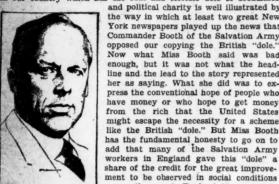
Timely Topics

By Norman Thomas Newspapers and the "Dole"—Unemployment, The Senate and the President—The Foreign Debts Problem—Domestic Finances
—Party Problems

DISHONESTY ON THE "DOLE"

UST how mischievous and essentially dishonest is the campaign against the miscalled "dole"; that is, unemployment insurance, nour country which has the real and terrible dole of breadlines



and political charity is well illustrated by the way in which at least two great New York newspapers played up the news that Commander Booth of the Salvation Army opposed our copying the British "dole." Now what Miss Booth said was bad enough, but it was not what the head-line and the lead to the story represented her as saying. What she did was to ex-press the conventional hope of people who have money or who hope to get money from the rich that the United States might escape the necessity for a scheme like the British "dole." But Miss Booth has the fundamental honesty to go on to add that many of the Salvation Army

among the poor in England. No one would

guess that she had made this additional statement from the headlines I saw.

THE LA FOLLETTE BILL

ENATOR LAFOLLETTE, according to a very brief despatch I have just seen, has introduced what appears to be substantially such a bill as Socialists long have advocated. It calls for a billion dollar federal loan for public works to be repaid out of a 25 per cent additional surtax on incomes over \$5,000. Whether this bill makes any provision for possible use of any part of this boney in an emergency for direct relief or for housing, I do not know. Both provisions ought to be made in this or in other bills where not even capitalists can allege overproduction is in the field of low cost housing. Since one-third of our people live in inadequate and indecent housing this is above all others the place to start work. There are some legal difficulties about federa aid in this field. They can be surmounted if we so desire. Anyway Senator LaFollette's bill as summarized in the despatch I have ves earnest support.

A HOOVER COMMISSION REPORTS

ONE of Hoover's innumerable committees has reported adversely on the whole subject of a big federal loan for public works. Its arguments as summarized in the New York papers are plainly childish. The gist of them seem to be that public works won't stimulate every line of business directly-the automobile industry, for instance—and that in some mysterious way a loan of any size would interfere with the normal processes of recovery from this crisis. How, neither the committee nor anybody else can explain No one with brains, certainly no Socialist, ever said that such a bill as Senator LaFollette has finally introduced after too long a delay would cure unemployment. It is only part of the immediate program we have advocated. What a big program of public works, especially that includes housing, would do, is not only to stimulate a great many trades and industries directly, as even Mr. Hoover's committee admit, but indirectly to stimulate business in general by giving to a great many workers more money to spend. It is quite true that such a program might not directly help the auto-mobile or certain other industries. It might help even them Certainly by past road building the automobile industry has been greatly helped. All arguments against direct federal aid to this war against poverty are based either on the sheer selfishness of taxpayers with surplus incomes or on a singularly stupid brand of capitalist economics which have woefully broken down under the test of reality.

ON FORGIVING FOREIGN DEBTS

T is good that Congress finally passed the bill for legalizing the moratorium, a bill to which the majority of its members were ready pledged. It is bad that it accompanied this act with a lot oratory unnecessarily offensive to foreign ears and with a decration against any further reduction or cancellation of debts Some excuse may be found for Congress in the mistakes both of President Hoover and the great bankers. Mr. Hoover never properly educated the public on the significance of debts and reparations and he proposed a moratorium without calling Congress in session and he proposed a moratorium without calling Congress in session to discuss the matter. The banks ran wild in floating all sorts of foreign loans which Wall street promptly unloaded on Main street after having made a more than generous commission. Today some New York banks which hold comparatively little in long-term loans have advanced so much to Germany on short-term credit for commercial transactions that complete German default on these credits might imperil some strong banks and start a general banking run in America of incalculable consequence. In these circumstances the big bankers do not look like disinterested preachers of forgiveness of those debts owed to the American government which ultimately will have to be paid by American taxpayers.

Nevertheless the main sufferers in the present world situation not bankers but farmers and workers, European and American. Blind insistence that Germany must pay reparations has put every possible difficulty in the way of Social Democracy in Germany. It has played into the hands of the Hitlerites. It has terribly reduced German wages and has been a factor not only in German unemployment but in world depression. England, France and Italy are not likely to forgive German reparations if they have to pay debts incurred by all the Allies in a war in which we were foolish quough to take part. For the most part none of these debts arising out of the war can be paid except in goods which all nations prove unjustly but wholly naturally, all these debtor nations look on their debts with a degree of psychological irritation greater even the actual economic hurt that they impose. We Americans foolelves if we think that the present schedule of reparations and debts ever will be paid or that the Allies will pay us and forgive any large share of those German reparations now under discussion It is very significant that the neutral nations through their representatives at the Basic conference on Germany's capacity to pay have all declared for wiping out reparations, or at least that part of them which is now conditional under the Young Plan. They are in a position to see things fairly. We might as well make a virtuout of forgiving what we can't collect anyhow.

To American forgiveness of interallied debts there should be three conditions: (1) as a matter of course German reparations should be wiped out; (2) not one cent should go to support Europe's United States loses or seems to lose should be covered by a surtax on the incomes of that class which profiled, if anybody did, out of the war and out of those private foreign securities which though they have shrunk in value will not be forgiven and, indeed, cannot be forgiven short of general collapse of the whole economic struc-ture. That general collapse would not be a bad thing if we had ready another system to put in its place. A chaotic collapse arising out of a refusal or mability of Europe to pay anything on any of the money it has no rowed since the war for peaceful purposes is another matter. Moreover it should be observed that these private debts do not involve the hate or danger of war involved in the ot; and finally that many of them may automatically shrinkor have shrunk-as fixed public debts cannot.

OUR OWN FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

OMING back to home financial problems, unless there is at least a partial recovery from the present depression there ast either be a partial moratorium or reduction of mortgages and tain other classes of debts or a moderate or controlled inflation. ooth. In terms of justice it is outrageous that railroads should wages to pay bond holders and that the city of Chicago should her hold back the salaries of its employes in order to pay bond ers. What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, and if ra can afford to take a cut because the cost of living has

ae of President Hoover's financial proposals goes to the root natter. His Reconstruction Finance Corporation, however, tive. That corporation is nothing in the world but a devic ent's cheap credit at the disposal of private t rate is very low as was proved in September when (Continued on Page Three

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Socialist Organizers Find Warm Reception in Trip Through the State

By MURRAY BARON

Special New Leader Correspondent)
HARLESTON, W. Va.—The West Virginia Mine Work-Union, with a membership and following of 18,000 members in its recent strike learned bitterly the lesson of the absence of the lesson of the absence of a workers' party to aid in its industrial struggles. A vicious and hostile political administration, through its control of sheriffs, control of the control of sheriffs, control of the co stables, judges and police virtually broke the strike. The capitalist parties fully understand the significance of the recent move by the Union to join an independent labor party. It is a basic and constructive program against persecution and intimidation by the henchmen of the bosses.

However, it is the clear sentient of the Union men not to engage in a temporary or timid skirmish against the two old parties, out to build a permanent and but to build a permanent and separate labor party. In a conention to be held in January, the rank and file will determine that question of application as a body with the Socialist Party. Other local labor unions will be invited. Norman Thomas will be the prifiipal speaker.

Socialist Organizers Murray Faron and Amicus Most are daily demonstrating to the union and its nembers the advantages of Socialist Party affiliation. In our short stay thus far, we have spoken at several locals of the union in the mining camps. The halls are jammed and the response is truly wonderful. With hand-clapping and cheering, the miners greet the dedge of support through their ndustrial and political fights by the Socialist Party. The meetings end with the singing of "Bolidarity Forever" and "The Internation-ale." President Frank Keeney Vice-President Scott have generously supported these meet ings by facilitating the arrange ments. We have been scheduled to speak at every local, reaching nearly all the members with So cialist propaganda so that the union may well be expected to vote for Socialist Party affiliation. There are quite a few Socialists in the union.

The Socialist organizers have not been confining their activities to the union. In Charleston we have formed a Socialist party local with a membership of 15, all avidly interested in building a stronger local. Comrade J. H Snider single-handedly distributed notices of a meeting to be held in the court house of Fairmont, West Virginia. As a result of this splen-did comrade's activity, over 200 people jammed the room and Permanent Group to rected Most and Baron eathu-astically. The meeting resulted Fight for Tom Mooney iastically. n 22 members and the immediate formation of a local. Star City has already organized a local under the guidance of, J. F. Higgins. ew State Secretary. With the logan of a "local in every city," he organizers are heading for Wheeling, Clarksburg, Weston, Huntington, etc., in each of which nucleus exists for strong local than forty working-class organiganization.

Resolution on Elections

Following is the resolution donted at the conference of the f a labor party:

"This conference goes on record re-affirming the stand taken by the West Virginia Mine Workers Union when it was organized in March, 1931, namely that just as abor must organize industrially personal representative of the community o progressive industrial mittee. nions, so on the political field labor must build its own party. "We favor taking immediate steps to organize a labor party to out candidates in the field at the next election for local offices, be cause experience has taught us the lesson that these so-cailed officers of the law when elected on the Republican or Demogratic tickets do not enforce the law impartially, but act solely in the in-terest of the employers. "We favor the holding of meet-

ings immediately in all sections of Kanawha, Boone, Raleigh, Fayette and Putnam counties to discuss

this matter of a labor party.
"We believe that further "We believe that further thought should be given to the question as to whether it would

W.Va. Miners The Low Tide of Politics

Two Old Parties Display Their Complete Servility to Big Business and Their Uselessness to the Mass of the People

THE two-party politics of American capitalism has reached its low ebb of futility. The informed Socialist expects little or no relief for the masses from this source but Republican-Democratic politics is in some ways even incapable of intelligently caring for the capitalist system it represents.

The Democratic national platform in 1920 declared that "By the enactment of the Federal Reserve Act, the old system, which bred panics, was replaced by a new system which insured confidence." The Republican national platform in 1928 declared that "through the wisdom of Republican policies and the capacity of Republican administrations, the foundations have been laid and the greatness and prosperity of the country firmly established."

Millions to their sorrow remember the Republican ballyhoo of 1928 but have forgotten the Democratic hokum of 1920. Try the above hymns on your piano and try to detect a difference in the melody.

POLITICS AND PLUNDER

Political parties in this and other countries have generally represented the economic interests of a class or allied groups with similar interests. This has been true of the United States since the first party struggle in 1796. The Democratic Party generally represented farming interests before the Civil War; at first small farmers of the West and South and then the landed magnates of the slave regime. The Republican Party within a decade after its organization to check the extension of slavery became the carrier of capitalistic and banking interests.

After the defeat of Bryan in 1896 the Democratic Party more and more changed into a party of capitalism. By 1912 its leadership had permanently shifted from the agrarian West to the capitalistic East. More and more the Democracy wooed the bankers and capitalistic barons. By 1928 it was successful. It captured "Fat Cats" like the Raskobs, Owens, Kennys, Du-Ponts and their kind, labor exploiters like the Mellons and Rockefellers who underwrite the campaign income of the Republican Party. Raskob was a registered Republican in 1924 and voted for Lord Calvin of the New England textile dynasty. He had no more difficulty in passing over to the Democracy than he has in changing his shirt. He moved the headquarters of the party into the General Motors Building.

TWO KEPT PARTIES

The two parties now represent a stage which the Whigs and Democrats reached on the eve of the Civil War. They had become the kept women of the wealthier slave owners. The two parties today occupy luxurious apartments owned by the ruling capitalists and bankers. They do not pay rent. Their rent is paid by the owners of the apartments.

The Democracy had once represented the middle and lower middle classes. These classes during the post-war period have been rapidly stripped of their property. As they lost prestige, as they have been pushed to lower levels, the Democracy packed its baggage and moved into the upper heaven of capitalism. There it was welcomed by bourgeois kings with possessions as vast as those of the kings that keep the Republican Party.

Here is the explanation of the death of genuine party life and struggles at Washington. A similar situation brought a party revolution in 1860. It should bring a party revolution

(By a New Leader Correst

pledged support to the fight for

Tom Mooney's freedom at a mass

meeting Dec. 17th held by the

Mooney Defense Conference, More

zations are affiliated with the con-

The meeting was addressed by

Alexander McKeown, President of

the Hosiery Union, and Socialist

candidate for Mayor in the recent

election; Ben Fletcher, national or-

anizer for the I. W. W.: Roger

Baldwin of the American Civil

ident of the Central Labor Union

necessity for labor to continue its fight for Mooney's freedom. They

placed little faith in the maneuv-

Kelso read a communication from

Mooney affirmed his faith in Am-

erican labor and urged the con-

tinuance of the struggle for eco-nomic and political freedom for all

members of the working class. The

Executive Committee of the Phil-

adelphia Tom Mooney

Mooney addressed to the meeting

secure Mooney's freedom.

In the meantime world capitalism drifts and American capitalism is caught in the universal disaster. The two-party leaders and their rubber stamp followers at Washington drool away time. They talk and act like village trustees who know nothing of the world outside of their parochial folk-life. They are isolationists. They want no "foreign entanglements," ignoring the fact that we are related by a thousand ties with the fate of the rest of the world.

PASSING THE HAT FOR 1932

We are now entangled. We have been since we joined the imperialist thieves in 1917. Every hour since we entered the war the ties that bind us to other parts of the world have been increased. Mofeover, most of the loot sweated out of the German people to pay "war reparations" is sent to the United States and American capitalism bears a huge responsibility for what habbens in Europe.

Safe in the arms of their capitalistic nurse, the two parties are more concerned in the election next year and the offices to be won. The offices are the only stakes left them in electoral struggles. The Democrats have a contract with a corporation to raise their campaign funds. The Republican National Committee has just appointed a committee to pass the collection plate among Republican Fat Cat millionaires. The Raskob-Smith and the Roosevelt-Farley factions of the General Motors Party are involved in a duel over the old "issue" of grog.

THE CONGRESSIONAL HOT AIR BLAST

In Congress speeches will soon be pouring into the Congressional Record. They are intended not for the members, as most of these speeches are not spoken. They are written and mailed free to the voters. Congress is not a legislative body but a campaign headquarters for political hucksters. The work of its members is more concerned with campaigns than with the enactment of legislation.

Congressional "pie" is important. In recent years the members voted themselves an increase of \$2,500 a year for clerical help. It was once \$1,500; it is now \$4,000. Much of this goes into the pockets of the "statesmen" by paying low wages to clerical help. They have their congressional barbers who receive fifteen cents for a shave and twenty-five cents for a hair cut while the union rate in Washington is twenty-five for a shave and fifty for a hair cut! There are other "pies" for the gentlemen who are sent to Washington.

Now and then a member "gets out of control" of the ruling brokers and he is "disciplined." It requires the cooperation of the leaders of both parties to impose penalties and that cooperation is generally available.

HE CRITICIZED HOOVER!

Recently McFadden, a Republican member from Pennsylvania, attacked Hoover as a representative of the international bankers. Whether he "had the goods" or not is another question. The fact is that freedom of parliamentary life requires that a member be permitted to have his say. If he is in error he can be answered.

McFadden is already a "dead duck." Senator Reed notified Postmaster General Brown that henceforth Reed and Senator Davis will determine postoffice appointments in McFadden's district. The Postmaster General replied that hereafter McFadden

Phila. Labor Organizes Speeches Barred From New Year's Eve Dance; Debate 'Till 4 A. M. Averts Danger of Split

The Greenwich Village branch of | that raised its hydrahead when the the Socialist party almost split into organizer of the Village Socialist PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The four fractions and deviations early 38-page thesis on "The six-minute Philadelphia labor movement Wednesday morning when a spe- plan; or how to age gin while you cial committee met to consider wait." The special session was one of the most momentous issues that ever confronted a party discussion waxed hotter. The four branch. But the committee emerged in a dazed condition after seven promise which gave the right-cenrists a shade over the periphery but nevertheless gave the latter enough concessions to keep them said Big Ben, as he is affecti

The problem that came near for the carnival had gone ahead, swimmingly until the problem of and of the Musicians' Union, pre- gered the committee.

ties. Samuel A. DeWitt was to edition of 20 copies, of which er to secure Mooney's freedom. ing costumed as a torpedo, loaded The dance was saved. And now. ing costumed as a torpedo, loaded The dance was saved. And now, or "left-wing" Republicans, in-which knows nothing of unemployAugust Claessens had been trilling dear brothers and sisters, if you cludes, besides Azana and Zulueta, ment, blacklists and discharge for in the privacy of the party office for weeks, prepared to make his the Combined Greenwich Village. Treasury; Jose Giral, Minister of wrung from miners that they were appearance as a Swiss yodeler, 6th and 8th A. D. branches, next Marine; Santiago Casares Quiro- unemployed gave credence to while McAlister Coleman was re-ported to be putting the finishing you will have passed up the mer-nando de los touches on his mid-Victorian maid riest Socialist affair in years. Come Public Instruction: Francisco Lar- scum to be found in any county. disguise. It was to be a big night in costume. Come in crowds. Come Then came factionalism. A. N anytime between 9 p. m. and 5 a. Indalecio Prieto, Minister of Publing and begging and go back to

chairs owned by the branch were hours of warm debate with a com. The father of the compromise roved to be none other than Ber Blumenberg. "I want to speak to the point,"

ly known. "The issue is one of crude materialism versus comparathe New Year's Eve dance which says in his latest work. Through is to be held next Thursday night the Alimentary Canal with Rod Liberties Union, and Byrd Kelso, and Friday morning at the Rand and Gun, the end must justify personal representative of Tom School auditorium. Preparations the means I don't see why we need any speeches."
The logic of Comrade Blumen

who should speak, if at all, stag- berg's address electrified the comered the committee.

