

One Union: One Label
One Enemy

Industrial Workers

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL

Official Western Organ
OF THE
Industrial Workers of the World

VOL. XIII, NO. 24—(WHOLE NO. 756)

SEATTLE, WASH., SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1931.

Published by the Industrial Workers of the World, 501 West Lake Street, Chicago, Ill.

5 Cents a Copy

2,000 ITALIAN MINERS EVICTED

HUNGRY SEAMEN CROWD INTO ALL COAST SEA PORTS

But Ships Are Shipping Only Reduced Crews and Overtime Pay Has Been Abolished On Docks By Smaller Companies.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 4.—The folk halls and shipping offices along the Pacific Coast are swarming with job-hungry seamen in every stage of destitution. New registrations average 25 daily in San Pedro, with nearly 50 in San Francisco. Calls from ships seldom run over half a dozen and each call rarely means more than one man wanted.

Still they come from the farms, jails, the jungles and the cities, hoping against hope to be able to ship out or at least to get a square meal. Neighbors who turn away 10 or 15 at a time, unable to feed them all. The restaurants get hit up regularly and those on the stem fall over one another in dining their staffs. Even by the police has fallen off considerably for there are more birds inside than there is room for and it is impossible to crowd more in.

The crews have been reduced on nearly every tanker, and freighters have started field days and two watches on deck. The large passenger boats have reduced wages, with a general wage cut due any time. Overtime pay has been abolished on the docks of the smaller companies, and among longshoremen there are rumors of a coming wage slash for them.

The seamen have followed the events of the past two years in a mental daze, unable to picture themselves employed at in breadlines, or faced with wage cuts until recently. The entry of communist racketeers into the maritime industry met with failure, for the seamen were still chasing gold-plated grasshoppers. Some of them still are, but the majority have opened their eyes to their conditions and are trying to find a way out. The International Seamen's union halls are gathering places for bar-becues and card players. The organization has failed to enter a protest against past abuses or to offer a program for future ones. The gatherings of the hall are unable to muster one real union man in a hundred. The San Pedro hall of the yellow Marine Workers League has been closed for weeks, with the police holding a bottle of hooch as evidence. That was all they captured there.

With the recent reports from the Gulf and East coast concerning action in I. U. 510, an interest in the I. W. W. Marine Transport Workers is becoming alive here too. As conditions will not get better until the workers make them better, sure and sure the presence of the I. W. W. on the coast is becoming a demand. When this demand becomes strong enough, as it will by next winter, the West Coast seamen are determined to have halls in every Pacific Coast port.

We have determined one thing, however, and that is, when we open our halls as I. W. W., we are going to keep them open, for we have realized our mistake in closing them in the past.—X 12350.

PROMPT ACTION OF I. W. W. STOPS COLO. WAGE CUT

C. F. & I. Co. Decides That "Nothing Is To Be Gained" by Wage Cut At This Time and Will Not Follow Lead of Pikes Peak Co. of Colorado Springs.

DENVER, Colo., June 2.—The recent meeting of miners in Lafayette at which the I. W. W. was again called to recognize the miners, evidently has had its first effects. Even the suggestion of another battle with the I. W. W. is enough to cause the master to "think it over." The Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., a Rockefeller concern, which is the largest employer of miners in the Southern Field of Colorado, announces that it will "answer the call of the state industrial commission to hold up wage scales." The recent action of the Pikes Peak Coal Co. of Colorado Springs in cutting wages to 85 a day effective June 10, brought the question by wage cuts to the fore. The prevailing scale was \$6.52 a day, down in the strike of 1927-28.

The Sign That Doesn't Come Down



A. W. I. U. 110 Prepares Big Drive

ORGANIZATION FACES GREATEST OPPORTUNITIES IN ITS HISTORY

Farmers Organize Take Orders From Banks and Cut Wages In All Branches of Harvesting and Threshing But It Remains For the Workers to Decide Whether the "Fixed" Scales Will Be Enforced.

OMAHA, Neb., June 5.—A conference of Agricultural Workers Industrial Union 110 will gather at Omaha on June 15th. The place of meeting will be at 1518 Capital Avenue. Every agricultural worker who is a member of the I. W. W. should be interested in what should be the most important drive in years. Resolutions and communications concerning the conference and the organization drive that is to follow should be sent in at once to the General Organization Committee chairman, J. E. Mitterling, 555 West Lake St., Chicago.

