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Bringing Ore from Chile For Mills of Bethlehem Is no Cinch for Seamen

Modern Production Methods in Vivid Contrast with Backward Conditions of Shipping Company Wage Slaves

BALTIMORE—(WNS)—The worst ships on the east coast are the Ore Steamships plying between Baltimore and Cruz Grande. The conditions are as bad as they ever were. The crew is mismanaged and dish-dish by long style.

Duluth Youth 26 Per Cent Unemployed

Report Shows Young Workers Confronted With Tough Problem

DULUTH, Minn.—(WNS)—A recent report released by the Projects Administration's Division of Social Research shows that the youth situation in the United States, particularly in Duluth, is dire. Over 30,000 young people were interviewed in seven representative cities and the survey shows Duluth had the highest record of being less and having more unemployment than the other cities studied—Seattle, San Francisco, Denver, St. Louis, Birmingham, Ala., and Washington, N. Y.

Although Birmingham, Ala., reported lower wages than Duluth, \$7.11 in its Negro section, the average weekly wage in the white division was \$16.14 in Birmingham and \$15.61 in Duluth. Unemployment found Duluth high with 26 per cent, except for the Negro section in Birmingham which was 31 per cent.

The survey revealed: Seattle paid \$18.57 per week, had 22 per cent unemployed; San Francisco, \$20.06 and 19 per cent unemployed; Denver, \$16.29 and 16 per cent unemployed; St. Louis, \$16.32 and 19 per cent unemployed; Birmingham (white), \$16.14 and 22 per cent unemployed and Birmingham, \$16.39 and 17 per cent unemployed.

Negroes Gt Slight Break in AFL Union

CHICAGO—After a 21-year fight against union Jim-crowism and first negroes, 229 Negro employees at the Palace Hotel have won the first contract in a major Chicago hotel for Negro restaurant workers. The pact was signed by the Federal Hotel Workers Union, Local 536 (AFL).

War Time Slavery Is a Sign of New Dark Ages

How Long Will Intelligent Humanity Accept Economic Leadership That Is Rushing the World Back to Barbarism

By SCOTT NEARING

German armies overran Poland in the late summer of 1939. The war lasted for forty-eight months. Poland has been absorbed by Germany and Russia, and yet Polish workers are still working in Germany.

Disasters from Berlin report 310,000 Polish war prisoners at work in German industry and on farms. It is also announced that large numbers of Poles in Warsaw and other cities were under German control are on relief and that 200,000 of these Polish civilians will be shipped to Germany to join the Polish war prisoners as impressed workers.

Class of "Untouchables"
The better treated Poles will be sent to mines and factories. The less skilled will be employed in farm ranges and road gangs.

The Poles who make up this new labor force are forbidden to live with Germans, to attend church with them or to mix in any way with the Reich population. Germans caught talking to Poles or drinking beer with them have been punished for

High Production Fails To Aid Unemployed

WASHINGTON—While industrial activity during December reached the highest level on record—even above that in the "prosperity" period of 1929—there was no corresponding statement in the unemployment problem, WPA Administrator F. C. Hartridge announced.

Cochrane Polishers Get Blower

IWW Demand, Promise Of Action Bring Result in Brass Shop

CLEVELAND — (WNS) — Just four weeks have elapsed since the Cochrane Brass workers of the IWW gained their sixth wage increase from the company. Now once again, the shop committee reports that another demand has been won, this time for new and adequate blowers demanded by the polishers' department.

When this matter was brought up by the Cochrane brass company, said, "It costs over \$500 to install a new blower." The rank and file workers refused to regard this as satisfactory money and they declared then, "We will get these machines to protect our health or sit down until we do get them."

At that time one of the workers predicted that "with this militant attitude of the rank and file IWW members on the job, it's a cinch."
While the polishers have their new blower! It looks like the rubber-floors and color buffers are next on the list for a newer and better blower system.

New Shop Committee
At the last special meeting of the Cochrane job branch of the IWW, a new shop committee was elected to represent the next six months. Those elected were Frank Krantzow, color buffer committee man; August Korzenko, polishers committee man; Astor Kojan, rubber-floors committee man; and Stanley Balco, committee man from the machine shop.

A vote of thanks was given the members of the old shop committee and there was enthusiastic applause from the floor when the address from the new committee responded with "accept."

Wants Money to Aid Victims of System

WASHINGTON—Adoption of a \$10,000,000 program to "help" and improve health in those parts of the nation which need this most and can afford it least" was asked of congress by Pres. Roosevelt in a special message.

numbers of prisoners. The victims may follow the policy of Gen. Franco and cut their throats.

Economics of Exploitation
But if the captured men are permitted to live, they are an immense economic drain on the warring countries. If they stay, they must work. During the War of 1914 prisoners were employed by nations on both sides.

The Reich is taking the next logical step. The surplus civilian population as well as the captured soldiers must be fed. If they are to die, they must work. And if their forced labor can be advantageously used for five months or five years after the end of a war, they may be permanently employed by the victorious nation.

Step by step Europe retreats from Victorian enlightenment toward the shadows of the New Dark Ages. The IWW membership in Buffalo found so much evidence of diversion of funds to the CP that they elected an investigating committee to go over the books. The CP, however, by calling in CP members from other Lake Ports, at least one of these rats never even had an NMTU book. Headed by No-Office-Time Curran, this conference expelled the investigating

Cleveland IWW Smokes Out Boss Who Tries to Hide Behind AFL

AND HER NAME IS NELL R. BEE (NLRB)

Ready Made Agreement Gyps Slaves

Industrial Union 440 Asks Showdown In Shop Election

By BILL FEZZAGO

CLEVELAND, O.—(WNS)—He came out like a lion, roaring and with his tail high in the air, but went back with his constant discipline securely tucked between his legs. This was Mr. Mitchell of Mitchell Metal Products, Inc., who tried every trick in the bag to stop the IWW in its organizer effort at his plant here.