Socialists all over the city had and most logical speech heard in come, dressed up as a Russian copies were to be destroyed and parties

Baltimore Labor **Favors Labor Party**

(By a New Leader Correspon BALTIMORE. — A res adopted by the local Federation in our country have either Formation of a labor party is called for.

Socialist Enemy Out of

MADRID-Victory for Socialist rinciples in the formation of the Chicago. ew government was seen in the abinet slate chosen by Premier cabinet slate chosen by Premier factor in the Jones trial. A pur-Manuel Azana. Most notable was ported, "black oath" of the United the appointment of Luis de Zulu-eta as Minister of State, to suc-ceed the reactionary Alejandro ments attributed to Jones by state All of the speakers stressed the prepared to make the dance the many years. The branch immedilecessity for labor to continue its center of their New Year's festivithe Socialist and Republican parently stuck in the

The new cabinet, all Socialists ga, Minister of the Interior; Fer-prosecutors' claims that nando de los Rios, Minister of were "bums" and "loafers," Conference announced that the Conference will continue its work until Mooney is released from prison.

Weinberg started it when he day manded that a symposium be vance for \$1—thereby saving 50 go, Minister of Agriculture. The sprung on abashed miner tous has not yet been alled unusual viciousness was a second conference announced that the Conference announced that a symposium between \$1.1. And get your tickets in additional to the Conference announced that the Conference announced that a symposium between \$1.1. And get your tickets in additional to the Conference announced that a symposium between \$1.1. And get your tickets in additional to the Conference announced that a symposium between \$1.1. And get your tickets in additional to the Conference announced that a symposium be work, "was the trick quarter to the conference announced that a symposium between \$1.1. And get your tickets in additional to the conference announced that the Conference announced that a symposium between \$1.1. And get your tickets in additional to the conference announced that the Conference ann

Tennessee **Union Head** Also Named

Operators' "Justice"? Reaches Out for Turnblazer in Wholesale Frame-up Effort

(By a New Leader Correspo HARLAN, Ky.—Harlan's which has had a merry time indicting radicals, conservatives and plain working men, novelists, newspaper men and miners -has capped its clownishness by accusing Pres. William Turnblazer of United Mine Workers District 19, comprising Tennes-

see, of conspiracy to murder. Turnblazer joins 40-odd more who have been charged with murder and conspiracy to murder in connection with the death of three company gunmen, deputized three company gunmen, deputized by Sheriff Blair of Harlan county, on May 5 at Evarts. He has not been in Evarts since 1917 and the cause of his indictment apparent-Jones, just convicted and given life sentence, that "it is better to die fighting than to die starving."

The Tennessee miners' nead is a conservative man and an ardent supporter of Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Work-W. B. Jones, just convicted in the first conspiracy trial at Mt. Sterling, is secretary of the U. M. W. A. local in Evarts.

Turnblazer Gives Self Up Indignation ran high in Bell county, adjoining Harlan, when news of Turnblazer's indictment by a grand jury under the control of the notorious Judge D. C. (Babyface) Jones of Harlan was made known. Prominent Ben county officials offered to put up cound to the extent of \$100,000. He was greeted at the county line by the sheriff and a delegation of prominent Bell county people. prominent Bell county people. tradition from Tennessee, but pre-ferred to appear voluntarily in Kentucky to post the \$15,000 bond required. He will be defended by the U. M. W. A.'s Indianapolis

other new indictments were reurned against Charles Colson, Jim Maynard, Carl Williams, Kenneth Dalton and John Gross, for-mer county assessor who was first

mer county assessor who was hist indicted after his favorable testi-mony in Jones' trial.

All the newly indicted testified in one or both of the first two Harlan county murder cases, late-ly tried in Mount Sterling. All are key witnesses in the 42 other cases, in which the defendants are accused of killing three deputy sheriffs and three mine guards from ambush in Evarts on W. B. Jones was convicted, participation in the killing, but of conspiracy to kill. William Bur-

nett was acquitted. Prosecution Is Vicious

However absurd the entire crop of Labor declares that "it has of murder, conspiracy to murder been proven beyond any doubt and criminal syndicalism indict-that the men chosen by the peoments may seem to an outsider, ple, be they Republican or Demo- events in the Jones' trial in Mt. crat, to represent their interests Sterling prove that they are a serious matter down in ough apathy or lack of intelli- With prosecuting attorneys and gence failed miserably in their private operator-paid associate efforts to cure or even remedy the counsel painting lurid pictures of haotic economic conditions ex- slimy serpents climbing up flagpoles, of Muscovite influ ing to undermine good old An icanism in Harlan county, calling the Harlan miners "beggars" and "loafers," the bluegras New Spanish Cabinet courtroom recalled memories of the big labor trials of the postwar period in Seattle, Everett,

Innuendo proved the deciding minds.

Unusual viciousness was a

themselves in displaying education and experience the foil of uneducated, be-d miners. "Who killed aniels?" was the type of hurled in thunderou witness chair. They didn't "What did you do to find was the next question; much. "Now as a matter

fact weren't you glad Jim Dan-is (the deputy) was killed?" Typical Examination Then to clinch matters, the ness would be asked if he at-ded Daniels' funeral at the ck Mt. mine, where union minare forbidden to go. The wit-would answer no. Then the t question, Did you attend the of Carl Richmond? (the miner killed in the Evarts

affirmative answer would oring a gloating expression to the prosecutor's face. "As a matter of fact wasn't the Richmond funa sort of jubilee at which you piced over the killing of Jim

vever, when defense witness experienced in courtroom tac-took the stand, they were subed to two or three perfunctor nestions and excused. The bril-ant prosecutors took no chances any miner with the equiva-of 8th grade education.

W. Va. Miners Rally To Labor Party Idea

(Continued from Page One) advisable to try to organize state-wide Labor party in West Virginia to run candidates for all in the forthcoming election and also to question whether we should affiliate politically with any

national party organization.
"We favor the appointment of committee of seven to carry for rard the plans for running candidates in the next elecfor holding meetings in var sections of Kanawha an counties to promote the idea a Labor Party; for studying estions of more extensive organ sation and affiliation.

also instruct this commi tee to make plans for a Party convention early in 1932 a and place to be determine by the committee, delegates a this convention to be elected by unions of labor organiza tions, and particularly by locals of the West Virginia Mine Workers and other labor groups.
"We emphsize that our foremos

and ruling purpose is to build progressive, powerful, fighting union for the coal miners of West Virginia, and that any steps to be en on the political field must

Rand School Prints 'SocialistFundamentals' By David P. Berenberg

The Rand School announces the publication on December 18 "Socialist Fundamentals" ocialist Fundamentals" by wid B. Berenberg, author of "A rkers' World." Here in 100 pages is a compact and thorough ent of the Socialist theories in simple language.

Here is the pamphlet that you

e so often asked for—the book to put into the hands of the new party member, so that he may fit himself in his work for Socialism; the book for the inquiring sympathizer who needs only anothe rument to win him over to the arty. This is the book to give the once critical friend who has un to wonder if, after all, there The whole field of Socialist the

is covered. Here you will find Labor Theory of Value, the ory of Surplus Value, the Materialist Conception of History the Theory of the Class Struggle. You will find facts to back up those theories. You will find the cialist indictment of Capitalism. and a brief statement of the So cialist program.

Winslow Urges **Medical Cooperatives**

Group medicine will be advocatby the National Committee on Costs of Medical Care, Dr. C. E. A. Winslow, executive head of the last week told the mittee

The best medical care now provided in the country, the com-mittee has found, is found in the ocialized clinics to be found in better universities. lar arrangements should be orked out for the general popution, Dr. Winslow said. Groun cine may be provided by wo untary associations with or with ate aid, or entirely by the he predicted. Successful examples of all three systems are and in European countries and ntry, he pointed out.

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Bill Puts \$50,000 Maximum Price on

WASHINGTON (FP). - No more thon \$50,000 can be spen on nomination and election to th enate, and not over \$1,000 on a ongressional seat, while \$5,000,000 will be the limit of legal outlay on the election of a presidential and vice-presidential ticket, if the bill introduced Dec. 21 by Chairman Nye of the Senate cam paign fund probe committee comes law.

This proposed federal law w not supercede a lower legal limit of campaign expenditure fixed by State laws, unless and until the courts so rule. Meanwhile some States limit expenditures in atorial campaigns to \$10,000 for any candidate.

HarlanDefense Conference in N. Y. C. Jan. 6

Socialist and Labor Groups to Meet at the Labor Temple

City area will be made at once. An emergency conference is to be held at the Labor Temple, 242 East 14th street, on Jan. 6 for the purpose of intensifying and giv-ing greater support to the campaign being waged by the Ken-tucky Miners' Defense and Relief Conference of New York City. That conference was organized by the General Defense Committee of yanization having charge of the lefense of all murder cases arising out of the strike as well as the strike the I. W. W. last June as a supporting body, the latter named oring out of the strike as well as the undred odd Criminal Syndicalism

ases also pending. The recent conviction of W. R. nes at Mt. Sterling, Ky., on a first degree murder charge and his ple could readily consume. credited with contributing greatly to current interest in this issue. first degree murder indictments, a circumstance which provides circumstance which provides grounds for a charge of deliberate intimidation of all defense witnesses and an almost certain impossibility of a fair and impartial trial in the anti-labor comonwealth of Kentucky.

The feeling of exultation on part of all friends of the striking coal miners when William Burnett, the miners when William Burnett, the operation by governmental or the first striker to go to trial on a other social organization on the

About a score of progressiv organizations now comprise the New York conference. Among the endorsers of the call for th oming emergency conference are Norman Thomas, Roger Baldwin. Fannia M. Cohn, August Burk-hardt, A. J. Muste, Carlo Tresco, Girolamo Valenti, James Oneal, Justus Ebert, Margaret Tucker, Enotrio Greco, Stanley Indrulis and Benjamin H. Fletcher.

133 Banks Crash: Loss to Millions

Bank failures showed a sharp ne during November from the all-time high record in October. Failures remained, nowever, at a point which would have been high in any other period, with 133 they have been living for crashes totaling \$70.371,000 in

October's figures of nearly s half billion dollars in losses were higher for the one month than any year until 1930, and equalled about two-thirds of that high record. Anhave swamped the nation's banking system, observers declare Bradstreet's says that the present figures are to be expected until the long-awaited business upturn

THE COMMUNITY FORUM

Jack Black, famous author. speak for the Community Forum Sun-day evening at 8 o'clock on the sub-ject of "What Makes Criminals?" At the Community Church service to be held at 11 a. m., Dr. John Haynes Holmes will speak on, "If God Us, What Does He Think of Us?

THE LABOR TEMPLE

Dr. Edmund B. Chaffee will speak "Can We Believe in a Chri God?" in the Labor Temple, 14th Second avenue, Sunday ening at 8 o'clock.



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Seat in U. S. Senate Socialism Cure

Socialist National Chairman Debates Battle at Brooklyn Forum Before Large Crowd

PERIODICAL depressions can only be eliminated by So-m," declared Morris Hillquit, ational chairman of the Socialis Party, in debate with George Gor Battle, Democratic leader, be fore the Brooklyn Forum of the Socialist Party in the Academy of Music last Sunday night. This de-bate was the seventh in a series that has been arranged.

The Socialist leader was at his best and delivered a masterly exposition of the Socialist point of view regarding industrial panics. Mr. Battle stressed "human na ture" as in conflict with a Socialist society and Hillquit's rejoinders were witty and to the point About twelve hundred people heard the debate.

"Capitalism cannot eliminate periodical depressions," asserted Mr. Hillquit. "The modern, capi-A N effort to crystallize the existing resentment directed
against the brutal campaign of
persecution in the Northern to the persecution in the Northern to persecution in the Kentucky coal managed by private concerns, fields by all Socialist, labor and liberal elements in the New York for profit. The capitalist does not for profit. The capitalist does not care whether the community goes barefoot or starves, so long as he

fills his own coffers.
"The system works with little cern seeks to dispose as much of its products as possible without regard to its rivals. In a promising market each concern is apt to produce a little more than it can readily dispose of. In the course

An Artificial Condition

"It is a purely artificial condi-tion. At no time did any country possess more goods than the peo-The sentence to life imprisonment people do not consume all they along with the subsequent indict-need, because the vast majority of ment of five defense witnesses is them do not have sufficient purchasing power. The capitalist sys-tem is based on wage labor. The It is common knowledge that all capitalist class cannot afford to five newly indicted miners are to pay to the workers as a whole a be witnesses in the pending trials wage equal to the value of their be witnesses in the pending trials wage equal to the value of their of an additional 42 miners on three collective product. The workers can only buy back a part of what they created. The capitalists cannot physically consume all of the balance. This creates a condition of 'under consumption' as artifi cial as that of 'over production.' "There is no escape from this

"Socialism stands for the social ization of the industries and their murder charge, was acquitted, has sais of planned and scientific somewhat cooled due to the conviction of Jones, secretary of Evarts, Ky., miners' union, which called the strike last spring.

possible under Socialism.' "Mr. Hillquit assumes." said Mr Socialism is a practical working doctrine which can be put into credulity and our confidence which is hard to meet.'

"Karl Marx, the scientific leade: of Socialism, believed in violence to win his ideal. There is no other way to make man give up his rights of private property. And as long as Socialism ignores the fundamental facts of human nature, either through lack of courage or too much goodness of heart

He concluded his opening speech by asking, "Will the people willing to take the great chance of changing the order by which

The Issue of Violence

In answer to the charge of vio-ence Hillquit stated that the Socialists conducted their activities on legitimate and political other month of such a record would grounds and on the assumption that they would be allowed to carry out their program if they attained a majority in the electorate and government, but he held that if the ruling classes delined to submit to a mandate of the masses that Socialists would certainly fight.

In response to the question 'Have you seen Socialism success fully carried out anywhere?" Hill-quit answered, "Have you ever

At lived in 1935?" Hillquit claimed that capitalism rushed individual development individual development, and Battle argued that man's selfish instinct will always lead him onward and upward.

The chairman was Harry W. Laidler, president of the Bureau nomic Research and assoof Ec ciate director of the League for Industrial Democracy.

Next Sunday Alexander Wool-ott, eminent dramatic critic, will lecture on "Forgotten Utopia." Harry Hansen, literary critic of the World-Telegram, will serve as hairman.

THE INGERSOLL FORUM

The lecturer for the Ingersoll forum at the next meeting to be 70th street, Dec. 27, at 8 p. m., will be Morris Goldberg, M.A. will be, "Did Jesus Christ Ever Live?"

Hillquit Sees N. Y. C. Young Socialists Open Convention Today

greet the opening, at 2:30 this Saturday afternoon, of the annual convention of the Young People's Socialist League of Greater New York, in the Debs Auditorium of the Rand School, 7 East 15th street, New York City. The session will be addressed by Charles Solomon, former Socialist Assemblyman; August Tyler, editor of Free Youth; Aaron Levenstein of the Bronx, representa-tives of fraternal organizations and the city executive secretary Abe Belsky.

In the evening the delegates and

Yipsels from all over the greater city will gather in celebration of the convention at a Convention Dance tendered by the Bronx Boro Yipsels at the "Sholem Aleichem enter," 2075 Clinton avenue, nea 180th street, Bronx. An interesting feature will be the presenta-tion of the third act of the Mooney-Billings protest "Precedent." The cast is cast is comsed of the Y. P. S. L. players of the Bronx. A nominal admission will be charged. On Sunday there will be two sessions, the first at 10:30 A. M. and the second at 2 P. M.

Abe Belsky, Executive Secre-tary of the New York League, reports that the organization has made a most remarkable record of activity and fundamental growth in 1931. Though part may be atplan or co-ordination. Each con- tributed to the fact that the present time makes young people go somewhat radical, he declared that the stride from 400 members in December, 1930, to 700 at the present date is primarily due to a real and conscientious amount of organization activity. It is noteworthy that this past year has een more Yipsels involved in industrial struggles than for many Many members of the years. eague were arrested on the nicket ine and in the act of agitating for striking men and women.

Some of the outstanding fights of the year where Yipsels played a most prominent part have been: The organization campaign and strike of the Butchers' Union in the Bronx; the strikes and lockouts of the several Bakers' locals throughout the city; the intense truggle of the Bushelmen tailor of Local 2 of the A. C. W. A., and the organization attempts of the workers of the Brooklyn Edison company. The most fierce fight the Butchers, brought a numbe of young Socialists sharply in con tact with the courts. Aaron Lev enstein, one of the outstanding young Socialists in this battle, was arrested several times, and was nvicted once, only to be freed by this way probably sacrificed

him in the next election.

in our millions of votes.

mined representatives of the masses.

and privation that now afflicts us.

your will!

lions of farmers reduced to beggary!

The Low Tide of Politics

will be considered as one who "had died." The reckless Con-

gressman has his "pork chops" confiscated in his district and

now he is a political corpse. His party workers at home will

have nothing to do with a corpse and a live dummy will succeed

politics that represents the great property interests of the nation.

