

FUNDS COLLECTED FOR SOVIET RELIEF USED FOR PROPAGANDA

International Labor News Service. New York City, Aug. 10.—Charges that funds collected for famine relief by the organization calling itself the Friends of Soviet Russia have been diverted to other purposes have been made by Abraham Cahane, editor of the Jewish Daily Forward.

Upon issuance of his first statement Cahane was challenged by the treasurer of the Friends of Soviet Russia to retract or prove his statements, whereupon Cahane replied with a more specific declaration.

An interview published in the Forward with Dr. Jacob Hartman, treasurer of the fund, sets forth that of \$600,000 collected, only \$2,185 went for food shipments to Russia and that \$15,000 was "in process of transmission to Germany."

HERE ECHOES OF DANBURY STRIKE

Loewe's Non-Union Hatters Force Firm to Raise Wages. Danbury, Conn., Aug. 10.—The anti-union D. E. Loewe & Co., hat manufacturers, was forced to concede a 35 per cent wage increase to 50 hat finishers after a two weeks' strike.

This collective action by non-unionists recalls the long fight of the Loewe company against the United Hatters of North America.

In 1923 the hatters started a nationwide campaign to have all hat manufacturers recognize the union. The Loewe company refused and the hatters called upon trade unionists and friends to aid them in their fight by shunning the Loewe concern and patronizing union hat manufacturers.

The company secured the assistance of powerful anti-union forces and started legal proceedings against members of the union. When the suit was started 70 out of 82 manufacturers signed an agreement with the union. The case was carried to the United States supreme court, which ruled in 1923 that members of the union can be held liable for damages. The entire trade union movement swung behind the hatters in this fight.

While Loewe and his backers won, they are now forced to accept the theory of collective action by agreeing with non-unionists that wages shall be raised 35 per cent.

DO NOT CHEAPEN CLOTH.

Senator Stanley of Kentucky, demolished the theory that the woolen trust can produce cloth cheaper than a small mill.

"It is true," he said, "that a great steel plant which is integrated—that is, where they own their transportation facilities, and where they have no loss in reheating metals—can produce steel fabric cheaper than a smaller mill can. But that is not true of woolen mills or cotton mills. They are built up like a sectional bookcase. You have the same loom here you have there, and when you add to your mills you simply add to the number of looms. There is no integration. A little woolen mill or a little cotton mill differs in size only from a large one as a little sectional bookcase differs from big one, and the economics are all on the side of the smaller one.

"After you get a mill with the requisite number of cards, and so on, necessary to carry on the different processes, from the wool through the yarns, the tops, and so forth, you can multiply that by the hundred if you want to, but you will not have materially cheapened the cost of production.

"One corporation owning 20 mills is not going to operate any one of these 20 mills much more cheaply than a single owner, and the economies secured by joint ownership are more than offset by the lack of attention to particular business. The only economy is in combination."

Members of the Journeymen Tailors' union and their families spent Sunday at Fairmount Park where they held an outing. There was music and dancing.

wasted in the payment of salaries to communist agitators who are charged to give much of their time to the work of disrupting the labor movement.

"I charge that these acts constitute a flagrant and shameful breach of trust."

Mr. Cahane asserted that thousands of dollars were being spent by the Friends of Soviet Russia for page and half page advertisements in Communist magazines that have practically no circulation. The most widely circulated of these publications, he said, was the New Yorker Volkszeitung, a German Communist daily with a circulation of about 5,000, while the other Communist papers like Iskra, The Labor Herald (conducted by W. Z. Foster) and Communist sheets in Polish, Lithuanian and other foreign languages merely circulated from 100 to 300 copies each.

"Instead of stabbing Soviet Russia, as alleged by the so-called Friends of Soviet Russia," Mr. Cahane added, "I am trying to help save the famine-stricken people from those who have robbed them. If an American contributes \$5 to help save Russian lives will he be satisfied to have some of the money spent here in Communist propaganda?"

"The Friends of Soviet Russia cannot dodge the issue. They will have to render a complete public accounting of the \$600,000 they have collected. They will have to make public the receipts from all of their 250 branches in the United States and the disbursements of these locals, as the accountant of the organization, in his certificate, states that the financial statements published in the July issue of Soviet Russia do not include receipts and disbursements of affiliated locals.

"The Friends of Soviet Russia have not answered the charge that they are spending \$1,000 a month as a subsidy to the publication Soviet Russia, a propaganda publication that has nothing to do with the famine."

"I charge that the persons who manage the funds collected by the Friends of Soviet Russia are diverting substantial parts of such funds from the purposes for which they were collected; that considerable sums of money collected for the relief of the famine-stricken people of Russia have been used for the support of the communist press in the guise of payments for advertisements and that other sums have been

PENS DECISION AGAINST LABOR BEFORE HEARING

U. S. Commissioner Writes Opinion Ahead of Trial. Augusta, Ga., Aug. 10.—C. J. Skinner, United States commissioner, has added to the long list of queerdicial "doings" by holding—in an opinion written before the trial opened—that seven striking railroad shop men are guilty of conspiracy under the federal statute.