Conditions existing in the plant is promptly disclosed to IWW organizers by the State Department. The fact that the claims of the employer or that his plant is organized in a true labor union sense are phony, and the IWW has therefore filed a "petition for investigation and certification of representation pursuant to Section 9 (c) of the National Labor Relations Act." This, it is expected, will show who represents what and by whose authority in Mitchell Metal Products.

The petition points out that the company is engaged in the production of bombs (1) bombs racks on freight cars (2) street cars; that the total number of production and maintenance workers (exclusive of supervisory and clerical employees) is about 440; that the IWW has therefore filed a petition to be their representative for collective bargaining.

It is pointed out that the "disinterested or selected, petitioner" (IWW) to be their representative for collective bargaining. The petition is in the form of a statement from employees which clearly refutes the claim of Mr. Mitchell that an AFL affiliated agent, who which checks off dues, is, in fact, the choice of the employees. The statement addressed to the NLRB is as follows:

"I do not wish to be represented by any AFL affiliate union, but instead desire to be represented by the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW). Please accept this decision as soon as possible."

After receiving many of these return applications signed by the workers on the job, a statement was issued, stating in part:

"Hereto, most of you, perhaps, thought there was no escape from the hideous form of slavery the boss has thrust upon you. You are here today to tell you that there is still hope, that there is yet some freedom left in America! If you are really dissatisfied with the current state of affairs, if you yourself feel the need of the employer has cut over you."

"If you will not lift your own strong arms in your behalf, our organization will be glad to assist you out of the wilderness into which your employer has led you! The greatest boss of the IWW is that it is the genuine 'rank and file' movement in America. Our union broke away from the AFL, many years ago in protest over its bureaucracy and its close collaboration with the employers."

"When and if you select the IWW as your men and women who mean that a rank and file shop committee will go in with the organizer, whenever they get the boss. It means that the boss is to be put away and the workers must report back to the rank and file in its union meetings. No agreement or understanding with the boss is binding until the rank and file shop members have voted on it."

The Boss Crises
After this statement was issued to the workers, Mr. Mitchell did every-



The lady dances, the mob cheers, For well he knows at the end of the show, To whose bed the wench will go.

Communist Union Seeks to Save Prestige By Claiming to Be Dual to MTW of IWW

But Seamen Who Know the Score See NMTU Only as Party's Fink Herding Outfit, and Have Facts to Prove It

NORFOLK, Va.—(WNS)—The National Maritime Union claims to be dual union to the IWW. This wild and flagrant lying statement shows the degeneracy to which the NMTU has sunk. It is the last pretension to unionism the Comrafs can claim.

It should be understood by all Comrafs now and hereafter that there is only one IWW and by the same token there is only one union. None of the rackets in the CIO or the AFL can truthfully claim they are dual to the IWW.

Officially, the MTW is on record to criticize the NMTU constructively, as Webbles we know so much of the thieves in the NMTU, the blackmailing of members and their expulsion from fraternal charges that we can be nothing less than hostile to the commy clique in control. Reviewing the outstanding events in the NMTU may recall some of the things that we saw the seamen have been taken for a big fall since the Communist party captured the NMTU.

Great Lakes Funds
The NMTU was given with the alleged "Take the fink book and we will burn it on the steps of the Capitol." Last year 23,000 fink books were issued and NMTU members from Duluth to Corpus Christi are carrying them.

The Great Lakes Organizing Committee never gave an accounting of the funds spent by them; but it is well known to his own crew, Owens, Farragut, Whalen, Jones, Rogers and Mullens all had their hands in the pie up to their elbows. Mullens was transferred to Washington as Legislative representative when he was widely known that he was several hundred dollars short in his accounts.

The party's orders, Duffy, Stone, O'Connell, and his wife, the Communist. The NMTU membership in Buffalo found so much evidence of diversion of funds to the CP that they elected an investigating committee to go over the books. The CP, however, by calling in CP members from other Lake Ports, at least one of these rats never even had an NMTU book. Headed by No-Office-Time Curran, this conference expelled the investigating

Messing Justice
In Boston, a letter was read to the membership that was never received by Stewart, so it was either pilfered from the mails or was faked. Stewart was Moscow-tried and expelled from the NMTU. The IWW, CP opposition, centered around the "Rank & File Blot" and Maritime Union (WNS) — Fellow Worker Reno Hughes who died here February 2 in the U. S. Marine Hospital from injuries received aboard the SS Hampton Bay on January 13, was buried Monday, February 5 in this city.

Appointing having knowledge of his activities, please notify the Baltimore branch of MTU 510.

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ers Club, had all the appearance of a fake engineered by the CP itself. Looney, editor of the "Rank & File Blot" blasted the phony Tanker agreement, a legitimate bluff, and then later made a Moscow confession that it was a ship-owners' plot. Currier, the leading light in the Mariners Club, came through without a Moscow confession to the same effect. Most significant is the fact that Looney was an NMTU delegate until his expulsion, while Currier was an ex-con paroled to No-Office-Time Curran and kept in the limelight until he had gained the confidence of the rank and file.

Edith Rogers' sabotage of the West Coast Tanker strike and his granting the SUP picket line are well known, but his diverting of commissions on linings to the CP, although well verified is not generally known. M. Hedley Stone's (Marine) reputation as fingerman for the Mate on the "Western World" and that Ches. (86) "Abar" was a member of Wilbur Dickey's group and has been hanged up.

