around which prosperity is peeking can be approximately discovered. All that is needed now are jobs. It's certain that we are reaching reaching will continue to absorb A the nation's best energies until de-flation is deflated. Babson cannot put the matter with greater clar-

Bigger and more frequent lay-

The substitution of niggardly wage cuts of 10 per cent by the adoption of 20 per cent to 40 drives to meet lessened purchasing power. More altruistic moves to en-

able the workers to give larger amounts for charity.

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The following market report is revealing, accounting as it does for the source of the large volume of belly-aching between elections.

White-collar workers. Wgak. No demand.

Small business men, formerly known as "independents." (See reports of mail order and chain store systems).

Labor, unskilled. Heavy demand by those composing this group that workers with trades peddle their labor power elsewhere.

Panhandlers, retail. The market is a flop. The only activity noted in this group consists in mooching from one another. This does not add a bean to the national wealth.

Panhandlers, wholesale. Active. Holds promise that the breadline dole will combat unemployment insurance. Those in the higher brackets keeping their piedges to war on poverty ven to the extent of turther wage slashes and the increasing of the amount taken from pay envelopes.

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advice the bankers gave that we must "save with safety," holds good. Signs on the windows of the infliction of reparations, the railroads, etc., is not earning as the infliction of reparations, the railroads, etc., is not earning as settlement of which will give to much profit as could be desired. each destitute family the satisfaction of not being the victim of the governed by far different laws then dole and of 63 cents weekly before those which govern the incomes of overhead, administration and other unemployed and part-time workfixed and foxy charges have been ers. (See financial pages of capi-

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en from the Socialist platforms to bolster political parties of capital-ism\*\*\*.

bund political parties in relation to Socialist vote, past and present.

A SPECIAL drive is being conducted ins three sections of the city—Borough Park, the Bronx and Brownsville—to get youngsters interested in the Socialist Schools being opened by the Socialist party's Committee on Educational Planning for the Youth

Bigger and longer charity one thinks.—Guy de Maupassant.

amounts for charity.

The moratorium on thinking in for the comebacks sold curing the effect during the last election is period when sales resistance fell reflected in the sinking fund of before the onslaught of scientific

Old age pensions for all over 70\* Limited unemployment insurance\*\*.

Beginning of a labor come

Inauguration of social and indus-trial legislation.

Increased size of the slivers tak-

A string of Socialist daily pa-

#### At the Rand School Comrades have been looking forward

For Registration for some time to the debate which is on for some time to the debate which is to take place between Norman Thomated as and David P. Berenberg. The topic of the debate is: "Is Marxism the Philosophy of Socialism?" and will be held Friday, December 18, at 8 p.m., by at the Rand School. Comrade Charles Solomon will act as Chairman. In the view of the importance of the debate and the prospect of a rather lengthy discussion, comrades are urged to be prompt.

Club, where Mrs. Rose Finn of Camp Tamiment is now in charge of the restaurant. About 110 women wer-resent, and from all indications and from the enthusiasm the Women's Committee will have a very successful winer Among the speakers were: Mrs. Mailly, Dr. David B. Rossi of the Workers' Theatre, and Mrs. Turbow, Chairman. Mrs. Anna Shomer-Rothenberg sang Jewish folk songs, with Mrs. Nellie\* Tanenbaum as accom-panist.

All that a trust can do by a decentralized organization, by a share in its profits and by prospects of advancement, to increase the initiative and the responsibility of its managers or its officers, the collectivity could deequally well for its own—Vandervelde

# **Neither Song Nor**

INLESS I am much mistaken, the idea that the crowning of the capitalist mode of production is its planlessness if go to get some hard jolts in the years to come. A "planned economy is already in sight. A sugar plan and a coffee plan, each practic cally worldwide in its scope, are already in effect. At international conferences held in New York and Pittsburgh within the last few weeks substantial progress was made toward launching a copper plan and a coal plan. In our own country a good start has been made on an oil plan and a cotton plan, while the Interstate Com merce Commission and the Federal Reserve Board are beginning to plan for land transportation and for banking and credit. Gera Swope is not the only master mind of capitalism who is thinking of a general plan which shall interpenetrate all these and other branches of our economic life. There will be many difficulties to

met in devising and executing these plans, but they may all be over-come—and what them? My pre-diction is that if anarchic capitalism has chastised us with whips, planned capitalist will chastise us with scorpion.