More than 36 millions of voters cast their votes for this thing

in 1928 and a majority of them are the suffering masses, about

seven millions of them without jobs, other millions employed

part time, still others receiving reduced wages, and several mil-

Party it became merely a competitor with the Republican Party

for the job of ruling us in the interest of the owners of great

industries and banks. When the Democracy moved into a safe

niche in the capitalistic heaven by the side of its ancient oppo-

nent, it began to share in the job of caring for the interests of

the ruling barons. That is why the laboring millions can look

BUILD THE SOCIALIST PARTY!

ing, have not one courageous fighter for their class at Wash-

ington despite the sea of ballots they cast in 1928! A party of

again face ballot-armed millions. Our members give us enor-

mous potential power. These agents know it. They are gather-

ing millions of dollars from their wealthy Fat Cats to gather

the working people was never more needed than today.

The millions of the dispossessed, the jobless and the starv-

Next year the two-party agents of the ruling powers will

Shall the old sad experience be repeated? We alone can

The Socialist Party represents the suffering millions of

useful workers. Use it as a battering ram against the fraud and

deceit at Washington. A hundred Socialists sent to Congress

next year would transform that body into a real arena of debate

and struggle. Life would return to its ancient halls. The

voiceless millions would be heard through earnest and deter-

It is your party. It will represent your claims, your program, your demands for release from the hell of uncertainty

Build the Socialist Party and make it your agency to do

for no genuine help at Washington in their general distress.

When vast corporation capital flooded the Democratic

And this is the legislative regime created by the two-party

For Depression Activity in Strikes Fea. and clothing, and substantia ture of Y. P. S. L. in the Year Now Ending of a strikers' relief stamp which the organization published at its

LARGE mass meeting will own cost.

One matter where Yipsels wer involved interested public atten tion at one time to the extent that several newspapers commented at length in their editorial columns This was the arrest of Bernard were distributing copies of "Free Youth" to students of the Eras-Brooklyn. They were beaten up in the police precinct and Rifkin was convicted on the detective's charge. After a long and remarkable fight carried on by Charles able fight carried on by Charles
Solomon as their attorney, Rifkin's conviction was reversed and the detective who beat them was detective who beat them are the suppressed report to the Mooney-Billings case which was prepared for the Wickersham Commission last Spring. This book of 600 printed pages the with police and politicians. A fight. good number of candidates of the Socialist party were members of the Y. P. S. L. Many of the local —in order that the Senate may

> fine job of it. one in many years held by the Socialist party Arranged to a great extent by the and was edited by Prof. Zechariah Y. P. S. L. members. Four par-Chaffee, Jr., of Harvard Law ades were held after this. All of School. Tom Mooney and his de-them the work, primarily of the fense committee have been trymeetings of the year. It was held appeals that the document, preat the Rand School in conjunction with the Young Circle League. funds voted by Congress, be The last event of importance, before this convention, was the ban-quet tendered by Free Youth to Algernon Lee.

This splendid record of the New York Yipsels has made the outlook for this convention indeed a bright one

The War-Time Railroads

In his recent biography, William G. McAdoo, gives an account of ram Johnson, was governor at federal operation of the railroads the time of the conviction of the uring the war. McAdoo directly charges sabotage by some high of. in the Ser ficials for the sake of discrediting government operations, and singles out the late Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific, as one who, he feels, "consciously rears of study at college.

In strike relief, one has only to consult the great number of letters of thanks from the various road administration, he maintains. ters of thanks from the various strike and relief committes, to realize what fine work the New land their owners. Federal control, instead of ruining the roads, put The miners of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio; the textile strikers of Lawrence. Allen- to the companies with better credit town and Paterson, were the reci-pients of several carloads of food ever been during their existence."

Senate Seeks Suppressed Mooney Data

Resolution Is Adopted Hoover Release Wickersham Survey

Washington (FP)-Without a dissenting vote the Senate adopted, Dec. 21, the resolution offered jointly by Sen-ators Walsh of Montana, Costikin's conviction was reversed and the detective who beat them up was demoted to a patroiman. In Alex Retzkin were arrested for a failed to get the commission to similar reason, but were released approve it. Objection to the when Charles Solomon was called handling of a report on the Amerto fight the case. Twice Bronx ican Dreyfus case was led by Yipsels suffered at the hands of national guardsmen, who resented their anti-war meetings. The modified his attitude after he had election campaign, again, brought our young Socialists into conflict but Kenyon then dropped the The report which the Senate

campaigns were carried on by Yipsels and they made a mighty fine job of it. May Day was the banner event. was prepared at the instance of the impressive parade, the first Judge W. S. Kenyon, formerly Senator from Iowa, by Attorneys was composed and Pollack and Stern of New York, Yipsels. Each was a great suc- ing to secure the publication of jected unemployment made public

Johnson Still Dodging

Sen. Cutting stated after the doption of the resolution, that he anticipated that the President request at the earliest possible moment. Since the document is public property, he and Walsh Costigan believe there will be no need for further action to unock the report.

California's senior Senator, Hitwo class prisoners. He was not ate chamber vote was taken, but he indicated afterward that he would raise no objection. He has never assisted publicly, if at all, in the movement to free Mooney or Billings. Governors Stephens, Richardson, and Young, who in turn have re fused to pardon Mooney, were members of the Johnson faction when he was governor. Judge Griffin, who sentenced Mooney death and afterward became convinced that the conviction rested on perjured testimony, was secre-tary to Johnson in the latter's first term as governor. Griffith's years of effort to have Mooney freed have not led Johnson to appeal to Stephens, Richardson of

Boro Park Socialists Get Legal Aid Bureaus

Establishment of a Legal Advice Bureau by the Boro Park. Brooklyn, branch of the Socialist party, under the direction of Robert Landor Bobrick, is ann Members of the Socialist party, Workmen's Circle members, union members, or any working man or woman in need of legal advice and unable to afford it, can obtain it cheerfully and free, every Tuesday evening, at the Boro Park Lyceum, 42nd street and 14th avenue.

"Reach the people with our message and help them with whatever we can offer," has been the policy of the Socialists of the Socialists of the Boro Park branch. The last campaign was conducted on the lines of an extensive distribution of literature. "Reach the Masses" was the slogan, and so, a distribu-tion of 20,000 leaflets on five important topics, "War," Men Starve?", "Milw "Must "Milwaukee." "Smash Tammany," and "Protect the Depositors," were systematidistributed every

and above all, our message was placed in the households of 20,000 families. The establishment of resolutions be sent to the Ida the Legal Advice Bureau is just Representatives and Senators another step in line with the ac- Congress."

WALDMAN AT THE GROUP

"Is Capitalism Worth Saving? will be debated by Louis Waldman, recent candidate for Governor on the Socialist ticket, and J. George Frederick, well known writer on economic subjects Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 8:30 p. m. The debate will be held in the Auditorium, 150 W. 85th street, under the auspices of The Group Forest Bailey will preside unday afternoon, Dec Samson will speak on Art Possible in America?"

By Three Branches

One of the most colorful affairs Peace Parley of the year arranged by Socialists will be the gala costume ball un-der the joint auspices of the Chel-Unanimously Asking
Hoover Polesso Wiels

Hoover Polesso Wiels School auditorium. All New York City Socialists and their friends

are urged to take note and spenda pleasant evening.
"An interesting program is being arranged. A hot orchestra wil continuous dance music extending into the new year. Many are going to come in costume--but costume or no costume—they will be there just the same. There will be plenty of color, refreshments and merriment. Tickets are now on sale at the above mentioned branches, as well as the Rand Book store. Tickets in advance \$1.00; at the door on the evening of the affair, \$1.50. Get your tick-

Idaho Unions For Jobless Insurance

State Federation On-Wants U. S. to Run Railroads

(By a New Leader Correspondent)
DAHO FALLS, Idaho.—The State Federation of Labor convention, the first one to meet after the national convention of the insurance cess and served to inspire many the findings of these investigations, has adopted a resolution in favor of federal unemploy-parades was over—or at least had mission ended its legal existence ment insurance. A hot resolution not yet come back. International Youth Day was celebrated with one of the finest indoor mass suppressed report, ignoring all railways. The convention then instructed the executive board of the State Federation to put on campaign for ratification of the child labor amendment to the Fedral Constitution

In this mountain region nions are taking on new life and some real organization work is being done. There is also a growing would comply with the Senate's dissatisfaction with the old parties and their policies, the resolutions on the railways and unemployment insurance being symptom.

The two leading resolutions fol-

Unemployment Insurance

'To the Officers and Delegate: of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Idaho State Federaion of Labor:

Whereas, millions of people are employed through no fault of their own, and thereby prevented from obtaining a decent livelihood;

"Whereas, employers are placng a deadline of 40 and 45 years or employment of workers; and "Whereas, we believe it to be the duty of society to see that every person needing work is gainfully employed or maintained, until they are employed; thereore, be it

"Resolved. That we go on record s being in favor of federal unemloyment insurance; and be it fur-

ndeavors to bring about the es- died without regaining conscious ablishment of unemployment inurance in our country; and be it

solution be sent to our Senators and Congressmen."

Railways vention of the Idaho State Federa-

tion of Labor:
"Whereas, The industrial masters of America through gross instocks and bonds brought the railroads of this country to the verge of bankruptcy and receivership, it now being recognized that the railroad transportation industry cannot make interest and profit on the tremendous amount of watered Mickelsen, of Chicago. stock that they are now loaded

"Whereas, Through incompe tence, mismanagement, and cur magnates have created a crisis in the railroad service of this nation therefore be it "Resolved, That we, the dele-

gates of the Idaho State Federa tion of Labor in convention as-sembled, believing that the private ownership of railroads is no longer morning.

The response was gratifying. In favor of the nationalization of Our vote increased by 25 per cent the railroads at their physical val-

uation; and be it further "Resolved, That copies of thes "Resolved, That copies of these "Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the Idaho resolutions be sent to the Idaho RADIO DANCE ORCHESTE

Onen Daily and Saturday m

Costume Ball Arranged D. A. R. Effort For New Year's Eve Fails to Smash

Students Ask Drastic and Universal Cut in Armaments - Reprisals Threatened

PHILADELPHIA.—Professional "red baiters," with the enthu-siastic voluntary assistance of Mrs. Rudyard Stevens Uzzell, an ardent member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, attempted to stop the sessions of the Interence last Thursday on the University of Pennsylvania campus. More than 40 letters and telegrams were sent out to Dr. Josiah Penniman, provost of the university, urging him to disband the conference. Dr. Penniman took no action.

Mrs. Uzzell also attempted to obtain the cooperation of student leaders in banning the conference. They refused to follow her sugges-

On Saturday more than 150 students gathered at the Christian Association Building to discuss disrmament. They were joined by tate Federation Onposes Policy of A. F. the conference was address of L. Convention- Tucker P. Smith, director of the committee on militarism in education. Mrs. Uzzell had frequently appeared at his meetings and had everal times tried to stop addresses.

The conference was conducted as a model of the forthcoming Geneva Disarmament Conference. Students from ten colleges and universities argued the position of the great powers on a resolution introduced by the Russian delegation for total disarmament. The resolution was verwhelmingly defeated.

After listening to Tucker Smith's olea for elimination of "the war habit" the delegates at the evening ession unanimously passed a rese lution calling upon Presider Hoover to appoint an American delegation to the Geneva conference which would take the lead in omoting a universal 50 to 75 pe ent cut in armaments and arm ent budgets.

Mrs. Uzzell denounced this ac of the Christian Association" and said she attempted to stop the meeting "because the students engaged in holding it were not representative of the student body." She announced that although he group had not succeeded in halt ing the meeting, they would cor tinue an investigation, clared "much more would com

The conference was sponsor the Christian Association a the University Forum of the University of Pennsylvania. The Uni versity Forum is the Pennsylvan chapter of the League for Indu trial Democracy.

James Lund, Seattle, Killed by Automobile

(By a New Leader Correspondent) SEATTLE. James A. Lund, whom many western Socialist will remember, was struck by an automobile while rossing the road in front of his home near Redondo Beach, and ness a few hours later.

Funeral services were held is rther "Resolved, That copies of this uurday, Dec. 12th, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Socialist Organ izer. W. R. Snow, conducted the mpressive though simple "To the Officers and Delegates nies. Among the many beautifu floral tributes was a large wreath from the little children of the neighborhood, bought with the own small donations of nickels as dimes, in memory of one who had always been their most loving always friend and adviser. The remains were cremated and the ashes bu-ried beneath a tree on the school grounds where he can always be near to his little friends

> FROLIC NEW YEARS EVE

RAND SCHOOL 7 EAST 15 ST TICKETS

And when they ask us why we died we'll say: Because our fathers lied.

RANCH SOCIALIST PARTY

\$ 1 FUR COAT RESTYLED

rogram for **Public Works**

Taxation

TASHINGTON (FP)-Presi dent Hoover's opposition to expenditure of large sums of money for relief of unem-nt was given powerful re-nent Dec. 21 with the pubon of a report by the James Organization on Unemposals for relief be defeated of these is the plan promoby Father John A. Ryan and orsed by the Progressive Con-nce and the Joint Committee Unemployment, for appropriat-\$5,000,000,000 for emergency ic work. Sen. Wagner has of-d a bill proposing that \$2,000,-000 be appropriated for this LaFollette has ted the Progressive Confer-bill for introduction after the

ew Woll, acting president he National Civic Federation chairman of a high-tariff by, was placed on this Garfield nittee as a spokesman for the cutive council of the American of Labor. He signed t which strikes at the report which strikes at the that 2,000,000 idle men would put to work within a few the of highway and bridge imnents, grade crossing separand other projects. On the pefore the publication of the the White House allowed

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> URE-LLCOTT gotten opia" NSEN, Chairman December 27th F. M. DEMT OF MUSIC wear Flatbush Arc. at Box Office and T. E. 18th St., N.Y.C.

oll Fights TammanyAldermenEndorsedbyLabor Kill Firemen's Eight Hour Day Bill

The method of killing the bill by the Tammany Aldermen is an old trick of capitalist legislative bodies and it is often used in Congress. As a rule politicise runcher of thousands of people and endorsed by many trade unions and other organizations, the N. Y. C. Board of Aldermen this week killed the proposed local law providing for an eight-hour day for an abstract of the proposed it. The method of killing the bill by the Tammany Aldermen is an old trick of capitalist legislative bodies and it is often used in Congress. As a rule politicise runcher of the proposals but in office they must so handle the measure that no office-holder can be singled out as having opposed it. This is accompanied to the results of the proposed it. viding for an eight-hour day for the City Firemen. There was no complished by letting a bill die in the City Firemen. There was no record vote on the measure. The Board simply adjourned without any attempt to call the proposal out of the committee and there it died.

One of the strong arguments eight-hour shift would make room for the employment of more firemen and thus provide work for some of the jobless. The proposal the members.

was in keeping with the general demand of workers throughout the traditions. Practically all its al-

committee. There is no record of a vote for or against it but the result is just the same as though it had been rejected by all the members. The fact that no member made a fight to bring the bill or the measure was that an out of committee records every ember against it for such a fight s just as necessary as the fight when the bill is dragged before

for a reduction in the dermen had the approval of the Central Trades and Labor Council

Socialist Party Denounces Fake Movie Operators Union

Criticisms

T HAS come to the attention of the N. Y. City Executive Committee of the Socialist party that group of people have organized that they call a Union of Motion Picture Projectionists in opposi on to the legitimate and recognized Motion Picture Operators' Union, Local 306, and in their fight against the recognized union ese persons use the name Norman Thomas, a prominent nember of the Socialist party.

The City Executive Committee has therefore issued a statement declaring that "the Socialist party stands firmly with the bona fide union Moving Picture Operators. Local 306, in its efforts to organize the trade and to get decent working conditions for its mem pers; that whatever criticism Nor man Thomas may have made against this union, was done in a spirit of friendship to help imitself.

oona fide Labor Union because of ome grievance a few individuals nay have. We call on all who may have. pelieve in organized labor to dis egard the campaign of these would-be wreckers of a labor unon and to give their whole-heart ed support to the legitimate unerators' Union, in its fight to unonize their trade and against un-on baiting employers and their irelings.

Thomas Hits Company Union Thomas, chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the party, who has been critical of certain features of the organization and work of the Motion Picture Opera-tors' Union, Local 306, declared Friday that "recent developments warrant hope for improvement within." As a result of consultations of Mr. Thomas with officials

and others in the operators' union, a committee of trade unionists is rmal work to emergency tion. Other items in dispute are action, or moved from home also being taken up.

> Motion Picture Operators. I am conference. developments warrant more hone

Local 306 Pledged Sup- without let or hindrance. It is port in Strike—Com-laso permitting the opposition to carry on a democratic political mittee Hears Thomas campaign within the Union, prior to the Union election. It has assented to the appointment of a committee of labor men to super vise its election in accordance with the rules of the Union, which of themselves are designed to assure fair election.