Throughout the country there will be a bumper crop. The farmers are facing "over-production" and they have no idea of a remedy except to cut wages and lengthen hours. It should be remembered that a large part of the report of enormous surplus of wheat carried over from last year is exaggerated. The surplus of wheat is largely the result of trade conditions. It will be sold and consumed. It is to the interest of the buyers to force down the price until the wheat is in the hands of the speculators. The world needs wheat as much as ever and there is no reason why it should not buy and pay for it. The farmers will receive the price dictated by costs of production and there is no reason why the crop should be harvested by the workers for nothing. If the farmers harvest intelligence enough to organize to control the market, it is up to the workers to organize to control wages. The speculators will be forced to pay the cost of harvesting and wages are part of the costs. They should be maintained at a living standard. There was never a time when organization of the harvest hands was so important as at present.

The farmers have organized at the dictation of the banks and grain speculators to reduce wages to the minimum and thus take advantage of the unorganized masses of unemployed workers. As a sample of what the agricultural workers may expect if they swear into the harvest fields without organization, the action of the farmers of the Big Bend county is typical of the entire country.

On June 6, the farmers from Spokane and Whitman counties, Washington, will meet at Waverly to discuss harvest season

HUNGRY CHILDREN ARE DENIED THE FRAGMENTS FROM THE SOLDIERS' MESS

U. M. W. of A. Praise Local Judge Who Enjoins Miners From Picketing and Fails To Support Miners In Any Way While They Struggle Desperately To Carry On Against the Worst Oppression in Mining History.

By TOM CONNORS.

BRUTES MAKE WAR ON HUNGRY CHILDREN

Cossack Colonel Orders Remnants of Food Destroyed To Prevent Hungry Children From Getting It.

At Evans, Kentucky, a score of little tots, children of striking coal miners, stood about a state militia mess camp. It was lunch time and the mess camp was set in the open, in the very center of the little coal town. The meal was finished and, as the "soldiers" hid from the tables, the kiddies with joyful eyes toddled towards the kitchen tent. There they took these youngsters and dumped into their faces. For weeks their daddies had been on strike, striking and suffering that these children might live and enjoy an occasional happy moment in their otherwise drab and sordid lives.

A hard-boiled Colonel, one Dan Carrell in command of the cossack brigade, passed and saw the pinched faces of the youngsters eagerly waiting to devour the remnants of the repast. Such had been the practice for days. A terrible oath! A kitchen fog ordered to the guard house—and the orders read that every scrap of food from the tables be dumped into the garbage cans. It was done, and the youngsters, not of sufficient age to realize the why of it, just stood in the shadow of the mountain and from pleasant anticipation their spirits sunk to the depths. Tears slowly trickled down the pinched and wet faces.

The fighting parents of these children made endeavor to keep them away from this scene, but what force is behind such endeavor when hardly a crust of dry corn pone lay in the holy larders? Thousands of these children are there. They suffer. Their sorrows are ours. Will each of us help these youngsters defend the best of their parents now in jail on a frame-up murder charge? Those living nearby could send food direct to the Kentucky Miners' Relief Committee, Evans, Ky., or funds for relief of legions of children here to Herbert Mahler, Secretary, General Defense Committee, 555 West Lake Street, Chicago, Ill.

HARLAN, Ky., June 4, 1931.—The total number of coal miners evicted from their homes in this county since the beginning of the present strike has climbed to a figure in excess of 2,000. These dispossessed workers have crowded into the towns in this district and most of them are taking potluck with their fellow strikers residing in town. In many cases large families are dwelling in a single small room.

Violence broke out yesterday in Harlan county's immediate western neighbor, Bell county, where a strike also has been in progress since late April. Two strike breakers were wounded when shots were fired into a crowd of 100 strike breakers at the Premier Coal Company's mine near Middlesboro as they were enroute to work. The operators in this district are endeavoring to persuade the state governor to send the state militia into Bell county and this manager is claimed by the strikers to be in effort towards this end.

At the same time several shots were fired into the house of the mine superintendent, it is charged, and as it customary in such cases in America, little attempt was made to find the real offenders. Several of the more aggressive and militant strikers were arrested and charged with the commission of the crime. Adjt. Gen. Jones immediately ordered a company of state militia to Pineville, county seat of Bell county, in anticipation of official orders for occupation of the district.