Blackmailing the Finks
The "Fink" has long running a picture column entitled "NMTU Rogues Gallery." None of the rogues has been accused of finking Ferlin and (Fink) Smith, when shown up as a fink, was white-washed as the pleadings of No-Office-Time that the Hots, meeting would become a free for all. It is certain that it was white-washed as the meeting had been packed by some members from Harlow.

Since 1934 the Communist party has been calling and seeing what it can do and as fast as the unorganized men came off they would be replaced by CP members. In every party party member has a list of 5,000 known finks and as fast as they are located, they are told to join the party or face expulsion. These are being called and seeing what they can attend every NMTU meeting.

A Place for Militants
The militant rank and file movement in the Gulf had gathered momentum that it would have swept

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ABOLITION OF THE WAGE SYSTEM

EDITORIAL

ONE BIG UNION OF ALL THE WORKERS

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TROJAN HORSE

The machinery of the New Deal has set up to help settle disputes between employers and workers is being adapted to crush labor's freedom of the human factor in the future. It is a gift of the employers' government which is loaded with possibilities in the form of advantages to the most favored section of the employing class and dangers to militant labor unionism.

The National Labor Relations machine complements the centralization of wealth control. It is an inevitable development in capitalist economy. Its present nage, personnel, and system of administration may be changed but the substance of the thing will remain as a fixture in this present system of labor exploitation. Very likely, in fact, it will outlast the system.

Every one of the advanced capitalist nations embarked years ago on a course in social legislation and in each case the relations between employers and employees constituted a major portion of the new law-making, rules, and regulations. Just as maturing capitalism has produced means to regulate production of commodities in a manner to protect profits, so, too, it finds the means to safeguard its control over labor—also to protect itself to get along with the raw material that goes into creation of wealth cannot for long be tolerated. The robber barons that control the world are perpetually preparing for war or are at war against one another. They need soldiers, well-fed and strong. They cannot afford to allow what is probably their natural capitalist instinct and let the "surplus" population die out from starvation.

Moreover, capitalism requires efficient production and interruption of production through strikes is a handicap to the capitalist, especially when these come at a time when profits are flowing copiously into their coffers. Individually, capitalists are, of course, indifferent to how labor fares so long as their own incomes are not in immediate danger. But collectively, as represented by modern "progressive" government, capitalism is in these days taking a keen interest in what goes on within the slave class.

The Number 1 problem in the United States is unemployment; the Number 1 danger that capitalism here has is fear of industrial unrest growing out of the bad living conditions produced by low wages or no wages. In Europe, the ruling classes have also to consider the imminent danger of war with one or more of their good neighbors. Neither here nor in Europe can a ruling class maintain itself in more or less safety from dangerous internal strife without their new schemes of labor regulation. They might just about as easily go back to "muzzle loader" days in warfare as they could under the rules that governed labor relations a hundred years ago. Just as the horse and buggy days have been out-moded in the field of transportation so have the old "do as you please" methods of handling labor problems become obsolete.

It is worth noting, though, that social changes always take some distance behind technical progress. That is, capitalists are more conservative when it comes to adopting new methods of keeping labor down than they are in the matter of installing new machinery in their factories. There can be little doubt that many American capitalists today think they could afford to scrap all the New Deal machinery and go back to the good old ways of doing business by labor. They won't have a chance to try out that theory because the majority of American big employers know the score in this respect.

Meanwhile, labor cannot take an ostrich attitude and simply ignore the employers' new regulatory systems as embodied in this country, in the New Deal labor laws. They are a factor to consider, just as are the high barb-wire fences around just steel plants in Pennsylvania.

To say to an employer, "You are violating the law made by your own class" and to prove it is no departure from the part labor has in the militant traditions. Radical and revolutionary workers have often shown that harpoon at the losses, sometimes with effect. The danger lies only in the strong tendency of workers to place reliance in the assurance of officials, and in the apparent promises of the law to such an extent that they are apt to forget they are fighting a ruthless enemy, that they are not dealing on equal terms with a fellow businessman, when they argue with their employer about wages, hours, and conditions.

There is no doubt that government and capitalists hope, with the aid of conservative labor organizations, to put a stop to direct action on the job and to curb strikes and eventually eliminate

them entirely. Should they succeed, even partially, in this program, it will be a bad day for labor. The small likelihood that new laws have brought for labor in some few spots will immediately disappear when the employing class discovers the workers have been weaned away from direct action.

The hope for labor in the future as in the past lies in being ever prepared to strike effectively and with force. The ultimate hope of labor, or its realization, depends on labor being so well prepared through organization in one big union, that it will have the power to shut down industry in a general strike in pursuit of its final aim, the emancipation of the working class.

Such power in the hands of the workers is not in the purpose and intent of the master class when it hands the workers a plan to settle its disputes with the employees peacefully.

The story is told of a farmer who bought a horse and who found, after stabling it, that it would not eat the feed placed in the manger. A little later, the critter also refused water.

The farmer's eyes gleamed happily. "By golly," he said, "if only this nag turns out to be a good worker, what a bargain I've made!"

That's the way individual employers would like to solve the labor problem.

MACHINES

Displacement of men by machines in industry does not slacken even though the army of surplus labor shows little sign of diminishing in size.

One of the industries hardest hit in this respect is coal mining. The machine loader has already done much to relieve miners of back-breaking toil and of jobs. The process continues.

A recent WPA report forecasts that if the present trend in replacement of men by machines in the soft coal industry continues for 10 years, one out of four miners now needed to keep up coal supply will be eliminated.