Shall we Socialists think to meet upholding it today! this situation by sitting down in our studies or meeting in conference and elaborating the picture tion that reduction of working of a "planned economy" more to our taste and then offering it to ployment, will increase it. This the world as a substitute? I hope the same fallacy under anoth we shall not fall back into such form. utopian fatuity.

But if it is practical for capitalists to do this sorts of thing, why would it be utopian for us? Because they have power, and we have not. That makes all the distance of the d have not. That makes all the dif-

good maxim. And for us, catching the bear means awakening and educating and organizing the working class. That is our task for a while yet, and it is a big enough one \*\* for a while yet, and it is a big enough one to engage all our forces and all our means. Let us plan for that, and carry out the

task is to cudgel our brains for ways of disagreeing with Organized Labor whenever we see it trying, however diffidently, to grapple with a big economic problem. A couple of years ago we American Socialists, like Socialists in all other countries, were saying that the evil of unemployment is to be I know that, at least here in dealt with, so long as the wage York, it has become harder system still exists, mainly on three action on the unemployme -raising of wages, to increase surance program than it, society's total effective purchasing power; shortening of the work-week, to diminish competition in the labor market; and unemploynent insurance, to minimize the suffering in so far as it cannot be prevented.

Now I hear comrades saying that it is a mistake to struggle for higher wages, because the cost of tended to write about living goes up when money wages but it had to get said.

go up, and so nothing will gained. That economic fallacy ha had long whiskers for a hundre years, but it seems to have many lives as the proverbial c Marx refuted it in masterly fas ion in 1865, and here are Social

An ingenious friend of mine demonstrating to his own satisfs

Why this revival of exploded claring that a higher wage

It was disappointing that the A. F. of L. convention at Value couver defeated a resolution favoring unemployment insurance. Ye but it was a sign of progress the but it was a sign of progress the course minority and entity four One way not to accomplish that for the proposal, and the so-cal ask is to cudgel our brains for "machine" had to make a stre a strong minority ardently foug ous effort to defeat it.

The project is gaining mong the rank and file ar among lower ranks of the leadership in the unions. Is that a re why we Socialists should los terest in it? Whatever the re year or two ago. We c tion about Gandhi or Tam China or the Movie Oper Piatiletka or the Forw social insurance against

Most of which isn't

#### On WEVD

Dec. 14-2:30 P. M.-Labor's News Reporter, The Federated Press. Dec. 15—2:30 P. M.—Labor's News

the Headlines."
Dec. 16—1:30 P. M.—Talk, Women's Peace Union; 2:30 P. M.—Dr. A. C. Goddard of the Methodist World Peace Commission; 3 P. M.—Labor's News Reporter, The Federated Press.

Dec. 18—1 P. M.—Labor's News Re-corter, The Federated Press.

#### The Community Forum

will be debated between Charles hood "union" and are com Fama and Harold Lord Varney under the auspices of The Community
Forum at Temple Beth-El, Sunday
evening at 8 o'clock De John Forum at Temple Beth-El, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Dr. John Haynes Holmes will speak at 11 are warned not to join the box A. M. on "The Good In Bad Times. He will give a poetry reading at ship in an organization work in their interests.

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Dec. 15—2:30 P. M.—Labor's News
Reporter, The Federated Press; 8:15
P. M.—Robert L. Bobrick, "Between
having been held in New Yo Philadelphia, will be held in Robert Treat, Newark, N. attend in a body and a largation from the People's I News Reporter, The Federated Press.

Dec. 17—1 P. M.—Jesse Quitman.

"Birth Control and Marriage"; 1:30
P. M.—Frank L. Palmer, "Labor's
Front Page"; 2:30 P. M.—Labor's
News Reporter, The Federated Press;
News Reporter, The Federated Press;
See Reporter, The Federated Press;
May New York friends. Free cation prizes will be awarded. Ferotecting the Health of the Worker"; 4:15 P. M.—Rabbi Jonah Wise,
world Peace Posters, Inc.; 8:15 P. M.
—E: M. White, "City Affairs"; 8:45
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