Federal Judge A. M. J. Cochran, who was highly praised at the recent United Mine Workers conference at Pineville, returned favors today when he issued injunctions restraining Bell county miners from picking the coal mines. A friend of the coal miners was the term used by the maker of a motion which was carried by the federal judge and his fair-ness.

Two additional arrests were made today in connection with the deaths of two deputy sheriffs, two mine guards and a consular clerk on May 28th at Evans. This brings the total number now held on a first degree murder charge in this instance to 20. The sheriff states that he is looking for others on the same charge. To date all arrested have been strike officials as strikers of the more aggressive type. Col. Dan Carrell, in command of the state militia in Harlan county, today states that 4,300 coal miners are working in 30 mines in this county. About 80 mines are located and a total of 18,000 miners labor within the confines of this county. The strikers admit that about 1,000 miners are at work in all mines.

FARM WAGES CUT IN E. WASHINGTON

SPokane, Wash., June 7.—A meeting of farmers of the Eastern Washington wheat belt met at Waverly yesterday and adopted the following scales of wages for harvest and threshing hands. The cut in wages as compared with those of 1930 is shown. The 1930 scale was a cut below that of 1929 by about 20 per cent. About 60 farmers attended the meeting and the workers were not consulted.

1930-'31 harvest wage figures:	1930	1931.
Hay hands	\$2.00	\$1.50
Pin shockers	2.00	1.50
Grain shockers (10 hours)	3.00	1.75
Pitcher (12 hours)	2.75	2.00
Handle wagon drivers	3.00	2.00
Mower team and driver	3.50	4.50
Cook (up to 12 men)	3.00	2.25
Two horses with harness	1.00	.75
Wagon and rack	.50	.50
Sick sewers	4.00	3.00
Water haulers, four horses.	5.00	4.00
Spike pickers	3.50	2.75
Stirrup hook	2.00	1.50
Firman (grain)	4.00	3.00
Firman (peas)	2.50	2.75
Plan engineer	4.50	4.00
Separator tender	6.00	4.00
Header puncher	5.00	4.00
Roundabout (straight time)	4.00	3.00
Header loader	4.00	3.25
Header down	4.00	3.00
Header box/driver	3.00	1.50

MILITIA FIRE UPON SWEDISH STRIKERS

Five Killed and Several Wounded When Militia Called To Protect Strikebreakers Fires Volley Into Massed Ranks of Pulpwood Workers. General Strike Follows and the Demands of Strikers Are Granted.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, June 3.—For the first time in the industrial history of Sweden, troops fired into the massed ranks of a body of workers during a strike of the pulpmill employees at Lunde, Angermannland. The startling nature of the event, new to the people of Sweden, has aroused intense feeling through the country.

The struggle that led up to the massacre has been going on since October 4, 1930, when a strike against wage-cutting was called in the pulp mills owned by the "Marmakoncernen" at Söderhamn. The demands of the strikers had been under arbitration until April 17th, 1931, when the award of the arbitrators was rejected by the workers and they decided to continue the strike.

In January the crews of four more mills walked out in sympathy with the workers at Söderhamn. Two of these mills are owned by the same company, the other two by "Grängsvevverket." The two mills of the latter concern are located at Utansjö and Sandviken in the province of Angermannland, and it was at these places that the demonstration which resulted in the massacre took place.

Strike Breakers Brought In

On May 13, "Grängsvevverket" commenced to load out pulp with the help of professional strikebreakers imported from the southern part of Sweden. A meeting of 500 strikers was called the same day to protest against the importation of these strikebreakers. The strikers marched to (Continued on Page 4)

FARMERS GET TOGETHER AND "FIX" WAGE SCALE TO BE PAID BY AGREEMENT IN COLUMBIA, WHITMAN AND SPOKANE COUNTIES.

At The Dalles farmers from three Oregon counties agreed this week on a scale ranging from \$1 to \$3.50 a day. Hayting hands are to receive \$1.25 a day, sack jigs on combine \$2 a day, header tenders, \$2 sack sewers, \$2 combine drivers, \$2.50 strap haulers, \$1; sack bucks, 75 cents a hundred; stationary rig loaders, \$5 to \$1.50; header punchers, \$3 to \$3.50; box drivers, \$1.75.