Of course, the coal mining industry suffers also from competition from other fuels—from electricity and oil. Between 1929 and 1935, it is reported, out-put per man-hour in underground mines increased five per cent and production declined 32 per cent.

The shorter work-day is the solution. Real industrial unionism in the mining industry with rank and file control will solve the problem of technological progress the workers' way.

MR. SMITH

The Mr. Smith of the currently famous movie who was in Washington, didn't solve anything. If he represents the honest and intelligent producing class of America he will have to apply himself to the job of getting labor organized right in order to fix things so the boys and girls in this land will have plenty of food, air, and sunshine.

The trouble is the Mr. Smiths are too much absorbed with the great things Abe Lincoln did to spend any time figuring on what this modern job of emancipation calls for.

DECLINE

This story may be read in the history of any conservative union.

Even in its formative period, the union calls on all the militant elements within hearing for support. It needs militancy. It needs good job action men, men who are not afraid of the boss and not afraid to lose a job now and then. The labor file sings the praises of union membership for it, the right of the dues-paying member to decide policies as well as to carry them out.

But when the conservative union has acquired some measure of strength and has become entrenched behind a few agreements with the leadership sitting on a fair treasury and the dues rolling in—then the scene changes. The union doesn't want militants then. Active fighting men are troublesome; they find a lot of things on and around the job that ought to be changed. They want to use job action, go on strike, and make more and more demands to improve conditions and wages. That doesn't suit the leadership.

So the professional pie-carders proceed to move the militants by hook or by crook. Today it's the National Maritime Union that is trying to shakeout all those who have in the past given it whatever reason it may once have had to call itself a union. The experience is not new; it has been repeated again and again, and will be repeated so long as good union men allow themselves to be fooled with the notion that anything but the IWW is worthy to be called a labor union in this country.

About 45,000 young persons come of working age in the United States every month and there are all want jobs. Productivity of labor increased 5.9 per cent between 1937 and 1939. More than a half million workers were displaced in the factories of the country during those two years.

Intelligent labor will continue to fight for shorter hours as the only means to put more workers back on the job.

When labor leaders have each other bumped off for the goal of a union it is proof that the workers in the union are suckers who are being fleeced by racketeers. A union that belongs to the workers will never provide a cinch pie-card for a phony leadership.

For real unionism see the IWW.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

BUFFALO Fellow Workers of the I. W. W. Schriber is acting secretary of the Buffalo MTW branch. It is expected he will function in this capacity until the opening of the spring conference. Address communication to P. O. Box 298, Buffalo, N. Y.

MANHATTAN IU 510 Address all communications for the Manhattan IU 510 branch to A. Ignatz who is the incoming secretary and acting GOC chairman pending outcome of the IU 510 referendum.

IU 510 BALLOT The period of nomination for GOC members is now closed. All members are advised to consult branch minutes of the GOC Bulletin because the names of nominees will not be made public.

The balloting for the GOC will commence February 15, 1940. The ballot will be held at the GOC for a period of 60 days as per the IU 510 by-laws—A. Ignatz, Incoming Secretary.

IU No. 110 GOC I am functioning as GOC member for IU No. 110. Anyone wishing to get in touch with me on organization business may do so by writing to Box 445, Santa Cruz, Calif. Lily Ashford, GOC Member.

DO YOU ACCEPT? Fellow workers whose names appeared on their No. 110 referendum ballot for the IU 110 referendum to write at once to the Gen. Secretary-Treasurer stating whether or not they accept.—10 GOC.

Grand Opening ENTERTAINMENT, DANCE

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IWW Basketeers Headed For 1940 Championship

CLEVELAND—(WNS)—Wm eleven, lost one of the latest standing of the American Stove IWW basketball players in the Northeast Industrial League as they defeated the Reliance Electric company by one basket. With but one setback (by the Reliance Steel players) it looks as if the wobbly boys aim to put the IWW on the championship list again.

The team were the champions of the Cleveland Industrial League in 1936, '37, '38, and runners up in 1939. When asked why they were beaten by the Reliance Steel players by two points the wobbly boys answer, "Our regular team didn't play that night, and well, you time 'em all the time." It's good to get beaten once in a while because you don't become too over-confident.

And how correct that boys are, for the same applies to labor in its attempt to shoot baskets in the game of "bread and butter." Strikes are lost to be sure, but what these strikers learn from the lost attempts makes a better grade of men out of 'em in tomorrow's game.

What a Team The American Stove IWW team is composed of laborers, machinists, linemen, and men of various departments of production, but what makes these boys real lovers of the sport is the fact that they're up to win in the good old IWW way for their rank and file union, the IWW.

Two of the basketeers are members of the shop committee, while another, Lou Dolask, is the IWW job delegate at the Dangler plant of the company, also coach of the team. As Lou says, "Play up your IWW dues on time. A bad union can't be a good team man if he doesn't practice teamwork for his union." Incidentally, Lou, it is reported, just lined up about 25 more men

FIRST AND LAST

As Republican, Democrat, Socialist, Communist, or whatever you might be. Hold any political party, as secondary. All are Protestants, Catholics, Jews, or Taoist, Buddhist and Mohammedan. Regardless different paths to Heaven, in Life's span. But while living and on work you must depend and with brain or brawn, at "Labor bust!" Always remember first, you are Labor's king, And against each other, no force can blind; Let this be your first and last kindred call! "An Injury to One is an Injury to All!" George Connelly Friend

COMING EVENTS

NEW YORK Friday, February 16: Friends of I. W. W. will hold grand festival for the benefit of the Italian language organ of the IWW at Irving Plaza hall, Irving Place and 125th St., New York City. The MTW, IU 310-320, the Finnish and Hungarian groups plan to cooperate. Admission 49 cents. Saturday, Feb. 16: Annual Festival Dance for the Italian IWW paper, I. W. W. will be held at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 125th St., New York City. Affairs begins at 8 p. m. Admission: 49 cents.