> "Finally, President Kaplan and other officers have given me their personal assurance that they are taking up the problem of the permit men with a view to some solution of the evil of taxation without representation presented by the existence of this group which came into being owing to the unusual conditions within the indus-

"In view of these specific facts well as in view of my keen opposition to company unions, I do not hesitate to say that my own sympathy, and, I think, the sympathy and support of the public should be on the side of the Mo-tion Picture Operators in their present strike against the Spring er Circuit. I should like to add prove the organization and its that at no time did I approve the methods, which can and is being use of part of a statement of mine done at the present, by the Union criticizing Local 306, which stateuse of part of a statement of mine self. ment I made when there was no "We further declare that neither strike by the company union to Mr. Thomas nor any other mem-ber of the Socialist party would sanction any attempt to disrupt a working conditions."

Court Receives Plea In Scottsboro Case; **Excludes Communists**

the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, The proprietors reports the following developments:

the State of Alabama. (2) The bills contract which runs for five years, of exceptions presented by George the employers pay \$1 additional ment was not successful. The judge ruled against them on two grounds:

Mr. Thomas urged whole-hearted public support of the motion picture operators in their strike against the Springer Circuit of theatres. Referring to the recently organized "Union of Motion Picture Devolution of Motion Picture Devolutions of Motion Picture Organized "Union of Motion Picture Orga picture operators in their strike against the Springer Circuit of theatres. Referring to the recent ly organized "Union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the Socialist denounced it as a "company union of Motion Picture Projectionists," the S on."

Mr. Thomas' statement follows:

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No steps will be omitted to proprovement from within. I, myself, have been out of the city on
a speaking trip, but the Union has
permitted my representatives to
carry on certain investigations

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The 1400 unemployed union
printers are now receiving from
the ring of the program adopted at the confarence.

The 1400 unemployed union
the work of the New York Emergency Unemployment Conference is speedily getting under way to assure the furthering of the program adopted at the confarence.

Members of the Committee on
Action, which will meet at least
once a week, are: Henry Fruchter,
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TIMELY TOPICS

the government floated bonds at 3 per cent. Now if the government can put its credit behind private business most emphatically it can and should put its credit behind the public business of providing decent housing to which I have referred earlier in this This, I repeat, is the one business now in a position to take up slack.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPERIALISM

APAN is going to celebrate Christmas by more fighting in Man-churia. And for this mess the United States has no small share of responsibility. We can stop this high-handed imperialism by setting an example ourselves by abandoning our own imperialism in the Caribbean, and by telling Japan plainly that we will co-operate in a boycott on loans to her and on furnishing munitions or war supplies if she continues an aggression contrary to treaties guaranteeing China's territorial integrity which she as well as the

SOCIALIST PARTY PROBLEMS

I FIND myself at the end or this space and will have be properly comment I want to make on certain issues coming before the national convention and the importance of the right sort of per-FIND myself at the end of this space and will have to postpone sonnel. Also I want some time to state the reasons why in most parts of America at this moment political action by labor is more promising than industrial action and may be a condition of successful industrial action. Of course we've got to have both, and the Socialist party must do a better job at both than it has done before if it is to be the hope of the labor motement.

N. Y. Printers Organize War On Open Shops

national Elects Leon supporting social legislation. Rouse - Doings in

WITH 3,000 non-union printing offices in New York City thirteen allied union organizations in the printing trades have formed an alliance to carry on a drive for organization and elimination of the non-union shop. Through this central organization an effort will be made to enlist the active support of every union man in the printing trades industry. The Monthly Bulletin of "Big 6" Typo-graphica" Union, says that this will be a "fight to the finish." The drive will begin Jan. 1st and it will be first concentrated in sup port of union label printing.

This organization will be known as the "Associated Unions of the Graphic Arts." Its affairs will be administered by a board on which will sit the executive officers of thirteen unions of the allied group. Its officers are: Austin Hewson President; James Conway, President of Pressmen's Union No. 51 Treasurer; and James Bambrick, Organizer of No. 6, Secretary. Each executive officer of the twelve unions becomes a vice-president of the association. The Board of Trustees consists of President Castro, of the Lithographers; President Kaye, of the Pressmen's Assistants; and Representative Schwartz, German Typographical

Each of the unions in the drive has pledged a per capita tax to defray the expenses of the campaign. Hundreds of names of union members are being compiled and an "Honor Röll" will be kept of the work done by each.

Former President of "Big 6," Leon Rouse, has been elected Vice-President of the International Typographical Union over C. M. Baker of San Francisco by a majority of 580 in a total vote of 59,876. Baker, who represented the Progressive faction, received a majority of the votes cast by the printers but Rouse was elected by the aid of the mailers. He re-ceived 740 mailer votes in New York City compared with 26 for Baker.

A referendum of the entire membership has just been concluded which provides for a larger num-ber of delegates to the international conventions according to the number of members. That enables "Big 6," which in the past has sent four delegates, to send duction and of the market, espe-

The following candidates have

(1) The bills of exceptions filed to the N. A. A. C. P. have been with "Big 6" which expires Oct ture, i. e., coal, gas, electricity and insurance, in particular.

By a referendum vote of 6,315 finance. to 1,582, the members decided to continue until April 1, the 8 per one day's work a week to help unemployed printers.

In the last eighteen months the New York Typographical Union which has between ten and eleven thousand members, has raised \$2.276,000 for the unemployed and urday afternoon, the work of the behalf of the jobless sponsored by developments warrant more hope for that best of all things, improvement from within. I, myof the boys, said Mr. White, who

> local union, the minimum going to those who have been members the maximum going to those who half of adequate relief legislation, have been local members for four years or longer.
> There are 2,400 union men and

ers, who have given out 114,000 ays of employment to substitutes and by April 1st they will have out 142,800 days. Each month the union distributes about \$225,000 in relief. In giving out a day a week the situation holders assess themselves 16 2-3 per cent of their week's pay or in the

Catholic Leaders Rap Hunger Rule

BOSTON. - (FP) - "We hear much protest against a dole. 'Dole' is a trick word. It wasn't called a BurdeninCrisis auch protest against a dole. 'Dole' dole when we were feeding starv-Thirteen Unions Join in ing Beigians, accessor of ethics at Effort - Typo Inter- Boston College, in a radio address

"If a five-day week or a six-hour day will accomplish a remedy, let's have it. The banks of this country are stuffed with money and six million are out of work, with many people hungry. A new social order is needed and new social any other group, a survey by the legislation is vital."

Any other group, a survey by the National Urban League discloses

Belgian Labor To Meet Crisis Asks Action

Unions and Cooperatives Join Socialists in Presenting Program for Workers

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

RUSSELS.—The conference of
the Belgian Labor party which met in Brussels Nov. 7 and 8 adopted a program for combatting the economic crisis, which had been drawn up by the party, the trade unions and the cooperative societies. We give the main points in this program below: 1. A minimum wage.

2. (a) Unemployment in shifts. in order to distribute the work manual and clerical. (b) Efforts to ecure the general application of the 40-hour week, whilst retaining purchasing power at its present

3. Improvement of factory in-

4. The carrying out of largecale municipal, provincial and national public works of a productive character, the speedy and coordiing of the industrial and commer cial life of the country.

5. Full power to be accorded to the provinces and the municipali-ties to raise the sums required for the payment of unemploymen

6. The creation of a crisis fund or cultivators in view of the fact that the prices which they receiv for the major part of their products are no longer an adequate re turn for their labors.

7. As a first step towards the socialization of industry and com-merce, the reorganization of procially by means of industrial agree-ments under public control, in ac-Returned to New York from a conference in Birmingham with Roderick Beddow, of Fort, Beddow and Ray, leading attorneys retained to defend the eight condemned boys in the Scottsboro demned boys in the Scottsboro case, Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the secretary of the National Association for the secretary of the secretary of the National Association for the secretary of the National Association for the secretary of the secretary of the National Association for the secretary of the secre eering. This measure must The proprietors of the union taken in those branches of indusbook publishing and job work of- try the nationalization of which

8. Introduction of the control of banking in order to prevent the Chamlee, attorney for the I. on January 1, 1932, making the banks from disturbing the stock D., were not approved. Mr. day scale \$60, night scale \$63 and market further and thus expropriamlee demanded and received the third or so-called lobster shift opportunity to argue for the cersification of his bills but his argued the union to waive the dollar also be introduced in order to se-

Urban League Survey Reports Whites Take ing Jobs as Servants in South

WHILE the depression has W brought unusual hariships to all racial groups it has been more severe on the Negro than The report lists 106 cities in which live more than 3,000,000 Negroes or 58 per cent of the entire urban population.

The report comments on the fac that there is a growing tendency on the part of public and charity officials to issue charity donations rather lavishly while withholding work from those who seek jobs.

"Time and again have Negroe begged for work and scorned char the report sums up, charity is what they are getting We may expect them soon to scorr work and demand charity. The dole is rapidly becoming the accepted policy of relieving distress among Negroes and just as rapidly being accepted by them without protest In such an extremity as they find themselves today they have no al ternative. It is charity or starva

An interesting fact revealed by parts of the country are now per forming tasks once thought to be exclusively for Negroes. In South, where Negroes once peravailable fairly among all workers, formed all the domestic work for families that could afford to have servants, the jobs are being taken over systematically by white do-mestics. This has interfered seriously with families where the Ne gro woman had heretofore con-tributed substantially to the support of her children.

The South is not alone in the practice of supplanting Negroes with white domestics and commo nated execution of which would laborers, the report shows. Among lead to the rational equipment of the country and thus to a vitaliz-prevalent are Denver, Waterbury prevalent are Denver, Waterbury Augusta, Wilmington (Del.), Co-lumbus (Ga.), Springfield (Ill.) Wichita, Englewood, Montclair Orange, Plainfield, New York City White Plains, Camden, Cleveland and Youngstown.

Woollcott to Speak At Brooklyn Forum

Alexander Woollcott, famous dramatic critic who is appearing in one of the season's theatrical hits, "Brief Moment," will lecture under the auspices of the Brooklyn Forum in the Academy of Music, Sunday evening, on the subject of "Forgotten Utopia." The interest of Mr. Woollcott in the subject may be due to the fact that he was born in Phalanx, N. J., a "Utopia" that lives only in history. Harry Hansen will serve as chairman.

THE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE

Because of the holiday season the Because of the holiday season there will be no sessions of the People's Institute on the following dates: Dec. 25, 27 and 31. The first lecture in the New Year will be given by Dr. Richard McKeon in Cooper Union on Jan. 8 Dr. E. G. Spalding's course on the foundation of science and philosophy, will be resumed in the Muhlenberg branch library on Jan. 17.

BRONX FREE FELLOWSHIP

The program for the Bronx Fre The program for the Bronx Fre Fellowship for Sunday evening is a follows: at 8 p. m., Rev. Leon Rosse. Land will render an address, "Com-memoration Services for Great Amer-cans Who Died in 1931." At 9 p. m. Dr. William L. Sullivan will lecture in "The Fate of Civilization Accord-ing to Spenier."

Professor Alexander I. Kaun of the the Brooklyn Lafayette avenue

cent assessment on earnings or N. Y. Emergency Unemployment Conference Organizes to Carry On Year-Round Fight for Idle

WITH the election of perma- hearings at City Hall, at the State

for one year and less than two and be out addressing meetings on beshorter work week. The educawomen typos who are regularly employed on New York's newspapieces of literature. Hundreds of volunteers will be organized to gather signatures for the unemployment insurance petitions to impress Albany with the fact that this legislation is demanded by the workers of New York state.

The Conference will also see to it that large delegations go to

neighborhood of \$11. So by April of the favorable 4 to 1 referend last each employed newspaper type um vote, the officers said that to will have donated about \$500 for their minds, the result of this vote memployment relief. Have they was the "greatest example of true hared? At the same time the fraternalism displayed in the hisublishers have contributed noth- tory of the labor movement. It ing, but have criticized and have is the finest sales talk for our cam-requested a further contribution paign for union printing which of one per cent of their wages to starts January 1. On that date the Unemployment Emergency an Intensive drive will be inaug-Committee. In a communication to the mem-represented in the Allied Printing

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By Daniel W. Hoan

Mayor of Milwaukee

ETTERS come to me each day from city officials and others interested in municipal government asking in substance: "How does Milwaukee get that way?" "How do you manage to run a large industrial metropolis with a tax rate below the average of large U. S. cities, with million dollar balances in the bank, with an amortization fund, already exceeding \$3,000,000, which is designed ultimately to wipe out the city's bonded debt, with most of the departments converted from a non-cash to a cash basis, and with a record for administrative efficiency and socialized municipal services unequaled by any other city? How is all this possible when other large cities are floundering in a morass of corruption, struggling to extricate themselves from financial chaos, borrowing money to pay salaries, resorting to various emergency measures to stave off a virtual state of bankruptcy, gradually sinking deeper and deeper into the quagmire of debt? Why is it that many

Milwaukee property owners pay their taxes in advance and draw stroke of some magic wand. It 2 per cent interest on their money, while other cities, like Chicago, pation certificates?'

must be sought in Milwaukee's financial program. It was not put

has been made possible by gradual process extending over have difficulty in getting their period of twenty years. What people to pay even a part of their back taxes by buying 'tax anticiation certificates?""

The answer to these questions city—if it has the will to do so. The Socialist Role

Under present political manage-

Chicago and Philadelphia "Broke" and Graft-Ridden, While Socialist Party Meets Crisis they will not do so. The average public official elected by the old-line political parties simply has

not the character to withstand the rate and is driven by moral owardice to borrow, borrow, bor row to escape levying needed taxes which result in an ever increasing rise in the interest ex-pense of his government.

I do not believe that what has

accomplished in Milwaukee will be carried out in other cities without the leadership or driving force of a well-organized and well-disciplined party of workers as illustrated in the Socialist Party in Milwaukee. Such an organization demands not only effi-cient government: one that is free from graft, but one with an honest from gratt, but one with an nonest period. Let us say that we want as financial program. This is due in a large measure to only to the amount needed to make up the fact that this political group is loss and pay an interest rate of made up of workers and small 6 per cent on the loan. This interest payment would not only be workers, who want and demand vernment, but because of ownership they are ever desirous of improving government so as to demonstrate that it is an admirable proprietor.

While one or two of the meas ures hereafter discussed were initiated by our political opposition, these efforts would not have exerted, nor would they have been either successful or continuousiy sustained without the consistent support and the wide-spread sentiment for a new deal in government stirred up by the ialist Party.

The Borrowing Habit To simplify matters one must first understand the bad practices which prevail in order to appreciate the significance of reme-

owardice for public officials to ndulge in, and wrong for the peo

government continue to borrow borrow, borrow, thereby multiply-ing its interest expense, when honesty and prudence should require uire the levying of sufficient axes to meet a given expense. Let us illustrate this by pictur-

ing as an analogy a private business poorly managed. This is not unusual since all but 5 per cent of war with his pocketbook.

The trouble other desirable purposes rather than to be disbursed on the dead horse of public debt. all ventures in business are failures. Let us suppose we are oper-ating a hotel and discovered that in the hotel were worn and needed were much less than the ac-disbursements during toe a dead loss to the business but would only aggravate the problem by increasing the annual ciency.

practice. Suppose the 'best two nonths' business occurred during occurred during ruary. During this time a con-siderable surplus of cash was ac-cumulated. Assuming that we deposit this surplus money in the bank to draw but 2 per cent when we could by judicious investment buy short term U. S. bends or safe municipal securities earning 4 per cent interest. It is plain to see that the management of the hotel would lose in its annual receipts the difference between the 2 per cent and the 4 per cent rates of interest. It must be easy to understand that in the first example

projects of long life can not at an opportunity of increasing its ceived, 42 cents must be paid out present be wholly eliminated, it is revenue.

The Bankers' Position In the last example it will lose money which should be Every banker or stockearned. nity although profitable to the one-fourth of every dollar collect-bank. Still he makes no move to ed in taxes that can be used for

We will pass on to another problem. Imagine that the floors in October the receipts for the replacement about every 6 or 7 is let for the purpose. period. Let us say that we rushed hotel's receipts are not adequate to the bank and borrowed the to pay for this replacement, the amount needed to make up the manager slaps on a mortgage to mortgage every seven year period replacements must be made. Surely the normal mind can grasp ises as the case may be, will tractor to charge more or rapidly increase the loss to the higher for the to prove that such a private busithe road toward final bankruptcy. Such is the case with municipalities issuing bonds for recurring expenses such as the dredging of rivers, the laying of pave-ments and similar ones that should be paid for out of cash tax

receipts each year instead of out of bond issues which drive the city into debt and increase its interest charges. Milwaukee and New York Right here it may not be amiss to compare this budget item with time was kept low but the agony face every other large city.

to meet the debt obligation which comes due each year and to pay the growing interest expense. the City of Milwaukee, because of a different policy, only 18 cents holder in a bank knows that this out of each dollar collected in practice is indulged in universally taxes are used to retire bonds and by cities; that it is detrimental to meet interest charges. This is a the best interests of the commu- saving of 24 cents or virtually

by Aiding Jobless and With Big Surplus in Banks

horse of public debt Let us say that the hotel needs painting or the rehabilitation of years much as street pavement the manager issuing notes to the needs to be relaid. Since the contractor in payment for his work. Again would the interest burden increase. It is quite a universal practice for municipalities loss and pay an interest rate of pay for the alteration and adds a to issue such paper which is usuand, third and fourth, etc.. ally called certificates of indebted-tgage every seven year period ness bearing 6 per cent or more when the floors or other similar interest, in payment for work. Again the financial headache of the fact that the added interest poor financing not only adds to charges accumulated by such our interest burden but because of mortgaging or bonding the premthe poor credit induces the con work required. Further illustrations are

> ness must ultimately pass into pankruptcy and complete collapse Hypocrisy of Low Taxes the City of Milwaukee, prior

in all the practices above indi- the children; in brief, much the

Mayor Hoan, of Milwaukee

and Police Pension funds were placing our financial bo to 1910, such was the picture. The bankrupt to the tune of \$2,000, succeeding administration had 000; there were insufficient funds proclaimed that they favored more in the budget to operate the city; improvements and less taxation—
a hypocritical issue, to say the houses; bridges and streets were least. The government indulged in disrepair; no playgrounds for

We will discuss the p order. gram which at the end of a t ty-one year experience Milwaukee the best Milwaukee credit of all American citter. cussion throughout States and in many parts

Mayor Hoan's see will appear in The New next week.

dies. One of the principal curses the business will be piling up at least one other municipality. In the next article I shall outine the habit of borrowing. While trouble by increasing its interest the City of New York, for examthe issuance of bonds for major expense at the bank and losing ple, out of every tax dollar retrieved to the city was depleted. The Fire Socialist Administration to begin About the Seabury

Wholesale Corruption Exposed Leaves City Apathetic; Thomas Offers an

By Norman Thomas

as a special pleader for the Sea-bury investigation. It is true that rinally Judge Seabury has both I and the Socialist Party worked for a city-wide investigation. But in view of the known relations between Republicans and the Board of Standards and Ap Democrats we urged that the in- peals and other city agencies. vestigating committee should be Among them, as everybody knows tri-partisan with Socialist representation. Moreover even in urging an investigation we took exmere investigation and that the New York. old "good government" cry was quite inadequate even to give us good government in the narrow ventional sense.