No doubt similar action will be taken in all sections of the country including Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas and Montana. If the workers enter the harvest belt with no organization, they will be forced to harvest this year's crop for "overalls and snuff." It is the most critical season in the history of the harvest workers. Experience has shown that organization raises wages from fifty to one-hundred per cent. The increased wage will add nothing to the burdens of the farmer. It will be added to the price of wheat and increase prosperity. If the cost of production is reduced by changing the workers out of (Continued on Page 4)

Combine and Threshing Rates.

Combine (1931)—Sack sewers, \$3; jig \$3; driver, \$4; header tender, \$3; separator tender, \$4; tractor driver, \$3; pick-up man, \$1.

Threshing prices, (1931)—Wheat, warehouse weight, 8 cents; combine, per acre, \$2.50; combine, per acre, with tractor, \$4; combine, pea, \$4.50, barley (warehouse weight), per 100, 14% cost; screened peas, bushel, 19 cents; oats, per 100, 15 cents; heading and threshing, \$4; board, 90 cents.

The Industrial Worker

"An Industry to One to an Industry to All"
ONE UNION—ONE LABEL—ONE MEET

It should be understood by all workers and officials that this paper is the property of the I. W. W. and is not to be sold, loaned, or otherwise disposed of without the express approval of the editor. It is published for the purpose of disseminating the industrial workers' program to the workers of the world.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

United States, one year	\$2.00	Canada and other nations, one year	\$2.50
Single copies	1.00	Six months	1.50
Three months	1.00	Three months	1.50
Single orders U. S. 8 cents		Foreign Single orders add postage	75

Published Once a week at 327 Kullen Bldg., Western at Denny Way, Seattle, Wash.

C. B. ELLIS, Editor and Business Manager
Mail Address: Box 1857, Seattle, Wash.
Make all Checks and Money Orders payable to Industrial Worker

WANTED—A BRAIN

Capitalism as a system is a mechanistic organism that has neither heart nor central brain for the co-ordination of its action. Just as present it is cut off at the joints, so is the reaction to a normal balance to the operations of its various functions resemble the convulsive jerks and twitches of a man in an epileptic fit. It will probably be put into a straight jacket by the strong hand of a military dictatorship before the fit passes and mechanical co-ordination resumes its sway—if the patient doesn't die in the midst of the "spell."

One-half of the world has produced too much and can't sell and the other half is struggling to produce but has no means to buy. The great central nervous system, nervous system, has not found a normal balance to the operations of its various functions resemble the convulsive jerks and twitches of a man in an epileptic fit. It will probably be put into a straight jacket by the strong hand of a military dictatorship before the fit passes and mechanical co-ordination resumes its sway—if the patient doesn't die in the midst of the "spell."

Having no brain, the gigantic organism continues to twitch and jerk in all its limbs without intelligent thinking, no intelligent remedy, try-day, since it proves to the workers that such things cannot be attained under this system.

But you'll have a shorter workday when you acquire sufficient intelligence and power to solve the wage system itself. Until that you are content with the wage system and all the evils that follow in its wake.

The preservation of "reds" by capitalists should and will continue until reds acquire sufficient power to combat the economic power of the capitalists, who are the dominant class of society. When "reds" acquire sufficient power to oppose the pernicious influence of the plutocrats, they will not only preserve the "plutocrats" but will abolish them entirely. Until "reds" acquire sufficient power, however, they must expect to be crucified on the altar of Marxism.

The burning of churches as a means of combating religious superstition is incredible and not approved by scientific atheists. Religious superstition is the result of ignorance, superstition, deception and can be eradicated only by hundreds of years of educational work.

The capitalist press is now charging the abductees with the recent burning of churches in Madrid, Spain; but the vandals undoubtedly the work of Fascism and other criminal organizations of capitalism.

The press is now complaining about the capitalist cutting the workers' wages. The capitalist editors were scientific economists, they know that the workers themselves, by failing to organize their forces,

The Red Wind Comes

Behold potential power for all;
Behold the power and the plutocrat;
Behold the signs prophetic of thy fall,
O, Dynasty of the Fat.

Lo, even now the haunting, spectral crew;
Lo, even now the beat of hidden wings.
The ghosts of millions throng thy banquet hall,
O, guttural last of all the kings.

Beware the fires stirring in the gloom.
They muster from the mines, the mills, the slums;
No le shall stay or mitigate thy doom;
The red wind comes.

—Seattle City Tribune.