BUFFALO Saturday, Feb. 24: A social, supper, and entertainment will be given at the MTW hall, 196 Seneca St., 2nd floor, Room 1. Supper served at 7 p. m. Admission of 25 cents includes supper. Everybody invited. Proceeds for organization purposes.

OAKLAND Every Sunday afternoon, 2:30: Open Forum at the IWW hall, 428 10th Street.

DETROIT Saturday, February 24, 8 p. m.: Entertainment and dance sponsored by the Industrial Workers of the World to be held at Spanish Hall, Barclay at 19th St. G.O.C. orchestra. Snacks and refreshments served. Admission 25 cents.

BALTIMORE The telephone numbers of the Marine Transport Workers IU No. 510 in Baltimore is Broadway 9396. MTW delegates please note: The hall is at 817 S. Broadway.—Br. Sec'y.

It's Baseball Writers Who Play Fast Game

By T-BONE SLIM A nation that countenances slave driving is not democratic in any essential. If a country cannot be self-sufficient, a continent cannot be self-sufficient; if a continent cannot be self-sufficient, the whole world cannot support itself. I am self-sufficient—given a summer and an early start—millions are like me. All it takes is organization. To me it is but of little moment whether you hammer or crescent runs the saw; whether hammer and sickle or swastika is the mystic sign of our degradation—whether one of the poster hypercrites rules the roost. A baseball president must find a dumber man than himself for baseball manager; manager, in turn, must see a still dumber captain. They have to do that, in order not to hold their jobs. The whole spells, not baseball, but mediocrity. How about the stars? A few screwy goods that spin in the darkness. The baseball audience has already selected itself through some screwy procedure and godly considers it baseball. There is more baseball in baseball writers, however, and even without being paid, they can sell you more than they need our baseball hat curl. All they make you know is: was the game played. The whole adds up to a beautiful

Acquaintance with profit motive or greed, as it is known in the higher seats of learning) has taken a terrible grip upon the vitals of our pillars of society. Recently, Otto Wolf, German industrialist, died, age 55. He controlled more than 40 metal, coal, and electrical companies, employing a million men. Clearly a case of over-work, hey? Same as if I tried to keep 39 who have been worn all at once. Now that he is gone—a mere lad of 55—I can't see how our industries get along without him. Lots of people try to lay their own carpet instead of hiring a technician. A technician is a genius who had the sense to look out from between the handles of a wheelbarrow.

Chas. S. Mott Remembers Charity Begins at Home

NEW YORK—(UPI)—Here's one front page story in the daily papers on the afternoon of Feb 3 and morning of Feb 4, announced that the section regarding the conviction of philanthropists will divert additional millions to new but unspecified purposes.

CHARLES S. MOTT, 64, the "unobtrusive philanthropist" is a vice president of General Motors Corp. and its largest stockholder. The amount to be given away was announced at \$2,200,000. The recipient was to be selected Feb. 6.

While the county stated, thousands interested in homes for stray cats, sanctuaries for frogs and other worthwhile causes prayed that the golden lightning would strike close to home. Feb. 6 dawned as a cloudy and dull day. Toward evening it started to rain. When newspaper trucks sloshed through the streets to dump the late afternoon editions, the biggest gift of the unobtrusive philanthropist was revealed.

Charles S. Mott had given \$2,200,000 in the form of an irrevocable trust fund to his fourth wife, Mrs. Ruth Rawling Mott, and their two children.

The Daily News captioned a picture of Mrs. Mott "Her Husband's 'Know Good Provider'." Despite his generosity, Mott won't have to walk to work and eat in dog houses. He has about \$22,000,000 worth of stock left for other good causes.

COURT RULES PICKETING IS BASIC RIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO—In an important decision by the appellate court, picketing with placards or signs is declared a basic part of freedom of speech which cannot be ruled illegal. The decision reversed the conviction and jail sentence of John N. Thuermer, state secretary of the Socialist party, and Jack Cope, an organizer of the Industrial Workers party, who picketed the French consulate last November in protest against the Delader desecration.

Basing its reversal on the U. S. supreme court decision in the Hague case, the court said: "We can see no fundamental distinction between the communication of ideas through the spoken and through the written word." The ruling invalidates a San Francisco ordinance forbidding "appearing on the streets carrying banners or boards or placards with advertisements"—an ordinance that has consistently curtailed picketing. The American Civil Liberties Union approved the Thuermer and Cope.

NOT PARTICULAR

The U. S. secret service is sponsoring Mrs. Mott "Her Husband's 'Know Good Provider'." Despite his generosity, Mott won't have to walk to work and eat in dog houses. He has about \$22,000,000 worth of stock left for other good causes.

THE PREAMBLE

of the Industrial Workers of the World The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the goods of life. Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system. It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The array of production must be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

FOR THE FOUR HOUR DAY AND THE FOUR DAY WEEK

Efforts of AFL Fizzle On Minnesota Iron Range

CIO, Tilt to Farmer-Laborites Here, Failed with Flop of the Party; Now Miners Are Expected to Turn to IWW

HIBBING, Minn.—(WNS)—Recent efforts of the American Federation of Labor for the iron range are not meeting the generous response so freely predicted by AFL leaders in Minnesota a few months ago. The collapse of CIO locals and a predicted upturn in production set the stage for the AFL organization drive.