Nevertheless we have watched sympathetically the honest and determined efforts of Judge Seabury, from the magistrates' in-quiry until now, to bring into the light the facts about the government of New York City Which everybody suspects but which most New Yorkers do not want to be compelled to admit. The reac tion of New Yorkers to such revelations as the Seabury investigation have produced is disap-pointing but not unexpected, for reasons that I shall shortly set forth. I want first to stress the nature of those revelations which have produced so little effect upon the heart and conscience of New

A Picture of New York

What has happened is this: The city now knows that its judiciary is in such a situation that seven judges resigned under fire or were removed, and one disappeared. There has been an immense traffic between the Vice Squad, a certain type of lawyer, and the women who are their victims. There is, as everybody knows, a well regufinancial relationship bethe bootlegging industry and the authorities: there is a tir who cannot explain the pleasant miracle by which their bank accounts grow in time of depression. This brigade is apparently so numerous that Judge Seabury thinks it has representatives in every de-partment. The Mayor of New York himself, according to reliareports, has certain explaining to do: and his private accountant remains mysteriously absent while key to the safe deposit box of that same accountant and the Mayor is in the hands of a gentleman who is the treasurer of the Mayor's favorite applicant for an immensely valuable bus franchise

Certain city employees have disappeared in the course of investigation and the chief engineer of the Dock Department was either murdered or committed suicide before he could testify publicly concerning conditions in a department

private committee. The actual ET me make it plain at the workers will doubtless be the same old political "boys" who will outset that I do not appear get \$10 worth of political subser-

able business that former many leader, Olvany, did clients who wanted favors from was none other than Col. Carring ton, later Republican can Borough President of Manhattan, rdinary pains to insist that a fact which helps to establish the York could be saved by no bi-partisan nature of misrule in bi-partisan nature of misrule in

The Trouble with Politics ently normally regarded as an

Finally Judge Seabury has proved the extraordinarily profit-

In short, whatever else Judge Seabury may uncover he has already given us a convincing and damning picture of a system under which public office is apparportinity for private plunder and but peculiar to the in these days single year political leaders work for their when the old acquisitive society is make the grepockets all the time. This situadigm of its own sickness. The mouth water.

Explanation and Suggests a Program tion is the more dangerous be- trouble with politics is not that it Hall lets its friends in on condem- turb a political organization which the indifference of great numbers cause the times require a steady increase in city functions and any proper program for making the rather that politics to some extent members of the bar and reputable than city the public servant is vitiated partakes of the corruption of a so- business men are beneficiaries.

part of the story is the general opinion which finds expression even in the newspapers that after all Seabury hasn't told us anything new or very important. There could be no more complete

out peculiar to life in the

by the lax standards—to put it mildly—of public officials, and the cynicism of the city. The saddest part of the story is the general part of the story is the sto

What I have said is anything but a complete justification for is a peculiarly corrupt thing in a live is in proceedings or good conworld of honest business but tracts, many times distinguished which on the whole takes no more ather that politics to some extent partakes of the corruption of a sobusiness men are beneficiaries. From them for keeping the masses collective society is hopeless. But quiet by a judicious mixture of the best way to awaken new ethical and favor. As for the exploited masses themselves often York or any other city in America to show that bad as things are in New York waste and graft cost the people less than waste and directors who use depositors monown misery. The district leader vestigation is, to give us facts. graft in business enterprises accounted reputable. In terms of fundamental ethics rather than lefiliates.

ey to buy securities which they is for them a potent power for Neither is it by a conventional good or evil. He is more accessifications and impersonal so called good government proproof of the extent to which the gality these New York politicians of capital can make a pretty good case that sm have poisoned our public life they have at least rendered as current economic ethics we have leader personally is likely to be know, as some newspaper editors What can we do about it? much if not more service than the first explanation of the indifference of New York to the Seapublic apathy? That will not do directors who grow rich but do bury revelations. Everybody's do-any rate, these masses of workers is Tammany's little brother. The much good unless we at least re-alize that what we are denouncing dents who without knowledge of is not a disease peculiar to politics stockholders or workers get in a degree contaminated by the gendays single year bonuses that would eral poison of these racketeering extortionate prices of privately bi-partisan, as I can testify from ety is make the greediest politician's standards of capitalism. Our own-the mouth water. When Tammany ing classes have no desire to dis-

than from the profits of politicians. | cans. look with at leas fear as hope at the S quiry. They are afrais Col. Carrington cases in ranks. They have no all to want Congress gate the prohibition New York and they reason to fear the printer investigation lest it be to upstate cities. Only closures forced the Rep jority in the legislatur gate at all, and most o ed the investigation wi in their heart that Jud would get Jimmie Wal Republican.

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Socialism And the Negroes-Prospects in Harlem

Ahead-A Prediction

eded.

By Arthur C. Parker DURING the October campaign for the city election in New York City I had the extreme pleasure of working with Comrades Crosswaith, Thomas, Brown, Porcialist bag of obstacles to cracked. Colored people in the United States have a very limited oped inferiority complex, and have fortunately,

The case for Socialism, casually esented, has no significance for most Negro workers. Only the class struggle dramatized and eloquently interpreted, reiteration and a concentrated program of ducation will solidly insert the keen wedge of reason between time to time which reflect opinion those two enslaving impostors of the group—environment and cus-

After conferences with several for the "common herd" but cirnationally known Socialists who, culate since to though hopeful of the progress to be made in Harlem, were obviously dubious. I confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and to the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and the confronted that is a daily guide for bankers and the confronted that the confro ationally known Socialists who, culate almost exclusively among which has many rumored and un-explained scandals to its discredit. which has many rumored and unxplained scandals to its discredit.

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politan New York City. I have just attended a meeting of Crosswaith's rejuvenated 19-21st A. D. received subsequent to November Socialist Party Branch, held in his 30 on the 1932 dues cards and figure of environment, lack of city a working man's essential home at 95 West 119th street,
Harlem. I was accorded the honor
and privilege of acting as chairtional nature was considered and fear erect nearly insurmountable

ing new members the enthusiastic period Frank R. Crosswaith presone interesting meetings but my gratification knew no bounds after built up their treasury to a figure discourse on fundamental Socialparticipating in and witnessing justifying a headquarters. So they ism, its aims and aspects. Intersome of the most stirring and in-spiring meetings ever presented to thankless contemporary society.

It is to be remembered that Harbefore the next meeting in early

Office suite on Seventh avenue, to longer suite on Seventh avenue, to longer thankless contemporary society.

The officers of the Branch are pleasure to see and the most determined men and women in the ling was most certainly the most the persons of Comrade Crosswaith, encouraging and gratifying. Too able organizer: Jane Morgan, a cultural background, suffer en well schooled, transplanted Eng-masse from an abnormally devel-lish Socialist, Recording Secreoped inferiority complex, and have been and still are the most economically insecure, dependent naomically insecure, dependent naSecretary; Roy Nichols, Harlem hostility, dis been and still are the made to be with a debilitating religion of Mrs. Alma Crosswaith, Mrs. Paulder and are prone to be more ine Williams, George Moralis and realize fully what a tremendous

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be equipped and ready for search before the next meeting in early Branch meetings I have had the lem, 95 per cent colored people, is January.

one of the hardest nuts in the SoThe officers of the Branch are pleasure to see and hear this meetmuch can not be said in praise of the purposeful zeal and devotion to a worthy cause of Comrade work in the face of opposition. al margin unemployed and nearly hostility, disinterest and ignorance all colored workers held canstantly hostility, disinterest and ignorance ardent convert, has saved the Socialist movement in Harlem.

Not many folks, even Socialists. labor. conservative than even the reactionary land-owning exploiters of Means Committee.

Twen Forand, House Ways and task it is to carry out the Socialist program of education with in these United States must live

Whether or not it is correct.

the majority opinion of Washington inclines to the belief that

governmental policies will tend toward Socialism during the next few years, but the social-

ization of governmental policy

will be evolutionary rather than

ing paragraph:

revolutionary."

But the most interesting information is contained in the follow-tion of State Socialism or State October, 1929

ber 16 carries a number of very influential men at Washington re-informing items. It forecasts "a alize that the old bunk of "indi-

A resolution was unanimously tangible results among colored have a right to live, and as they

Yet we know too that once the barriers are blasted, there are no people on earth who will remain more steadfast, more loyal, more consistently progressive than these colored people in Harlem and elsewhere who do need Socialism so

badly The American Negroes rank first among the exploited national grouns in the world. It is a known fact that even in the so-called prosperous times the masses of black men and women are con-stantly kept far below the subwhose courageous sistence level, a larger proportionat the gate of industry as an ever present threat to organized white

> Why? Because of color? No! but because these colored people

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The important thing, however.

ciety a working man's essential requirement is a job. Experience teaches us that general and proand charity, which, in turn, breed crime, disease, misery and death Heretofore owners of industry have arranged and perpetuated their unholy system of too few jobs to go around with workers leaping at each other's throats in their individual struggle to secure job and thus exist. and women, helpless and abused. are invariably used as the cat's paw in most of these labor dis-putes. Over this daily enacted ragedy the owners of industry. like great pot-bellied gargoyles, have grinned in satisfied derision. and like the greedy vultures hove battle, have gre increasingly fat on the mutilated carcases of working men who are

Harlem suffers like all other Negro communities; sweltering, freezing, starving and inarticulate; feast of Tammany, yet hesitate to concessions to the working masses such as unemployment insurance. old age pensions, etc., possibly crui with "jokers" that will make such ing.

Mid all this pain, docility, bru- cisted his words. rion voice of Socialism is heard is that the new policy would mean the ditching of a large cargo of throat of Frank Crosswaith. The and John Hermansen, a member save in a proper program. Tammany deliberately prostituted the relief of the poor to the informing items. It forecasts "a number of very large and others, grew and capitalism in Oneal and others, grew a that has sustained capitalism in Oneal and others, grew until 68 sents 6,000 anthracite miners fore about the Seabu the past and an important admission that the "New Capitalism" is print its articles and over 100,000 represented by 60 delegates at the of the Socialist Part

In labor disputes in Harlem one finds Crosswaith and his aides lecturing in defense of organized la-bor from the Socialist platform and although this is not the usual procedure with Unionists it is as it should be. The cause of organlonged unemployment brings about ized labor and the cause of So-evictions, starvation, bread lines cialism are one and the same and should never be divorced.

The answer to the conics of quisition at all cost is the eth should never be divorced.

Harlem, like the rest of the world, is slowly, painfully awakening. Editorials in conservative ening. Editorials in conservative ening. Editorials in conservative is municipal Socialism. Men colored newspapers are beginning cease to sell their political in to consider the Socialist plan and the trend of comments and news when they have faith that to consider the Socialist plan and rity for mean favors or petty the trend of comments and news interpretations is gradually assuming a deep pink hue. Large colored organizations are asking for order organizations are asking for than what any district leader of the control of cooperative independent political do as a matter of charity. T action without Republican and

Democratic dominance. A challenge is hurled at the Soalist party. Make Harlem Socialist!

black and white, Democrat and Republican leaders alike, selling Conference, have been held in Lugree are functions he futures of their children for zerne, Old Forge and Hanover, Pa. their immediate individual creature comforts. Harlemites, dissature comforts. Harlemites, dissature comforts was Carlo Tresca, well known city planning and city in issied with the crumbs and bones Italian labor leader and editor. tossed them from the buccaneers' Despite the two deputy sheriffs who were in attendance at all look up and live for fear the meetings, he made a fiery speech ployment save in intel crumbs will no longer be forthcoming.

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is no hope for New York as the is no hope for the world save in social order which will match the demand of an interdependent ma chine age for intelligent coope Anthracite Miners
Back Mooney Drive
WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—(FP)—
Three mass meetings, arranged by the Anthracite Free Tom Mooney justice, these to a very larger are functions of the control o Already in our city what There is no hope of escap bus workers who now

> There is no deliver bitter crusts of privat

"Old Man Rivera"

IEGO RIVERA, the Mexican artist, who has put the colorful life of his people into glowing t, is in the United States and many of his heat ures are on view at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Old Man Rivera, he just goes painting along, as friend of mine remarked after looking at several les of his murals. But just the same these vibrant pigments with which he delineates the rise of the peon through the revolution have about them a thrill which is memorable. Rivera is a 100 per cent rebel and his hatred of capitalism flames through

When he first came to New York he was urged to paint a mural of the city's life. He was taken to night clubs, up and down Broadway in the theatre district and put through the usual distinguished visitor's stunts. Finally he said that he had seen rough and went to work to set down his impres-ions. The result is a stunning freco, most disturb-to the respectables and not at all what some of Rivera's guides expected. There are three panels in the painting. The first shows a safe deposit vault financial district. Barred windows give the effect of a great jail and the entire scene is inated by the money pattern. Then there is a view of skyscrapers, very beautiful in the sunlight, but em in the center panel there of countless men asleep in the Municipal Lodging House.

And that is the veritable New York, Wall street its grim and sinister shadows over the lives all of us here whether or not we are conscious it. Such beauty as we have created is marred the human misery which is the price we pay for maintaining the fantastic system of an outworn capitalism. You did the job well, Rivera. I wish that like our well-known Mayor are forever making Babbitt brag about our great wealth and size and so weiter, could be tied up in front of Rivera's painting until its full significance penetrated what they ironically call their minds.

I am in receipt of a perfectly grand Christmas present in the share of an envelope of catnip.

Thanks to the generosity of a Washington friend nd comrade, Yipsel and Lucifer will get a good catnip bun, on for Christmas. I do hope, however, will take it in their stride and not go ad afterwards depressed by the sense of sin which invariably assails their master after such

sense of sin is undoubtedly a good thing to around. I have mentioned before the fact that ve one of the most active senses of sin there The only difficulty is that mine does not fund a at the right time. It is always anti-climactic. I could only arrange to have it work ahead of I would be a better and a wiser man. But I ar that I shall go to my unwept grave in much he same mood as the farmer who said: "I'm on way to Portland to get drunk, and gosh how I

I spent an hour at a newsreel picture show the er day and was rejoiced to note the stony silence h which the frequent appearances of President over were greeted. And this in spite of the fact everything possible was done by those who k the pictures the pictures to make glad whoopee. There was all showing the unbelievable Fess telling Hoover a great guy he was while everybody stood nd applauding. When Fess had chucked his last quet and gone away from the microphone there an embarrassed pause. Hoover just stood there comic fat boy in school looking dumbly ut him. Finally a man next to him almost gred him to the mike, saying, "Go ahead and something, you've got to acknowledge such a ting." The President looked very miserable ittered something about the fact that all the rican people are undoubtedly back of him and ent away from there to more applause by the Old ard but none at all from the theatre audience the American people are back of Mr. Hoover by are certainly keeping it a secret.