It is well enough under capitalism to fight for higher wages and a shorter workday, since it proves to the workers that such things cannot be attained under this system. But you'll have a shorter workday when you acquire sufficient intelligence and power to solve the wage system itself. Until that you are content with the wage system and all the evils that follow in its wake.

The preservation of "reds" by capitalists should and will continue until reds acquire sufficient power to combat the economic power of the capitalists, who are the dominant class of society. When "reds" acquire sufficient power to oppose the pernicious influence of the plutocrats, they will not only preserve the "plutocrats" but will abolish them entirely.

The burning of churches as a means of combating religious superstition is incredible and not approved by scientific atheists. Religious superstition is the result of ignorance, superstition, deception and can be eradicated only by hundreds of years of educational work.

The capitalist press is now charging the abductees with the recent burning of churches in Madrid, Spain; but the vandals undoubtedly the work of Fascism and other criminal organizations of capitalism.

The press is now complaining about the capitalist cutting the workers' wages. The capitalist editors were scientific economists, they know that the workers themselves, by failing to organize their forces,

1928

Wobly Delegate: Old John is going to see what these leaders tell him to do. They're wrong—especially the Johnsons against us. Unless we organize, too, we've got to be cut off.

Wise Ding: I can't fight for conditions that we'll swallow one of those circles as you can with one.

John Farmer: Any of you fellows looking for work?

Wise Ding: What's papa's?

John: Five Dollars.

Ding: That ain't enough. Gimme six and I'll go out.

John: See there?

Delegate: There are less jobs and more men this year than ever before. You'd better line up.

Wise Ding: I don't need no card. I got my own private organization.

John Farmer: Wants you out there?!

Ding: Yes, papa's.

John: Four dollars a day.

Ding: Nope. I'm stickin' for five.

John: See?

1930

Delegate: We're slipping all the time—less pay, longer hours, more unemployment. We've got to organize.

Ding: There you thousands of yaps. How can you organize thousands? How the hell could I line up anyway? I'm broke. They're only payin' two and a half. Would you work for two cents a half?

John Farmer looks at the stiffs and, without a word, walks toward the tourist park where the hungry hordes are gathered.

Ding: Gosh! I hate to go out for two and a half but I gotta do sompin'. Damn! I'll be happy if I get out at all.

1931?

CONSIDER THE CAFETERIA

It Makes You Hustle Your Own Tray and Charges You 1,000 per Cent Profit While It Feeds Workers On The Street

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—\$900 to 1,000 per cent profit on a mouthful of food.

That is what the cafeterias of San Francisco charge you for eating as your own water. To start with they throw twelve thousand waiters out of employment by making food bustle around the streets with a tray their hands. As an example of their cost to the public, take eggs. They cost one cent each. The fast food gets the best of the best. The cafeterias charge ten cents each just for dropping them in hot water for from one to three minutes. That's nine dollar profit on every dollar invested. Here are some others:

Cabbage costs wholesale one-half cent a pound. It absorbs 30 per cent of water in weight when you cook it. The cafeterias charge you 80 cents a pound when served.

Corned beef (pickled cow meat) costs from 5 to 9 cents a pound. A portion served to you costs 50 cents. The latter is corned beef and three ounces of cabbage; total cost, 2 1/2 cents, for which you are charged from 30 to 50 cents. That's a blood-curdling profit of 1,000 to 2,700 per cent. I could enumerate the whole bill of fare and the results would be the same. If these numbers were in Russia they would be shot at sunset.

Personally, I have improperly held an antipathy toward Russia; but since I have learned that they shot professors including two millionaires for raising food prices I've changed my mind. As Brisbane says, "America has much to learn from Russia." Let's start with the cafeterias and restaurants.

Of course, the restaurant and cafeteria will eat their rent and heavy overhead as an excuse. Well, include the rent, garage, too—Henry Hawkins.

I. W. W. Papers in 'Risco

I. W. W. papers can be bought in San Francisco at Fitzgibbon's News Stand, 21 Fourth St., near Market St., and at the I. W. W. hall, 531 Third St.

MASS MEETING

In Behalf of THE CENTRALIA PRISONERS

Will be held on the Skid Road, Occidental and Washington St., Seattle, Wash.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 AT 6:30 P. M.

Speakers: Jas. P. Thompson and C. B. Ellis.