Disappointed in the Congress for Industrial Organization, the miners did not flock into the AFL as was expected. For the miners remembered that Bill Green's union has the same unsavory record as Lewis' organization. Thus, instead of advancing the union movement among the miners, the CIO and the AFL have actually retarded it. Many miners, who have not understood the latter party's tactics, are weary of all unions of all movements purporting to help the workers in their efforts to gain a better livelihood. The CIO has been backing in the iron range and the AFL, blowing for all its worth, hasn't been able to blow in a new one.

Lewis Brass Band The CIO, backed by millions of dollars, moved into the iron range with fanfare and ballyhoo just at the time when the workers were beginning to get back some of the right which characterizes the activities between 1909 and 1920. The CIO took advantage of this desire for unionism but gave back nothing in return. The only reason for the iron range during the regime of the CIO was not because of the CIO, but rather, in spite of it.

Miners struck in Hibbing not because the CIO officials told them to strike, but because they, the miners, wanted some more to walk the picket lines and get the iron range in a warmer place. But the CIO does not encourage this kind of activity. Its policy is to "harmonize" the relations between workers and the boss for the "benefit" of both. The CIO says the workers and the bosses

Of Men and the World Bloodshed

By ART HOPKINS We sat in an atmospheric restaurant, no loud talk, the soft glow of a radio, pretty waitresses. My partner (one of my friends would describe her as a beautiful piece of mechanism) who comes from a fairly well-to-do home, opened the conversation with an inquiry as to what the IWW was and what it wanted.

"The IWW," I explained, "is primarily a labor union but with broader objectives than the present trade-unions. The IWW believes that a labor union has a greater function than merely representing the present economic conditions of the workers; it is the organization which labor can do away with man's exploitation of man, the economic system based upon private property and special privileges of the few, and institute a new social order of man's domination of man, of industrial democracy, of equality and freedom."

"How?" she asked. "How do you intend to go about bringing this ideal society about," she queried.

"Through the organization of labor in a strong revolutionary industrial union," I responded. "When labor will be sufficiently organized it will be able to put the boss in overalls. A new kind of strike will be called. A strike where instead of the workers walking out of the factories, the boss will be forced out of the factories unless he does overalls and becomes a productive worker in the plant."

She highly interrupted: "You know that will not be possible without bloodshed, and bloodshed under any circumstance is not justified."

Yes, bloodshed is not justifiable! But show me a man who will turn his other cheek when he is slapped!

Boss Slaps First "Most bloodshed comes about," I explained, "not as an offensive weapon but as a defense. Whether any kind of a strike, are usually peaceful until the boss calls in his goons and thugs and attempts to frighten the strikers in submission."

My friend is a humanitarian. She continued to emphasize that bloodshed would get to be so bad if it only affected the man who was harmed but "one has to think of his family—his wife, his children, their emotions, their welfare."

The IWW is opposed to bloodshed, whether it be wholesale bloodshed or the act of individuals. But we are not followers of Gandhi, we

BARGE WORKERS SEEK REFUND OF 3-YEAR WAGE CUT

ST. LOUIS.—Employees of the Federal Barge Lines, a government-owned corporation operating barges on the Mississippi river, are seeking to recover \$381,104 cut from their pay in 1932-1934. The suit was filed by one of the workers.

The workers argue that they are not responsible for the cutting of wages. The cuts ordered for all federal employees at the time.

The union barge workers sought a union agreement the line tried to evade signing by posing as a government agency and placing all charges and suits on the union. The scheme failed and after a 3-week joint strike last May, the line signed an agreement with the Inland Barge Line Union of the New England Union (CIO) and with the Inland Longshoremen's Assn. (AFL).

CITY OF FLINT SKIPPER CHARGED WITH NEGLIGENCE

BALTIMORE.—WNS)—Shipper have been preferred against the officers of the "City of Flint" by some members of his last crew for not taking advantage of several opportunities to take their ship out of the hands of the Germans.

This skipper is the same one that was on the SS Algie in 1917 and who has been preferred against a number of other officers for allegedly refusing to obey orders when the ship was in Montevideo.—Press Card No. 42.

Our Cannibal Society Set To Devour Men and Liberty

BALTIMORE.—(WNS)—An AP report says that the Baltimore Sun of Feb. 14, 1940, tells us:

"Advisability of selling surplus army and navy guns and other munitions to Scandinavian nations figures in a White House conference today. The army has hundreds of field guns and large stores of rifles unused since World War days, and officials said President's executive order last week to sell surplus military equipment to surplus material subject to disposal.

"The White House conference took place about the time that the Senate is expected to pass a bill of friendship for battling Poland, virtually invited her to sell bonds to Americans to finance the fight against Russia."

Remember 1917? The last time the United States was hooked into a foreign war the slogan was "Battling Bolshevism" or "Crucified France," this time it will probably be "Fighting Fim" or some other booby.

The introduction to this article simply serves to show the international character of capitalism and how greed for markets and materials in far off Europe can affect the lives of millions of workers in America.

The tie-up of the various money bags who are not satisfied with living in life leisure off the sweat and misery of the workers is not enough oppression but they must have our lives to insure their seat in the money grab.

While our waterfronts have actively to promote the wars of Europe and Asia, thousands of legitimate seamen are stranded on the beach as the shipowners change registry of American ships to foreign flags to evade the Neutrality Act and avoid payment of bonuses and war risk insurance which seamen are demanding. Here we have a very pretty picture of the shipowners' pay-trickism. These same ships were paid for by the tax payer, but with the connivance of the Washington officialdom, it is not a hard task to change an American ship to a Panamanian ship. Usually the flag of Panama, it can't violate the Neutrality Act and is not required to insure the crew when going into the war zone.