With all that, I have no doubt that he can be easily elected again. There will be all sorts of Re publican jaw about not swapping horses while you are in mid-stream and then they will drag out the old machinery of mass fear producition which never as to fail. The argument will be, of course, that no other party but the G. O. P. can see this country cessfully through such a crisis as the one we are in. If things seem to be a bit depressed now, think what they would be like, if Hoover were There wouldn't be any great stabilizing n the White House to keep us all steady.

as this sounds, I am willing to bet my next of socks that just such arguments will be preed in the next campaign by every Republican unk artist.

have an interesting communication from a comrade in Georgia enclosing an outline of a five-day plan which would tax out of existence all incomes above \$50,000 and put a 100 per cent tax on inheritances above \$100,000 to each dependent. The author of the plan says, "It is as brief in outline and swift in action as violent revolution—yet it is as peaceful and law-abiding as the Ten Commandments." It is all of that and if it were put into effect the world would be as different as it would be if we all started to take the Ten Commandments seriously. I doubt, however, if any one in the Supreme Court who had an interest in holding his job would subscribe to the optimistic statement that the plan is "law-abiding." When the judges had recovered from the appoplexy which would surely hit them, after they got the full implications of the plan, they would think up some ten thousand and more reasons why it was the most illegal thing ever heard of. However, the sponsor of the plan knows that nothing short of the success of a revolutionary party could make it come

was terribly disappointed that the swell show of Paul and Claire Sifton, produced by the Group eatre had such a short run. I didn't get a chance to see the play acted, but I read it in manuscript and in my opinion it was a good, smashing piece of purse the theme of unemployment with ich it dealt is not the jolliest thing in the world. exple who say they go to the theatre for entertaint and nothing else, wouldn't cheer for this sort lay. But then there are various ways of being ined and the Siftons believe and so do I, that tamment may spring from ideas concerned the social scene. Must we go on forever watchne neglected wife in love with the idle roomer, hubby is out with the stenographer? Is the re too weak at present to stand a diet of red at? Perhaps Joe Shipley knows the answer, but fees it has me stumped. I'm sure that brains will sooner or later find an audience. I hope ot too set back by the apparent failure show and will go ahead and give us a good as "1931—." Here's wishing you ood as "1931—." Here's aul and Claire, go to it.

McAlister Coleman.

From Our Foreign Correspondent

Labor in Opposition British

Greatly Reduced Delegation Meets Difficulties in House of Commons; Ramsay MacDonald's Unhappy Position

By Fred Henderson LONDON.

far as the surface appearance of things is concerned, threw all our previously established party alignents in British politics into confusion. It now begins to be possible, though still only in a quite provisional way, to get indications of how far this upheaval in the Parliamentary situation represents new permanent situation in re-

figures, due mainly to the two years' farce of a Labor Govern-ment hanging on to office with no ower to bring Labor policy home to the nation's understanding as

new situation such as would have been created if that wastage had been in any real degree measurable by our Parliamentary losses. In the moment wastage had been in any real degree measurable by our Parliamentary losses. In the moment wastage had been in any real degree measurable by our Parliamentary losses. The National of a general tariff policy.

In these circumstances, Contact of the restraint; odds financial collapse; and a renewed feeling of deep alarm and sense of insecurity is beginning to manifest in the Government in t

Inside the House

Inside Parliament, however, the our recovery. T IS now a little over a month position is very different. When since the General Election, so a Party which provides the Govposition is very different. When ernment and very nearly an effective majority in one Parliament, suddenly finds itself reduced in the next Parliament to a tiny group, with practically all its leading spokesmen and men with ad-ministrative experience cleared out of it-reduced not only in numbers, but also in character back-bench group only-the effect national thought and the cannot be anything but stunning oblitical forces outside Parliament.
That there was a real movement of disillusionment with Labor has, it must be quite frankly admitted, revealed a very real dantities. It is quite apparent that the Parliamentary group will take some time to shape effectively for the tremendous task imposed upon them. In the main the to the nation's understanding as impression they have made so far the capacity of such a coalition to have to letter a reality in legislation. That this electoral tendency, which in any case would have told against Labor on this occasion, was enormal to the capacity of such a coalition to have made so far the capacity of such a coalition to have ma mously assisted, so far as the capture of Parliamentary seats went, by the complete combination against us of the anti-Socialist against us of the anti-Socialist of the anti-Socialist of the country, and lead to an impression of Labor ineffective.

There is a marked to course, a majority in parliament for his new anti-Socialist coalition; but what he did in the House itself, are beginning in the House itself, are beginning in the House itself, are beginning or to talk of the folly of their party similar panic is rising, but similar panic is rising, but time not raised by political expensions. mously assisted, so far as the there is a marked recovery from hese two factors, in their combined effect, have given us a new Parliament in which the loss of Labor representation is a most ludicrous exaggeration of the actual loss of Labor strength in the country. Our loss of election support, though substantial and regrettable, was the merest trifle compared with our loss of Parliamentary representation.

ness in opposition as harmful as the previous impression of Labor in eptitude in office. The real task of alert opposition has, in fact, fallen to Maxton and the three or four I. L. P. members with him; and what would have happened in the House without them it is not pleasant to contemplate. Over and over again, when effective representation.

ness in opposition as harmful as the previous impression of Labor in eptitude in office. The real task self on their own account. And known, they could have won for themselves; and a steadily increasing measure; an absolute Parliamentary majority of Conservatives in greature is being exercised for making the Conservative majority of making the Conservative majority of making the Conservative ends. How far MacDonald and the Library majority of their party in fighting under MacDonald an election which had they only that is what the General Election that is what the General Election that is what the General Election measure; an absolute Parliamentary majority of Conservatives with their hands tied from putations, but by the grim factor of themselves; and a steadily increasing measure is being exercised for making the Conservative majority of Conservatives with their hands tied from putations, but by the grim factor of themselves; and a steadily increasing measure; an absolute Parliamentary majority of Conservatives with their hands tied from putations, but by the grim factor of themselves; and a steadily increasing measure is being exercised for making the Conservative making the factor of the follows which had they only the given of their party in fighting under MacDonald an election which had they only for themselves; and a steadil

with our loss of Parilamentary representation.

In that respect, therefore, the upheaval in Parliament cannot be taken as the measure of a new situation in regard to the political forces outside Parliament. And quite the most hopeful factor in the shaping of things during the month since the General Election has been the cumulative evidence which reaches us from all parts of the country of the steadfastness of our organization and the way and over again, when effective points of criticism against the new constances in a function in regard to the political forces outside Parliament. And table the most hopeful factor in the shaping of things during the month since the General Election has been the cumulative evidence which reaches us from all parts of the country of the steadfastness of our organization and the way and over again, when effective points of criticism against the new constances in a feet by the fact of their having feet by the fact of their having fought in a coalition with Liberals and being under pledges to use their electoral success for "national" purposes only and not for party. They are now discovering that what is meant by a National Policy in the section with Liberals and being under pledges to use their electoral success for "national" purposes only and not for party. They are now discovering that what is meant by a National Policy in the section with Liberals and being under pledges to use their electoral success for "national" purposes only and not for party. They are now discovering that is meant by a National Policy in the fact of their having fought in a coalition with Liberals and being under pledges to use their electoral success for "national" purposes only and not for party. They are now discovering that what is meant by a National Policy in the fact of their having fought in a coalition with Liberals and being under pledges to use their electoral success for "national" purposes only and not for party. They are now discovering that what is meant by a National Policy in the effect b

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It is, however, when we turn to an examination of the new Government and the huge amorphous unmanageable majority swept into the House by the General Election, that one finds the most pronounced instability. And this, surely, raises not merely a question as to the present British political position, but a question of great international interest to all Socialists. For we have all been assuming that sooner or later, in every country in which our rise to power has come near enough to the reality of power, our opponents would forget their own minor party differences and close their ranks against us in a consolidated de-fense of the capitalist position. That is the political situation which has actually come to pass in Britain at this Election; and impression they have made so far the capacity of such a coalition to

There are already the clearest

which reaches us from all parts of the country of the steadfastness of our organization and the way in which the solid core of our national strength remains unbroken. So far as Labor is concerned, while our force has undoubtedly suffered a certain wastage, there is nothing whatever in the nature of a consenting parties as well as them selves. This policy has so far not been presented in any constructive form; but a month of the new great responsibility thrust upon a small group of men accustomed to show that what it means in practice is Conservatism restrained and mutilated as far as the Libiton inside Parliament that our can exercise the restraint; odds financial collapse; and a renewed to financial collapse; and a renewed the secondary of the stead of the country of the stead factness occasions. One has to make the selves. This policy has so far not the belief that we were in national the been presented in any constructive form; but a month of the new parliament has been sufficient to show that what it means in practice is Conservatism restrained and mutilated as far as the Libitor in side Parliament that our can be found to the solves. This policy has so far not the belief that we were in national the being that the belief that we were in national the being that the belief that we were in attentions at the belief that we were in national form; but a month of the new parliament has been sufficient to show that what it means in practice is Conservatism restrained and mutilated as far as the Libitor in the belief that we were in national the belief that we were in attentional force of a matchen.

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mained unperturbed during that last hysteria; and who can be relied on to pursue their Socialist purposes steadily through what-ever fresh disorders of the national mentality the developing collanse of capitalism may It is in this solid strength of purpose in the Labor movement that the British situation has its core

The Chatterbox

A Christmas Thought

Across the years I hear the cry Of human agony and pain; The stifled voices, broken hearts, And lives which come and went in vain

The marching throng of derelicts, Of pallid face and sunken eye; The starving and the unappeased, The weak who could not even cry .

Who always silent suffered on, Who toiled and bled from earliest youth Until the day that they passed on . . .

And still they come The hungry mob,
The disinherited since birth; To plague us with the paradox Of man's good-will And Peace on Earth

nd shout me down for having allowed such a contribution as the foregoing to dull the edge of your ga-ga gaiety. And you can have a sniff and a grunt for your efforts, from me at least.

Most every season, the muse impels some sort of an ode or sonnet consonant with the meaning of the time. This Christmas in America leaves me too aghast with terror and disgust to put any thoughts to the music of a poem.

Terror there surely is, as the dread of tomorrow

True, the stores for poor folks and rich are shadow of destit

All the while stacks throughout the land stand like blasted tree trunks against the bleak skies, industry push thousands upon thousands of old, skilled workers out upon the streets and into the

The warehouses are crammed with foodstuffs. with cotton and wool, with building materials, with the stuffs of human need and comfort. And there is hunger, homelessness, shivering and despair on all sides, from the very ones who sowed, harvested, gathered and created with their labor all this sur plus . . . And madder still, the misery that stalks this land is the creature of a scheme wherein the sufferers are doomed for having created too m

All the while well-fed law makers and pot-bellied politicians gather in solemn meeting and make curious sounds, speeches and abracadabra. Much fury and no substance of any sort. Pots boil and brew with political potions, and much magical drool is droned by witch-doctors, economists, college professors and editors. Bankers cry about internation debts, savings banks weep for weak railroad stocks and bonds, coupon clippers, and vested "widows"

distraction everywhere. Xmas will be merry only when all this amelly mess

dull the glow of happiness for so many pe

I will say to you, as Gene Debs taught me to say, yes, as even a Jew out of Nazareth taught me to say . . . as long as there is hunger in this land, I am hungry, as long as there is destitution in this life, I am destitute, as long as men are slaves of

Can you shut out of your eyes the tents and huts that shiver in the winter winds on the hills of West Virginia, where forty thousand men, w and children are actually starving to death? Cas you hold one bite of your Christmas goose turkey within your inners comfortably with that awful sight before your consciousness? Can you buy a toy or a warm coat for any of your loved ones and give it with full graciousness while the touch of cold thin spavined fingers of miners babes is on your generous hand . . .? Or are you as calloused to the sense of physical feeling as you are

Christian men and women, glad of the birth of your Savior in this hour . . . have your joyousness if you may . . . if you are so set on your selfish indulgences . . . on your charity that begins and ends by your comfortable firesides . . . But this I tell you, that the Christ is not with you tonight of all nights. He will be found on the breadlines and in the hills where the miners languish in pain, on the tenant farms, where poverty sits before the cold hearths and wheedles horribly . . , in millions of flats and hovels where there is no work for the almost-maddened breadwinners . . . And if I remember rightly, he carried a lash with him that he used on the money changers. If I can recall he was alo to wrath, but once it arose within him, it was wild and infectious.

Class hatred! I say God help the rich if ever the day abould come when the workers hate them hundredth part as much as they hate the wor-men on whom they live.—Jerome K. Jerome,

isalism, in short-gradualism.

A survey of the history of both movements persuades me to the conclusion that it is inaccurate to ascribe the accomplishments of German Social Democracy to its Marxist background and the defects of the Labor party to Democracy to its Marxist background and the defects of the Labor party to its non-Marxian gradualistic philosophy. The adjective "Marxist" is a convenient descriptive term but there has not as yet been any evidence of virtues peculiar to it. More precisely—in the sphere of social and industrial strife the spirit and not necessarily the letter of Marxism—the accontiuation of the class struggle in a relentiess fight for Socialism in our times—the most deperate times in the next issue.

I say to those militants (?) who are the most deperate times in the next issue.

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has been little influenced by Marxism. If by Marxism we mean the translation into the political and in-

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When that ignorant article appeared in the Labor World some weeks ago attacking Norman Thomas and the Socialist party I informed Julius Gerber and the man in charge of the speakers that my services had ended Promptly, however, the union officials disclaimed responsibility for this Promptly, however, the union officials disclaimed responsibility for this paper's policy and were themselves incensed and a satisfactory retraction and apology appeared conspicuously in the next issue.

I say to those militants (?) who would expel me from the Socialist party that they should first learn their Socialist A B C's before they propose to expel any member for serving the cause of striking workers on the

members of his own organization present.

It is a sad commentory on the leadership of the party that it does not foster just these types of activities, that outside of campaign time we are hardly heard of. Surely the Socialist party has greater resources than the Communists. If our vote is any indication of our strength we should be many times more active than the Communists, and yet, time and again, we find them in surprising strength in the strike areas, on the picket lines and arranging worker demonstrations, we find their newspaper being sold daily on the streets and subways, even at our affairs, in other words we find them active in the very fields where we could be much more effective than they are. If the Socialist party is to get the sympathy and support of the workers of America it must cease to a resolutionary body and get to work on the battle front, not only just before an election, but throughout the year.

New York City. AMICUS MOST.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

Editor, The New Leader:

While much has been written about the various phases of unemployment. I have never yet seen anything mentioned with regards to the social cost of unemployment.

A state of affairs such as we are now living through it bound to leave a trail of disease and crime that will take years to eradicate. Due to improper housing and mainutrition a great number of people will contract lingering diseases such as tuberculosis which takes years to cure and requires the upkeep of hospitals and sanatoriums, the cost of this is a social cost and is borne by the community as a whole.

Crime, another result of hard times, requires Judges, police, courts and lails, the cost of which is also borne by the community. The question now arises, why should the community be to many a proper was a whole.

Editor, The New Leader:

I have received an invitation from the Yorkville Scotl st Pinochle and Pleasure Club to help fill its dwindling in East 84th street. My reputation as a series to far and wide as a result of Comrade McDowell's appear to Comrade McDowell's expected. Though I have never acquired even an amateur's knowledge of pinochle. Of course, poker, at which I beat all of my lady friends with unchanger and the proper with what took place at the Eden conference. I hope Comrade McDowell's resctions to the rest of the Eden conference are based on more accurate observations.

All, all the Saragossa herd

DAVID IRVING DOBSON.

Come on, you Pollyanna shouters of Xmas cheer,

hangs with Medusa's thousand heads of horror be-fore the sight of forty million souls. Christ, right before your eyes, hearts and hopes are turni stone. There must be something in that legend of Perseus and his deeds. There is hell afoot in every part of the globe, save Russia, dare I say.

But who can look so far across the seas, when there is such grief-strewn panorama within the range of even our own weak vision?

thronged with dizzy purchasers. Fur coats and penny baubles are bought and carried away. Some of us have jobs, incomes, and a little reserve. But behind this scene of scurrying glitter and seeming affluence, hangs the huge black tion in ten million homes tonight.

Cain walks the earth while Abel bleeds to death. And in the hearts of the rest of us comes forth the answer . . . "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Four mannikins sit around a table playing bridge Millions of Americans follow each card and point breathlessly. A coach resigns from football teaching in a college, and half a million students in American universities spew, and sputter and fume over can universities spew, and sputter the ills and good of pigskin activities. A bootlegging the ills and good of pigskin activities. A bootlegging racketeer is acquitted in court, and is found ex-ecuted by the higher court of gangdom the next morning, and in twenty million homes and hovels

gossip and argument run amuck. lifeless, grim and desolate. All the while, shop after shop discharges wage-slaves until better times show up. All the while machinery, owned by profit-mad

charity offices . .

bemoan the insecurity of their investments, busi-ness men see their companies creeping nearer and nearer to the bankruptcy court, and there is great

Merry Xmas... sure if only the Uriah Heep of Capitalism were deader than the doornail. Merry and ever. Until then, Christmas means nothing to any of us. Until then there is nothing for which to light up the tree or to burn the Yule log. ... And like the tinsel and tawdry tit-bits of color we use for decorations, everything is illusion and sham.
You will say to me . . . fool, misanthrope, noise

in the wilderness . . . can't you see that the people do not heed your growling . . . you are a baying dog . . . a yelping mongrel, better. . . Why try to Let those who can be happy on this day of all days enjoy themselves fully . . .

fear. I walk enchained to terror.

to social conscience?

Maybe, now the day of reckoning for the meek is near to hand.

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a scene from "Zwei Menschen," (Two Souls") the new German lm at the Little Carnegie which has been well received by the press.

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Richard Cromwell and Joan

Marsh in a scene from "Maker of Men," the new football pic-

rah Minnevitch and his gang

re on the stage plus a new Fanchon and Marco Revue.

ture at the Fox Theatre.