The government's attorney was aided by the attorney for the Georgia railroad.

The case proved to be the usual round up of strikebreakers who could identify none of the accused. The attorney for the strikers asked the commissioner to dismiss the case, as the government failed to make out a case.

Instead, the commissioner pulled out a long typewritten statement, in which he declared the "facts" in the case would warrant him to bind the defendants over to the next term of court. The commissioner thundered on the need for the constitution, and the evils of mob violence and disregard for law.

In a blazing first page account of this high-handed procedure, the Labor Review asks the commissioner "how he obtained the facts" before any violence was presented.

"We charge that prior to the opening of the hearing and un mindful of the evidence presented before him by either side, Commissioner Skinner had prepared a written verdict finding the defendants guilty of the crime charged in the warrant," says the Labor Review.

Trade unionists insist that the arrest was an attempt to turn public opinion against the strike, and Commissioner Skinner is a party to this attempt.

"The doctor's prescription. Brown was taken with a severe cold, and Mrs. Brown sent for the doctor, who told Brown he was on the verge of pneumonia, and that he should take a good hot drink of whisky and water and go to bed.

"That's impossible," said Brown. "How is that?" asked the doctor. "My wife's a prohibitionist. She won't allow a drop of liquor in the house."

"Well," said the doctor, "you can get some sugar, can't you?" "Oh, yes; I can get all the sugar I want."

UNION LABOR TO FIGHT COLEMAN

Minneapolis Acting Postmaster "Big Bizz" Errand Boy.

Minneapolis labor unions have declared war on Arch Coleman, acting postmaster and state senator, who discharged Postal Clerk George M. Myers, president of the Minneapolis Trades and Labor assembly, because the assembly had adopted a resolution criticizing President Harding's attitude towards labor.

Myers and six other clerks are delegates to the Minneapolis Trades and Labor assembly from the Postal Clerks' union. A resolution was adopted by the assembly declaring "that public utterances of men in public office from President Harding down . . . have shown their hatred of the labor movement and their desire for victory for the enemies of labor."

When Acting Postmaster Coleman read the passage of such resolution he preferred charges against the seven clerks and ordered them to show cause why they should not be removed from the service. Mr. Myers, in reply, stated that neither he nor his associate clerks voted on the resolution as it was their policy not to vote on any measure involving a strike.

The explanation did not go at Washington and the acting postmaster was directed to discharge Myers. Minneapolis Post No. 1, World War Veterans, has taken note of the case of Myers and has called a mass meeting to organize a movement to demand the dismissal of Coleman who is charged with conspiring with the Citizens' alliance to "get" members of the Postal Clerks' union who become active in the labor movement.

Coleman, one of the authors of the infamous Brooks-Coleman act in the state senate, is the recognized "errand boy" of the special interests. He is indebted to the big fellows for his appointment as acting postmaster and naturally is expected to do their bidding.

LABOR SUPPORTS WOMAN TO OPPOSE POINDEXTER

The Washington state conference for progressive political action has unanimously voted to support Mrs. Frances C. Axtell, candidate in the Republican primaries for United States senator against Miles Poindexter, present incumbent. Mrs. Axtell was until recently chairman of the United States employees' compensation commission.

Candidates for the state supreme court were also endorsed. Headquarters will be opened, and a vigorous campaign will be conducted by the conference.

The conference consists of representatives of the state federation of labor, railway brotherhoods, the state grange and the non-partisan league. An executive committee consists of one representative of each affiliate.

"WASTE IN INDUSTRY." "Elimination of Waste in Industry" will be the principal topic for discussion at the New York state industrial conference to be held in Buffalo next November under the auspices of the state department of labor.

Nikolai Sokoloff has been invited to conduct the London Symphony orchestra and to conduct during the Welsh festival while he is in England.

Lady Rhodda's claim for a seat in the British house of lords has been rejected by that body by a vote of 20 to 4.

Order of Hearing on Petition for License to Sell Land. STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS.—In Probate Court. In the Matter of the Estate of Theodore M. Koslowski, Minor.

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RAID INCOMES GAIN. Railway reports show that June operations resulted in a larger net operating income, compared with a year ago. One of the largest gains was made by the New York Central, which reported net profits of \$6,008,492 for June, as compared with \$5,517,555 for June, 1921, and \$3,832,913 for May, 1922.

Miss Anna Rose is "Cleveland's champion bridesmaid," having acted in that capacity at no less than 1,000 weddings in 1921.

NO CUTS FOR KEY MEN. The Commercial Telegraphers' union of America is maintaining its record of accepting no reductions, announce officers of that organization in reporting the renewal of contracts with the United Press, International News Service, and Universal divisions.

Since his return from America Richard Strauss has received about \$2,500 from this country for the erection of a new festival theater at Salzburg, says the Berlin "Tagblatt."

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