A Source of Profit The greed for greater profits with a minimum of expense is the reason for this insidious scheme. The profits yielded by the destruction of materials in modern warfare is a reason for continuing warfare or making it last until the blood and warth of profit has been wrung out of all belligerent powers of Europe are only waiting and biding for American resources and support.

After this country has extended enough loans and credits and sees we are in danger of being if we are the only one who are not supporting the workers are kidded into believing our national honor (whatever that is) is at stake and if we don't support the company that is not kidded the same way, we are fit to be denied the right to vote."

LABOR MINISTER CLAIMS WAR TIME STRIKE ILLEGAL

TORONTO.—Labor Minister Norman Geddes of Ontario tried a new trick to intimidate wartime workers when he issued a smoothly worded statement suggesting that 343 strikers of the Great Lakes Electrical Works, Brockville, had been forced to go back to work because their strike was illegal.

Although the men returned in 10 days because they had won their strike. The employer granted pay raises of \$8 an hour for men, \$6 for women, time-and-one-fourth for night work (time-and-a-half for overtime had already been granted, paid vacations after three years and straight time and pay for holidays for 1940.

Hines' statement, used in the press without union comment, was calculated to give, other Ontario workers the impression that the provincial government can declare any strike of war supply workers illegal, whereas actually only the federal government has that power.

FIGHT AGAINST WAGE TAX TO GO TO HIGH COURT

PHILADELPHIA.—Although the city's 1.7 per cent wage tax was held unconstitutional by the circuit court of Philadelphia, 3 organized labor is continuing a fight against it. The ruling upheld a lower court, which had dismissed the case.

An appeal to the U. S. supreme court is being made on the ground that the wage tax violates the 14th amendment which prohibits the taking of property "without due process of law." J. K. Gray, attorney for the IWW, announced.

"Our suits are still pending in lower courts. Attorneys for the AFL, the railroad heads-the-boards recently formed a joint legal committee to fight the tax.

CIO LEADERS ATTEMPT SALE OF UNION

MILWAUKEE.—Two noted officials of the recently organized Bill Posters and Distributors Union, Local 1025 (CIO), were named here in warrants charging them with an attempt to sell out the union to the rival AFL. Posters Union and the IWW.

It was charged the men offered to sell the CIO charter and seal for \$10,000. The men involved are James W. White, president, and Lester Biffert, recording secretary of the CIO union.

White's craft union became up for sale. The record to be sold from had to agree. Biffert was formerly a policeman, morals squad leader and had a record for "bad" back in 1920.

Strange characters find their way into the old IWW.—S. M. Somebody Breaks Windows in MISSOURIA STRIKE

MISSOURIA, Mo. (WNS)—The AFL strike against the Woolworth 5 & 10 store is still on here. Most of the front plate glass windows are broken and patched up. There is talk of further damage being done.

In what may be the first foretaste of an open shop drive in Missouri, another attempt was made to place the blame for the damage to the Woolworth location upon the labor organizations of the city. But members of organized labor or their sympathizers have not committed the crime; they realize full well that such acts would react against them. They realize further that such damage is injurious, not to the Woolworth Co., but to the Fellow Lodge. It is the Old Fellows who own the building and maintain it. The unions have friendly relations with the organization and many union members belong to it.

It is obvious that the only people that will profit by the breakage of the Woolworth Co. and the IWW are the employers' Assn. It is also obvious that the only way the Woolworth Co. can win the strike is to found for a violent, unscrupulous movement against the unions.

The only way the good could get such a violent opinion, similar to the one of Mr. A. B. C. is to start a drive to arouse public opinion against unions.

It is other words, the union would have to yield to law and nothing to gain by committing such deplorable acts. On the other hand, the employer would be expected to gain nothing by losing through such tactics.

Draw your own conclusions. x-310-047.

Waukesha

Waukesha, Wis.—(PP)—Names of persons and families on relief in this community of 17,000 people are being published in a local newspaper, the city council voted.

Menu for Today

"On Shift Order" By RAY PECKZO

In America, labor has a right to work yet. If the boss wants to hire you? A young militant IWW went up to the Wilson Line shipping office to register his name for the strike against Posters Union and the IWW. "We know you."

"Well, that's one less wobbly going out to the Wilson line ships and another one less wobbly going out to the Marine Transport Workers of the IWW get down to work. The men of yesterday to straighten these crooked shipowners' policies out.

It takes organization and solidarity in action action, and we believe the MTW of the IWW has what it takes, if only they will concentrate their efforts—and concentration means selection. And that better selection can be made than the open shop Great Lakes for organization!

"The Best in Men" Justus Ebert, author of "The IWW in Theory and Practice" on his short stop-over in the City of Cleveland a few days ago said: "What the radical labor movement of today needs more than anything else is a new kind of fighting element to carry on where we old timers left off."

How correct that statement is, for who are the men of yesterday to tell the men of today how it shall be done? Is the new element in the radical labor movement destroying that

the old time set out to build? Let us forget, you old timers were young once yourself, and didn't you have the bitter fights with the then old timers? Youth is reasonably reckless in its fight for reason while the aged become weak and conservative. Let's get all this into the words of an old timer and see what he had to say as far back as 1920:

"The IWW is a call to the wise, the strong, the generous, all alike, especially to the working class. It is not a bravado's defiance to social development, but the cumulative reasoning of many great minds, perhaps crudely applied, but at least possessed of all their elemental strength. It is germinal, rather than a completed article. It is raw, rather than refined; real, rather than sophisticated; apparently intricate, but really rock-solid. For this reason, it is a wonderful manifestation a multicomponent of psychology, economics, sociology, government, education, religion, and law."