GOOD IN ANY SEASON
"SPRINGTIME FOR HENRY." By On Fox B'klyn Screen

Benn W. Levy. At the Bijou. Spring is the season of inno-cence, of fresh starts, of bubbling of much merry nonsense by, of much merry nonsense.
Henry Dewlip finds all of these
things, borne on the zephyrous
smile of Andromache Smith. Her
name is not really Andromache;
that's the name Perseus gives her
—Perseus Brown, who saves her,
us the old hero rescued the legendary maid: "And they called the
place Clytemnestra, and it has been

place Clytemnestra, and it has been wn by that name ever since. Her real name is Angela, but it's all one: for she brings purity into the hearts of her swain—her swains, that is—for three months. "How He Lied to Her Husband' taught Mr. Levy the way out; but the whimsy, he has gathered with the leprechauns at dew-rise; even Jelliwell and his wife get along together only when they're

apart.
Leslie Banks has no business being the son of England's richest motor-man, for he turns out to motor-man, for he turns out to have a great head for business, to the disappointment of the man who had pinched his posterior in the later work of Isadore Duncan. There is no question, however, but that Mary Wigman has, in the first place, given her insuch a mode as development from such a mode as marked the later work of Isadore Duncan. There is no question, however, but that Mary Wigman has, in the first place, given her insurance of ordinary movement of the man who had pinched his posterior in the later work of Isadore Duncan. There is no question, however, but that Mary Wigman has, in the first place, given her insurance of the man who had pinched his posterior in the later work of Isadore Duncan. There is no question, however, but that Mary Wigman has, in the first place, given her insurance of the man who had pinched his posterior in the later work of Isadore Duncan. There is no question, however, but that Mary Wigman has, in the first place given her insurance of the man who had pinched his posterior in the later work of Isadore Duncan. There is no question, however, but that Mary Wigman has, in the first place given her insurance of the man who had pinched his posterior in the later work of Isadore Duncan. There is no question, however, but that Mary Wigman has, in the first place given her insurance of the man who had pinched his posterior in the later work of Isadore Duncan. "Springtime for Henry" very soon, I shall by then have returned to it alf a dozen times.

MARY WIGMAN'S VALUE Those who declare that Mary Wigman has inaugurated a new of dancing have not properly idered her relationship to and

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"MAKER OF MEN"

"Of Thee I Sing," Sam Harris' New Musical, Opens Tonight at the Music Box Theatre

"Of Thee I Sing," the new musical comedy which pokes fun at American politics and which has been delighting Boston for the last two weeks, begins its New York engagement at the Music Box to night under the direction of Sam H. Harris. George S. Kaufman and Morris Ryskind have written the book and the music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin. It is generally known by this

time that the principal characters in the new piece are the President of the United States, the First Lady of the Land and the Vice-President, played by William Gax-ton, Lois Moran and Victor Moore, respectively. There are scenes in the White House and in the United States Senate. Every conceivable phase of political activity is broad ly travestied.
Others importantly concerned in

the festivities will be Grace Brinkley, Dudley Clements, June O'Dea, George Murphy, Florenz Ames, Ed-ward H. Robins, Ralph Riggs, George E. Mack, Sam Mann, Les lie Bingham and Harold Moffet.

Fine Stage and Screen Fare at the Hipp; May Wirth Tops Vaude Bill; Frankenstein" Screen

In addition to "Frankenstein," tional inducement.

The stage show includes May Wirth, last of the circus in her comedy riding skit; Nell Kelly, Broadway's little red haired madcap; the 12 Blue Moon Girls with Bobby Tremaine; Paul Mall, the Pittsburgh eskimo; Bobby Barry, funmaker; Jerome and Marsh, youthful entertainers; the Wileys. rialists, and the Four Ortons

who perform on a taut wire.

Ten acts and "Frankenstein"
will be presented at the Hippodrome's midnight show, "Thursday,
New Year's Eve, at 11:30 P. M.

picture quality, the mimicking or knows just how to make everything right, and Dewilp's mother
will spend no more nights in gaol.
Fortunately, Mrs. Jelliwell is a

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dance. The true dance suggests
dance. The true dance suggests Fortunately, Mrs. Jehnwelt is place, by her personality and fiery dance. The true dance suggests resambles baggage, handy to caress; and what man of property heeds the proprieties? Whimsy is a weapon that pricks only the sapid; the saphead has other concerns. "Springtime for Henry" is measured by her work.

The true dance suggests motion, not specific motions, in the spectator; it evokes a mood, not a scene. This Mary Wigman kny Wigman fait eole. After her—even now—other dancers are measured by her work. At her recital last Sunday Mary Wigman repeated the dance should not be a mere interpretation of a multiple of the surprise. If I have not mentioned Frieda Inescourt, nor more than alluded to Nigel Bruce, it is because the tangential approach to excellency is the avected way and won great enthusiasm from concession to the expectation of excellency is the sweetest way home (Home is the place we return to, after all). And if you don't see the dances of Mary Wigman—as dances, apart from the surety of her renderings. They are definitely plastic, as opposed to the older lyric modes; yet they avoid the

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The cast of fifty includes Edgar Stehli, Alice Reinheart, Edward Leiter, Max Figman, Herbert Karloff, John Boles and Fredric Corthell, Lotta Linthicum, Hugh Cameron, Stella Unger, Willard end of the medical student who Dashiell, William Roselle, Jules in these modern times of medical Epailly, William Roselle and James surgery and electrical science cre-Melaidy. The special "telescope" ated scenery was designed by Ward brought to life was to become his downfall. and Harvey, costumes by Bianca Stroock. The play was staged by the author.

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"Frankenstein" Moves Carola Goya's Only Spanish Dance Recital "Frankenstein" is continuing its Of Year Sunday Night

fourth record-breaking week on Broadway, having moved into the Carola Goya, following a highly Bert Wheeler, Woolsey Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" successful coast to coast tour, is scheduled to give her only New York recital of Spanish Dances at Vanderbilt Theatre Tuesday evening, December 29th. Charles K. Gordon adapted the up-to-date comedy from a German story by the direction, and greatly so to the brilliant work of Boris Karloff Corner Evensely and the plot as the monster.

York recital of Spanish Dances at the Morosco Theatre next Sunday evening, December 27, at 8:45 sharp. Assisting artists will be Beatrice Burford, harpist, and Isia Seligman, pianist. James Whale, director of "Jour

in Reno as cut rate divorce law-Miss Goya's program of twelve yers in Radio Pictures latest comnumbers will include four that are new to this city—the dancer's own interpretations of the Malaguena of Lecuona and of the Zambra Granadina of Albanez Granadina of Albanez

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HIDGETCH, Conn.—A poll of the
ents of Wesleyan University here
v 91 per cent opposed to the
pulsary R. O. T. C.

California

for Tom Mooney jammed the temple. William Busick pre-br. E. P. Ryland, Rev. Fred Illinois

Iowa

CE.—The Club for Social-the state university is series of lectures on mry Werner of Liver-talked on "Fabianism." ok spoke last week on unism of Trotaky." Hero 313 Massachusetts avenue,

Michigan cat three meals dail tekly cost of \$4.00. The club is Leonard L. Rim-lefferson street.

Oklahoma

nnsylvania

JRG.—A new local has med in Lykens, Dauphin is a hard coal outpost, in this county by the

Texas

The state conference, held an Thomas was here on ag tour, made plans to put rganizer in the field. Texas should get in touch with Taylor, state secretary, 2442 street, Dallas.

ON.—Over 3.000 persons at a applauded Norman Thombertaning, to end as he at-

appliated Norman Thom-periming to end as he at-apitalism for its periodic is and outlined the Socialist P. Lorens Petersen, local 1217 Dalias avenue, reports se in membership and a see in interest and demand

Oregon

ATTIX.—With the assistance of one other Seattle Local, Local satily, Seattle Local has underthe somewhat pretentious task organising the Western Slope of tate of Washington. We have test the services of the well known miversally liked Comrade, W. R. This is the first time there an an organizer in this district the death of Emil Herman. Snow wing, himself well fitted for the He goes before Labor Unions. It workers of the World, Open as, and meetings of the Unemi Citizens' League, of which latter is a fairly good working oration in the city of Seattle. Reports of his lectures are highly sat-

"Social Evening" held by Local
at Party Headquarters. on
Dec. 11th, was an unqualified
The attendance, program,
treshments were good. Speakre Snow and John M. Collins.
These were followed by
timprograms, speech from I. F. go. These were followed by mpromptu speech from I. F. whom some of the "old timremember as the "Band on the famous Red Special Trese" Social Evenings" are institution; the second Frimonth. Comrades in and

Hezekiah D. Wilcox, Veteran N. Y. Socialist, Passes Away in Elmira at the Age of 76

The state has passed away with the decease of Hezekiah D. Wilcox,

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

ELMIRA, N. Y.—Another ploCounty, Pennsylvania, he was engaged in the teaching profession from the ages of 17 to 20. In

1875 he removed to Elmira where the studied law in the office of decease of Hezekiah D. Wilcox, Friday, Dec. 18th. Mr. Wilcox, Who attained the ripe age of 76 years and who practiced law in Sociates of the bar. His associates of the bar held a meeting at to many conventions of the law to many conventions of the law in the office of Gabriel L. Smith, and in 1879 he was admitted to the bar. His associates of the bar held a meeting at the Cheming Courty Court House on last Monday afternoon for the purpose of honoring his our South - Seattle Elmira for 52 years, was a delective-New Locals in gate to many conventions of the Socialist party, both state and namemory. Mr. Wilcox is survived memory. Mr. Wilcox is survived memory. tional. He was many times hon-ored by a place on the state tick-by his wife, the former Miss Kathtional. He was many times not memory. Mr. Whom is survived by a place on the state tick-by his wife, the former Miss Kathet of the party. In 1922 and 1926 he was its choice for Attorney Ray Marvin Wilcox, residing at 1928 he was 1828 General, and in 1927 and 1928 he Tenafly, New Jersey. was candidate for Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals.

The State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, at its meet-Mr. Wilcox, although of natural-ly retiring disposition, was an in-defatigable worker for the cause soldier of the Cooperative Comof Socialism. As a lawyer Mr. monwealth who served the cause Wilcox enjoyed the highest repu- of Socialism so long and well.

Save January 20

Socialist Party branches and

friendly organizations are re-quested not to arrange any-

thing for Wednesday, January 20, or during that week,

as the Finance Committee or the Party is arranging a the-atre party for that date.

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MANHATTAN

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The widespread Socialist sympathy in the state is now being crystalized through the activities of J. H. Higgins, state secretary, with the active cooperation of Organizers Amicus Most and Murray Baron. Three promising locals have aiready been formed at well attended meetings in Charleston, Star City and Fairmont. Charlers were granted, officers elected and a program of activities planned at these locals. Meetings are being planned throughout the state to form locals. Sympathizers and members are urged to arrange such meetings, and to get in touch with Comrade Higgins at Star City.

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Comrades Most and Baron are also holding a series of meetings at mining camps. Such meetings have already been held at Whitestone and Ward. Others are arranged for Hughston. Dry Branch. Eksdale, Blakely and Gallagher. The officers of the new locals are as follows: Charleston: Organizer, M. Kornstein; fifhancial secretary, George Glass; secretary, C. L. Gordon; with fifteen members. Fairmont: Organizer, J. H. Snider; financial secretary, Fred Billinsley; secretary, H. L. Franklin; membership 22. Star City: Organizer, J. F. Higgins; membership 9.

Connecticut

The state executive committee will hold its December meeting Sunday, Dec. 27, at the Workmen's Orcie Educational Centeer, 72 Legion avenue, New Haven. The important business will be the report of the state organizer and special organizer on activities during the past month.

NEW HAVEN.—The League for Industrial Democracy lectures are will

NEW HAVEN.—The League for Industrial Democracy lectures series will open in New Haven on Jan. 21 at the New Haven Trades Council Hall with Harry Laidler as the speaker. His subject will be "How America Lives." The other lectures will be held at Lamon Hall weekly thereafter with such speakers as Elsie Harper, A. L. Harris, Norman Thomas, John H. Gray, H. C. Herring, A. J. Muste and Colston Warne.

MERIDEN.-Following is the cor-MERIDEN.—Following is the correct vote cast in the recent Meriden city election. Last week The New Leader reported the vote as 22. A gain of 600 per cent was made compared with the vote cast at the 1930 state election. For Mayor, Harry P. Page, 823: Comptroller, Charles H. Shaw, 826: Selectman, Edgar O. Erickson, 828: Board of Relief, James J. H. Cook, 8827: Robert F. Zemke, 827: Aldermen, Waltere C. Johnson, 49; Salvatore Mercuri, 195; Carl O. Bergluid, 205; Carl M. Rhodin, 205; Louis O. Krahl, 161; Albin Wessman, 163; Theodore Kugge, 222: Edward Swanson, 226.

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Local New Haven held an enthusiastic meeting Monday evening this week. A number of new members were admitted Plans were made to make the card party Jan. 8 a big success. Election of local officers will be held Monday, Jan. 18. A committee was appointed to raise a sustaining fund for new headquarters.

A general membership meeting of all Socialist party members in New Jersey will be held Sunday, Dec. 27, 9:30 a. m., at Fraternity Hall, 256 Central avenue, Jersey City, Election of delegates to the national convention and other important matters demand the presence of every party member.

1921, and had increased 82 per cent ince 1928.

The principal matter considered was the 1932 National Convention. The delegates not allocated at the November meeting as follows: Two to be elected as delegates-at-large by the membership of the entire state; eight to be elected from districts composed of the County of Richmond and counties of the state located outside of New York City, each district to choose one delegate and one alternate. District No. 1 is be composed of Frie when the state located outside of New York City, each district to choose one delegate and one alternate. District No. 1 is be composed of Frie lin. "Current Fearth." We william Kar-

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The Committee voted to levy an assessment of 50 cents on the membership toward raising a fund to meet the railway fares of delegates unable to meet their own expenses at the convention.

o meet their own sages of the S. E. C. adopted resolutions of respect in connection with the decease of Hezekiah D. Wilcox, many times candidate of the Socialist Party for the Court of Appeals and other high judicial offices. The Committee voted the organizations at Utica. than Jan. 2. The agenda committee will hold another meeting on Saturday evening, Dec. 26.

CITY CONVENTION.—The annual city convention of the party in Greater New York will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 16 and 17; in the Debs' Auditorium, 7 East 15th street. Branches are now electing delegates to this convention. The agenda will consist of the following item: report of the city executive committee on plans of activity for the party in New York City for 1932. Resolutions to be placed on the agenda of the national convention.

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FOUGHKEEFSIE. — A delegation from Poughkeepsie waited on State Secretary Merrill prior to the morning session of the State Executive Committee. The cooperation of Socialists in Orange and Ulster counties was requested. It was explained that the enforcement of a blacklist by local manufacturers make work in Poughkeepsie extremely difficult. The Mayor and Police Chief had put all sorts of obstacles in the way of street meetings in the 1930 state campaign, and it was hoped that in 1932 the Socialist Party would be accorded its rights. Lecture Calendar

MANHATTAN

Sunday, Dec. 27. 11:30 a. m.—
August Claessens, "Graft and Corruption—Its Cause and Cure," Hebrew
Actors' Club, 31 East Seventh street.
Auspices, Jewish Branch, Downtown
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Sunday, Dec. 27, 8:30 p. m.—Morris Gisnet, "Grime and Punishment," 3109 Broadway, near 123rd street. Auspices, Morningside Heights branch. Socialist party.

Sunday, Dec. 27, 8:30 p. m.—Henry Rosner, "1f New York City Were Socialist," 600 West 181st street, room 10. Auspices, Washington Heights branch, Socialist party.

BRONX

Sunday, Dec. 27, 11 a. m.—Paul Blanshard, "A Social Interpretation of Racketeering," Burnside Manor, Burnside and Harrison avenues, Auspices, West Bronx Socialist Forum.

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 9 p. m.—August Claessens, "Marriage and Economics," Royal Mansion, 1315 Boston road. Auspices, Young Folks League of Hebrew Relief Association.

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 8:30 p. m.—Haim Kantorovitch, "The Class Struggle." 6th A. D.—A meeting will be held
Monday evening, Dec. 28, 8:30 p. m.
at 96 Avenue C. The Sunday evening
forum continues to be successful. The
speaker for Sunday, Dec. 27, is Wilson
Tyrell. Comrade Tyrell is rapidly developing into one of our able Negro
orators. His topic is, "is Individualism
Conducive to Lasting Peace?" The following Sunday evenings the speakers'
list includes Jessie W. Hughan, Morris
Gisnet, Henry Rosner, William Karlin
and August Claessens.
YORKVILLE.—Our next big event
will be the annual New Year's Eve
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Hopeful Signs

NOTHING is more obvious today than that the old "nonpartisan" political action of the trade unions is completely played out. Workers are beggars before legislative halls and the cards are stacked against them in every struggle. The public powers are used to break their strikes and there isn't a state in the Union that has intelligently faced the problem of the jobless. Congress is no better. Since 1906 the unions have followed this "nonpartisan" policy and they have no more political power today than they had twenty-five years ago.

In every industrial crisis a sentiment has developed in the unions against the capitalist parties and this attitude is again developing. We hear of a few conservative unions in New York City whose members are disgusted with Tammany because of the neglect of the jobless by the administration. The Baltimore central body is reported as favoring independent political action and now the West Virginia miners have decided to form a party of their own. We call attention to the good work being done in that state which is reported on another page of this issue. The convention of the Idaho Federation of Labor last week has also adopted resolutions favoring a federal unemployment insurance law and government ownership of railroads. Thanks to the activities of Socialist organizers in West Virginia the miners will also consider affiliation of their Labor Party with the Socialist Party.