The S. G. T. S. R. is thoroughly economic, political and revolutionary. The latter has also carried on during 1930 a strong anti-militarist propaganda alongside of its regular labor efforts. It advocated the taking over of all war industries by organized labor, the keeping track of production already now, so that preparations for war can be controlled by the workers. The general strike is to be employed as a means of taking charge of the industries.

gripping and applying the system of international control which has become a necessity.

President Hoover's advisors have announced that they see many favorable indications that production has been so suppressed that accumulated inventories are slowly disappearing. Work will be resumed again shortly. This is only important as indicating the sort of intellectual headship that capitalism possesses. The only way to control the international mechanism is to paralyze it or throw it into a state of coma until the surplus is worked off in one form or another. The hunger, the misery, the deaths by suicide and malnutrition, the crime engendered by lack of means of living, the violence resulting from the struggles to preserve living standards, must be endured until the inventories of the surplus are in the hands of owners and for want of which all the suffering is brought about, are reduced so that the credit mechanism of an outworn era may be preserved.

The brains of the world are the brains that guides our destinies and determines life and death for millions.

How long will an evolving modern end it? How long will masses of workers submit to being starved, oppressed, jailed and murdered in the midst of surplus wealth produced in ever increasing surplus quantities. In order that such a class of "brains" may continue to rule? The lumber workers of Sweden are mourning the first industrial killings by military in their history. Twenty miners of Kentucky are in jail charged with murder because the gunmen of the Inaull-Peabody interests sought education in the new facts of industry when they refused to starve in silence and resignation. The murderous killers came down in both cases and killed workers in the effort to suppress by terror that demand for co-ordination in industry which the "brains" are supposed to supply.

Modern industry needs a brain—an international brain. Its present ganglionic centers cannot co-ordinate the functions of the international economic organism. They are nationally conditioned and nationally centring. The new mechanism of control must be developed. It must be developed by international co-operation of a class that has an economic self-interest in such international control in order that a recurrence of this—the world's greatest epileptic fit may not again occur. The tariff walls set up to divide the world so that separated groups of owning classes may continue to exist, must be torn down. The international jealousies of economic groups of rulers must be eliminated before they precipitate another slaughter of helpless slaves driven to the murder-fest in which they have no interest as a class in order to preserve their own condition of misery and repression, and the ruling classes that oppress them. The technical brains are here. The mechanical technique is here. Only one thing is needed—co-ordination. Remove the interference of the jealous ruling classes and the wage workers will requisition themselves to the international technique and carry on international production and exchange without interruption. The technical means cannot be developed by an eighteenth century ruling class. It is the historic destiny of the working class to develop international co-ordination and to rule. It is the duty of every worker to grasp this reality and to spread education in the new facts of industry among the working class. It is a greater duty—may, a necessity—to organize with this realization constantly in mind. The capitalist system developed brains adapted to capitalism. It cannot develop the international brain necessary to co-ordinate the production of an era of international production and distribution. It cannot develop it because it has no interest in that which would destroy it as a system. Only the workers can do that and it is now apparent that the struggles now going on through the world must continue until the workers of the world have organized themselves into one production and control. The world needs a brain and only the working class can develop it.

FRANCE

The French mine owners have followed the example of their German and English counterparts and decided to reduce the wages of their miners by 10 per cent. The employees of the mines in Northern France, Loire, Pas de Calais, Allier and Gard refused to accept the cut and prepared to declare a strike.

The conservative labor leaders immediately began to exert themselves to prevent the workers' go out on strike. As usual they resorted to their old methods of persuading the workers to "settle" the trouble by way of a conference table, "amicable arrangement" and other similar methods that have doped the workers so long. The final result of it all was, that by the help of the Prime Minister Laval, the French labor leader Jouhaux, aided by the representatives of the miners in Parliament, were prevented from striking completely and compelled to return to work completely beaten and doped. They were even not given a chance to put up a fight. There was no strike, and their wages are reduced, according to the demands of the coal owners.

On April 1, the workers suffered the first reduction in wages amounting to 10 per cent. The second reduction of 2 per cent has taken effect May 16.

The General Confederation of Labor in France (C. G. T.) is rather weak, as it is by the Communist and emancipated by its reformist politics and leadership. The Communist Party is called the S. G. T. U. and is thoroughly Bolshevik, taking its orders from Moscow, without considering the actual local needs and conditions of France. Both the S. G. T. and the S. G. T. U. are more political than economic, while the revolutionary Syndicalist body,