"Dreamers! Yes! So were the builders of the capitalist structure, now checked at the foundation and on the verge of crashing. Yet with reason. So we say to you old timers who still have a little fight left in you: Fight with us, not against us. Either that or get out of the way. For the new element will progress forward at any cost. It is the only way for it's the natural way.

Baltimore Waterfront Shipping Picks Up At Baltimore

Shipping was very good here last week. There is a shortage of AB's in this port at the present time.

Phony Unions Offer Wage Cut

The SS Jason, Island self-unioner, fitted out the past week and took a full NMI crew. The other self-unioner, the Woolworth Co. and the Employers' Assn. It is also obvious that the only way the Woolworth Co. can win the strike is to found for a violent, unscrupulous movement against the unions.

Bonus to Shipowners For Dues Concession

The SS Hamilton Roads has a very interesting offer to the NMI, according to the "Pilot," that has reduced the rate to \$85 per month for AB's.

Pick a God Dust Twin But Hold Your Smeller

By GULF OBSERVER One Victory The resolutions committee threw everything along these lines into the wastebasket. One such resolution did get over. Lewis graciously bowed to the will of the rank and file and it is now decreed that in the future, conventions will be held in October instead of January. A smashing victory over the machine for the rank and file! Especially as it wouldn't make a bit of difference when, where, or how the affair is held because the membership is gagged and blind.

In respect to the shifting about of discredited officials: by the executive officers, a striking similarity to the UMW policy may be noted in the State of New York. In the latter organization, Robert E. Meers, Ferdinand Smith, and others were expelled by the membership, but now later on, they are being re-elected and given piecemeal positions. Their policies were right.

Fishing for Favors At the same time, William Green, leader of the other job trust, sneaked around to the White House with a birthday cake for the President. Now that Lewis is on the outs with the administration that he backed for reelection with a half million bucks of the miners' money, Green is at the State to score his way into the good graces of the administration by taking a little apple to the teacher.

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Drop Pretense of Unionism On Standard Oil Tankers

NEW YORK, (WNS)—The latest contract of the Nuts-Mit-up Union calls for the following: 'You'd wanted for membership which includes a two-year tour in our Moscow National Circus...'

disturbing their peace of mind and might endanger the holy union of Moscow. 'Trying to get these yokels to stand on their hind legs is as hard as getting the Communist Party to denounce Stalin or Hitler...'

CLEVELAND IWW SMOKES OUT BOSS

(Continued from page 1) thing to discourage the IWW organizers from any further attempt to organize or propagate the IWW to this territory...'

AFL Union Finéd in Trust Case

Prosecution Charged Union and Employers Joined to Gyp PWA PITTSBURGH—(FP)—Times totaling \$54,150 were imposed here on 57 electrical contractors, union officials and corporations in the government's anti-trust drive...'

HAULING ORE TO BETHLEHEM

(Continued from page 1) other employment agency; that's the way the Big Wigs of Big Steel look at the AFL and CIO unions...'

There's Money in Lakes Shipping for Sailors, If They Organize Right

Parasite Idlers Last Year Drew Down Fine Dividends; Join IWW And Make 1940 a Seaman's Year BUFFALO, N. Y.—(WNS)—Some interesting facts and figures for lake seamen, dock workers, ore miners and steel mill employees are presented here...'

NMU Disowns Militants To Gyp Suckers Easier

HOUSTON, Tex.—(WNS)—In the light of Houston, the IWW (Feb. 5) at the meeting of the National Maritime Union, the shyster misrepresents the NMU took the floor to speak against some of the best union men in the NMU...'

The Esso Tankerman's Union isn't the one that's on the phone list—thanks to the Comrats. Get wise and line-up in the only real union for seamen...'

Am. Stove Wobblies Cure Foremen of Annoying Habit

CLEVELAND—(WNS)—A conference between the management of the Cleveland Division, American Stove Company, and the IWW shop committee of the New Process, Reliable, and Dangler Divisions...'

Gitlow Stirs Waterfront As He Spills All He Knows

Who Killed Phil Carey Is Mystery But Murder Is Common Accompaniment Of Million Dollar Labor Rackets An article in Cosmopolitan by Ben Gitlow, ex-secretary of the Communist party...'

CHRYSLER DOUBLES PROFITS DESPITE STRIKE

NEW YORK—Despite a 51-day strike of its 55,000 workers, the Chrysler Corp. doubled its net profits in 1939. The annual report issued by the firm...'

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ELMA, Wash.—Use of CCO boys to supply scrap iron for the Japanese military machine and to provide side money for a CCO supervisor was revealed by The Washington New Dealer...'

COMMUNIST UNION SAYS IT'S DUAL

(Continued from page 1) away the political entity in control on the east coast. Party members, ex-party members, and under-cover Communists wrecked it by steering it toward the SIU...'

Foremen Must Apologize

As soon as the rank and files on the job reported these incidents to their respective committee men a caucus of the committee was called and they decided that a conference with the management was in order...'

Sailors Find It's Not too Late to Learn

HOUSTON, Tex.—As the boys trotted down 75th St. early Tuesday morning in search of "Coffee" there was a dirty mean making the rounds and on each street corner could be seen little knots of sailors talking in low tones...'

14 Women, Including Strikers Get Jail

Others, Including Women, to Receive Sentence Later MINNEAPOLIS—Sentences ranging from 60 days to 8 months were imposed by U. S. Dist. Judge M. J. Joyce on 14 workers who took part last July in the protest against reduction of prevailing scales on WPA...'

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