Light is breaking and Socialist members of unions everywhere will find more sympathetic response to their agitation than ever before. It is their duty to carry the Socialist message to their fellows on every occasion and bring hope and a fighting spirit to the organized working

Underwriting Candidates

CAPITALIST politics is in need of stabilization and Senator Nye of South Dakota has a bill ready to stabilize the game next year. The cost of floating Republican and Democratic candidates is mounting and Nye declares that in 1930 the price of nominating and electing one-third of the Senate membership was over five million dollars or fifteen times the combined salaries of the Senators elected. He wants to stabilize this business enterprise. He proposes a schedule of rates. To heave a candidate into the presidential office the maximum rate would be \$5,250,000 and this sum is divided into \$250,000 for the nomination and the remainder for the election of a President and Vice-President. The nomination and election of a Senator would not exceed \$50,000 and a Representative \$10,000.

This is an era of economy and stabilization and the Senator probably had in mind Hoover's Umpire of Fairness who maintains rules in the race of life which insure equal opportunities for all. He figures that a little over \$5,000,000 is enough to spend on a presidential ticket and that this pocket change is within the reach of all political groups. Both Republicans and Democrats exceeded this sum in 1928, hence the need of stabilization.

Terhaps the Republicans are becoming frightened at the success of the Democrats in passing the collection plate among our bourgeois barons in 1928. They have also given the job of collections for next year to a syndicate and the Nye proposals would prevent the Democracy from collecting more than the Republicans. At any rate the idea of fixing a schedule of rates is like the public service commissions for capitalist enterprises and it stamps the ruling politics with a definite capitalistic label.

Soothsayers

OUT of every breakdown of capitalism we have had, mystics and soothsayers have emerged with magic formulas. They conjure up spirits to help a stricken world. Economists and

experts, bankers and capitalists, are not as vocal as they were during the past year but now and then one thrusts his head through a curtain of gloom to assure us that we have reached the bottom. As a rule this has been the signal for a lower descent and these pollyannas have become more discreet. However, the preachers manage to make up for the decline of this output from the other source.

Weeping Charlie Schwab of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation made the grade the other day at a comfortable dinner. Charlie mumbled something about the "law of supply and demand" and then opined that "happiness as great as we have ever seen" will soon be delivered in truck-loads and sorrowfully added that the depression had permeated "every class in society." In the past year or two Charlie has been one of those forecasters whose happy predictions have been followed by a slump but the downward trend was not accelerated this time.

Then the Rev. McClorey in St. Patrick's Cathedral declared that "God sends us sorrow to confirm us in a virtuous life." In that case we have about twenty million men, women and children in this country who are now enjoying virtue. A Bronx pastor adds that "this season warms the world" and others urge us to pray.

Out in the Western plains country many people thus acted in periods of drouth fifty years ago. They prayed for rain, but the average rain fall over the years was not affected. Professional rain-makers appeared, the Charlie Schwabs, who conducted experiments. One won the title of Major Dryhenceforth after failing to woo rain from the clouds. Our modern soothsayers differ little from other types.

The Walker Record

T has required almost two years for the city administration to finally act upon a demand made by spokesmen of the Socialist Party regarding relief for the unemployed. Last week the Board of Estimate appropriated \$5,000,000 for direct unemployment relief. This is far below what is needed but it is based upon the exercise of power which Mayor Walker in March, 1930, said that the city did not possess. Either he was ignorant of the facts or he told a falsehood, for last week the city acted under the power which Walker declared the city did not have.

This power was granted to cities by the Legislature in 1919, eleven years before Walker made his denial. Eighteen months after the Wall Street crash, April, 1931, the Prosser Committee which was providing 24,000 jobs, three days a week at \$5 a day, broke down and appealed to the Board of Estimate to take over the work. The city began to spend a million dollars a month to provide 16,000 jobs whereupon Norman Thomas and Morris Hillquit appeared before the Board and urged that \$5,000,000 a month be thus used because unemployment was getting worse. Instead of expanding the work the city reduced it to 8,000 jobs!

Meantime, Mayor Walker continued to insist that the city had not the power to fully act in the emergency and in April of this year Morris Hillquit presented an elaborate legal opinion to show that it had the power. Finally last week the Board acted on the power Walker denied that it had and made a miserably inadequate appropriation.

With at least 700,000 jobless men in the city the Walker administration is a criminal in the dock with gaunt fingers of hungry men, women and children pointed in accusation at Walker and his cronies. The working masses are paying a fearful price for the votes given these capitalistic

IN A NUTSHELL

= By J. O. =

A Note on Democracy

one of the four groups into which American Communism is split made a statement regarding democracy that is common among superficial people. He is reported as saying that "democracy is only a phase of capitalistic rule." With the gusto of Podsnap a vast cargo of economic and labor istory is waved aside by our Communist.

What we call democracy is not the creation of the capitalist class. It is the result of long and bitter struggles by the workers within the capitalist system and represents concession after con-cession wrung from the ruling classes. Often the working class took advantage of quarrels between the two classes to get concessions from one or the

But independent of all this is the fact that the modern working class made its own independent fight for democracy—for the suffrage, for organization into trade unions, for abolishing special qualifications for office-holding, wiping out con-spiracy laws, imprisonment for debt, and so on There were many cases where workers in this and other nations went to prison in fighting for these

If one consults the history of the United States alone he will observe how shallow is this theory of the Communist. For example, the state constitutional conventions in the East, beginning in the second decade of the nineteenth century, were forums in which ruling classes fought bitterly against the extension of the suffrage, In New York State it was the landed magnates of the Hud-son and Mohawk valleys who fought to the last ditch against suffrage concessions. In Massa-chusetts it was the rising mill-owning class that opposed, but in both cases they yielded something each convention.

Democracy is by no means the perfect thing ome assume it to be and it can never be satisfactory in a society with a ruling class owning the means of production and distribution, but it is the best that can be obtained by the working class in this society and it is our job to fight for its further extension, not to waive it aside. Moreover, it is a shallow mind that ignores the history the workers made in wringing concessions from the ruling classes. It concedes to the capital ist class something it does not deserve and deprives the working class of its fighting traditi

Plenty For Destruction



Workers' Organizations Bring a Few Cheerful Days to Children of West Virginia Miners

By John Herling

sure-enough Santa Claus. A union Santa Industrial Democracy and their friends. Working with, working for the West Virginia mine workers. Frank Keeney's men. And Rept. Scott's and (Plants) and (Plants) of the strike, and Susan Stix, in the holler. Can you give me Skidmore graduate; Riva Stocker of Vassar, president of the Interdown awful bad with T. B." Scores of miners can bring no children; they're sick, without shoes or ers. Frank Keeney's men. And E. I. D.; Jack Herling of the L. they're sick, without shoes or Bert Scott's and "Boots" Scherer's.

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I. D. and her artist-husband, Gan Frank Keeney and Brant Scott Frank Frank

shacks, because they fought for their union and their lives last

which includes West Branch, and Whitesville and Gallagher children came rushing forward. They had been waiting for hours and now Santa Claus was here. "Hel'o there, Santa," they yell. Mothers stand there holding babies in their

little faces turned upward give me learned that last summer, they said. We sang the chorus. "Soli-Another lad. "Santy, I look big.

Another lad. "Santy, I look big. White, peaked faces. We "Who knows the first "We do." When the union's inspiration through

through their blood. coal company, your capitalist, Then there came a miner's wife Santa Claus, but our Union Santa with a child in her arms. Now we are union boys

CHARLESTON, W. VA. ecutive director of Pioneer Youth. who lived in a tent colony here the "hollers" of West Virles last summer; Jean Benson of the opened up. Walter Ludwig, ex- One that won't grow up to be a the "hollers" of West Virginia last summer; Jean Benson of the ginia last Sunday and Monday.

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er's.

Santa Claus came into the tent colonies, where families lie huddled, evicted from their miserable checker because their faver for professor at Skidmore College.

I. D. and her artist-husband, Gan and George Scherer make talks. The workers listen hard. The workers listen hard. We're Keeney men. We're union men, we'll fight and go to hell and professor at Skidmore College.

Now, the children formed into a

there, Santa, they yell. Mothers stand there holding babies in their arms. Faces shining. "Santy, Santa Claus!" Some kids chant. "Touch me, Santa." "Give me a book, Santa." "A doll, Santa." "Let's sing, Santa." "A doll, Santa." "Let's sing, Santa." "What shall we sing?"

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The men talk in little groups "I tell you what we need is our own party, a Socialist party, a labor party, standin' up for the workers all the time."

A man rushes over. "Santy boy? "Well, Santa I want a book in your party, a labor party, standin' up for the workers all the time." "Solidarity," "Jingle Bells," but I got two teeny sisters at home who can't come 'cause thing. Solidarity it was. All those pale little faces through the solidarity for the little girl over yonder. We've the little girl over yonder. a union Santa refuse? Now don't

I have a book?" A little Negro boy stepped up. "Can I have some water colors or crayons? I like workers' blood shall run! It races drawin'." He gulped every word at right now, Santa, not your Santa Yes, sir! You certainly can

"Santa," her blue eyes gleamed West Virginia hills will be Claus! Now we are union boys and girls, marching along, stepping high, along the coal-dust laden roads. Through the alleys of miserable shacks. Stepping high. Solidarity forever. Union men and women; union boys and own but now I want one that sign. There stands a two-fisted won't cry." And one that won't won't cry. "And one that won't won't cry." And one that won't cry. "And one that won't cry." And one that won't cry." And one that won't cry. "And one that won't cry." And one that won't cry. "I won't cry." And one that won't cry." And one that won't cry. "I won't cry." And one that won't cry." And one that won't cry. "I won't cry." I won't cry. "I wo the great wide circle of boys and 28 and 30 cents a ton, paid in mittee advertises. "OF COURSE girls play Farmers in the Dell, scrip. One that won't shiver in a you can give. Give to your local being set up, candy tent and lie there and his brothers unemployment committee.

I, crates of oranges and sisters screaming with cold?

They're talkin' to yo

die for our union. Keeney t them of the need for their uni Keeney tells summer. To this union santa, came miners, workers, women, children. Mothers no older than children—chi As the automobile drove up with Mr. Claus hanging precariously on the running board, at every camp, at Ward, at Hugheslin, at Eskdale, at Dry Branch, which includes West Reanch, and great pile of books and toys for children between the ages of one and five; another for girls from five to ten, another for misses from ten to sixteen; and sings his own song the song of the West Virginia miners of how Percy Tetting in the song of the West Virginia miners of how Percy Tetting miners of how Percy Tetting miners.

got to get going to the next camp Into the automobiles climb the Christmas Party committee "Come back, now, won't you come again, next spring, when won't you all? start things hummin' again. That was sure a lot of fun last sumand we want you to stay." the next camp and the next. Then back on the road to Charleston. As we come down past Cabin Creek, we wonder how long the

They're talkin' to you, red-necks. They're laughin' at you Thirty cents a ton, twenty-eight ents a ton. That's what they give But now you're giving s thing to them. You're giving them union-they never bargained for. A union of men, women, kids, working and fighting for a better world, a better society. Come on, red necks, from now on, let's go! union man!

War Costs Money WASHINGTON. D. C .- Esti-

mates of governmental expense for 1932, released last week by the treasury department, show a total payment in contemplation for past, present and future of \$2,727,884,700. All other expenditures to be made by the rovernment. mate, will total \$1,754,268,700.

Fascists Kill Australi Two Socialists Labor Su In Austria

Election Preceded by Battle — Heimwehr Leaders Acquitted of Treason Trial

TWO incidents last week in Austria were important for Austrian Socialism. A jury at Graz acquitted Dr. Walter Pfriemer and seven others of a charge Cabinet resigned without wait of treason and Socialists were for the full returns. Nearly fired upon two days before at plete returns show that the Voitsberg. the Heimwehr last September to establish a dictatorship. The close relations between the Heimwehr have 16 seats and the Establic party, a factor in the government coalition, made it unlikely that punishment would be visited on the accused. Many observers in Austria believe that the acquit-tal may produce consequences in the shape of another putsch, either that of J. Ramsay MacDo by the Heimwehr or the Fascists England.

Steel-helmeted policemen and agreed with it and left the gendarmes were waiting outside inet, taking one other the Graz court house to prevent with him, and he beer demonstrations on the announcement of the verdict. These pre-cautions were rendered all the more necessary by the fact that Party was carried into power a big wave of reaction against Prince you Starhemberg, leader of the Austrian Heimwehr, arrived coalition of the National at Graz either, according to an Country parties. The Lab at Graz either, according to an announcement, to be the first to announcement, to be the first to shake the hands of the accused on their release or to try to restrain his supporters if the accused were convicted.

Country parties. The Labor ty had a clear majority theorem was an anti-Labor nity in the Senate which pure convicted.

Scene in Parliament That the hostility between the sult was a stalemate between two chambers and in the m in Austria is growing tenser was also indicated by a violent scene in Parliament in connection with the discussion of a clash between Socialists and gendarmes in Voits-berg two days before in the course of which two Socialists were killed and several on both sides were

ounded.

The Socialists complained in nancial crisis and Parliament that the gendarmes developed three divi-fired into the crowd without warn-ing and that the bombs which the radical financial p rendarmerie were alleged to have Lang, the Premier of discovered in the district offices
(Voitsberg has a Socialist District mained loyal to Prem Council) had been planted by an and an indep

harged, to influence the verdict in as MacDonald and the Heimwehr trial. The retorts in England, of eight Heimwehr Deputies to In May, these allegations evoked a scene in the leader these allegations evoked a scene as which Deputies shouted epithets Australian Party reacross the floor. Finally several Latham (Nationalist) Socialists attempted to spring at leader and this cos their opponents and neutral Depu- the Labor Ministry d des were able to prevent this only on the Beasley ground after a struggle, in which, it was bor group disagree alleged, one Heimwehrman flour-ished a pistol, although later this whether voters in Th was declared to have been only a stituency had been lack pocketbook.

Chile Radical Party Takes Labor Tinge in an adverse

Chile is one of the A B C na- istry. tions of South America. That is, it ranks third in modern developnent, the Argentine and Brazil leading in the order mentioned. but in Chile there is a hold-over of clerical domination that comes down from the Spanish colonial era. It isn't easy to interpret party in Australia. groupings in that country but re solutions adopted by the Radical Party last week indicate a swing towards a labor orientation

One declares a class war is pro-eeding, demands a firm stand in ceeding, demands a firm stand in maintaining wages and asserts that the capitalistic system has falled any must have been seen as failed and must be replaced by a socialistic state, in which all nakreuzler" as a pretext, tional resources become the peo-ple's patrimony.

Another resolution demands a searching inquiry into all loans and negotiations, especially those with New York and London during the military regime of former President Carlos Ibanez.

A demand was made at a pubmeeting for repudiation of orth American imperialistic policy" by all American countries and advocating the "wresting of power from all monopolies in electricity, communications and nitrate, expropriating them on a just

overwhelming An adopted a resolution calling for ban on teaching in Chile by forhands of the State.

Paul-Boncour Out Of French Socialists

PARIS-The French Socialist party has been relieved of the membership of M. Paul-Boncour who has represented his nation at Geneva to the disadvantage of Socialism. He has resigned be-cause he cannot endorse his party's disarmament policy with-From now on, Santa Claus is a out "disavowing himself and his country."

> LONDON-The I. L. P. organ "The New Leader," announces Paul-Boncour's resignation with a sigh of relief, and says, "It would be truer to say that he cannot maintain his own policy without disavowing Social and Inter-

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Political Situation allels Situation Great Britain-New Premier

The accused had par- alition of the United Au The Labor Party

will have 7.
Joseph A. Lyons, form borite and leader of the U Australian Party, will Premier. His career England. While a mem leader of the coalition as Donald did in Engla

House Labor majority. time the "financial blizzard there was another paralle

England. Split Three Way Two years ago the Lab umbered 46 in a house differences appeared problems that came wi Lyons, who favore The affair was planned, it was omies and "equality

> In May, 1931, Lyon ence for employment money recently voted ployment relief. The members joined the Be in an adverse vote thabout the fall of the

The three-fold divis Labor Party is striking division that occeur British Labor Party, bu which will be helpful it so promoted clarity

Reaction in Dan Hits Socialist

ing the Wor The national executive commit of the Social-Democratic party Danzig has replied to this pro cation in a manifesto addr

the members of the party, w contains the following "The dissolution of the Wor Defense Corps proves that the actionary parties are aiming as systematic destruction of the I movement. The abolition of Socialist defense organization intended to smooth the way

Fascism. "We herewith raise a protest, before the whole people, against a measure prohibits the defense forces vorkers, organized solely to de them against the Fascist while the Hakenkreuz storm row which have systematically air at the suppression by brute of circles holding views diffrom theirs, are allowed to holding views dif on their activities.

on their activities.

"Fascism should snd muthink that by abolishing the ers' Defense Corps its path clear. Even without this the property of the company of ing population is stro and is in a position to Nazi terror.

"The Workers' Def with its 5,000 determin ceases to exist as an it is true. But its w remain alive for the cialism. Though the ac Workers' Defense Co being, the terror ngness by the of the mod