

GARY SCHOOL PLAN TRAINS MENTAL ROBOTS

Platoon System Good for Plute Class

By KARL REEVE.
(Staff Writer, Daily Worker)

GARY, Ind., Sept. 30.—The Gary school plan, or the platoon school system, is the last word in the dictatorship of the capitalist class of large employers as to what the children of the workers shall study. Elbert H. Gary, head of the steel trust, has been busy for many years in all parts of the country endeavoring to establish his plan of employers' control of workers' education.

The platoon school system has three main features—the importation of industrial work into the school, the departmentalization of study even in the elementary grades and the machine-like standardization of each study which is controlled by a supervisor.

The dictatorship of supervisors of exactly what each teacher should give out to the pupils makes it easy for the employers, thru control of these supervisors, to dictate the entire educational training of the children wherever the platoon schools prevail.

The dictatorship of the capitalist class thru these supervisors is an attempt to drive liberal thought out of the schools and further establish the "goose-step" described in Upton Sinclair's book of that name.

Capitalist Dictation.
"The real thing in the Detroit system was the fact that somebody or some bodies were dictating and dominating to the last detail the teaching of every subject," one of the committee of nine Chicago teachers who investigated the platoon schools of Detroit for the Chicago Teachers' Federation, reported a few months ago.

"I met the same material everywhere, even the same sort of presentation of that material. The teachers, so far as they took any part in the presentation of that material at all seemed to say pretty much the same thing. The children all talked alike and everything seemed to be uniform all over the city."

Supervisors in Plenty.
"The reason, I found, is that in Detroit they have a supervisor of social science, a supervisor of literature, a supervisor of music, a supervisor of art, a supervisor of physical education, a supervisor of safety education and a supervisor of health education. I think this uniformity is very dangerous. I hope I shall never live to see a world where all people act alike and talk alike and think alike, if they think at all."

"Efficiency, the efficiency of the business world, is the watchword of the Detroit schools."
This is indeed the goose-step in the public schools of America. And the system of supervisors is a part of the Gary plan, and was established in 1906 when Elbert Gary and the steel trust founded the town of Gary and made her school system a nucleus for the propagation of the Gary or platoon school system plan, which eliminates thinking, but produces industrial robots.

Judge Gary Busy.
The activity of Elbert Gary in attempting to establish this dictatorship thruout the country has been widespread and persistent. On last January, even the conservative Hearst puppet, Mayor Hylan of New York City, revealed up in a political squabble, remarked that Gary was active in permeating the educational system of New York City with his "industrial slave" idea.

"The people of this city know what an uphill fight it has been to make

FOSTER RETURNS TO COLORADO

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proved to have gone into the company's office the day before election, and pleaded with tears in his eyes for the election support of the same Colorado Coal & Iron Co.

A Rockefeller Principality.
Today, in this Rockefeller principality, political confusion is widespread. The coal and metal miners and thousands of Colorado's dispossessed farmers are breaking away from the democratic and republican parties. History is repeating itself. In years gone by it was "Charlie" Moyer and his kind who sidetracked the militant miners in their opposition to capitalism. Today it is Robert M. LaFollette who is attempting to sidetrack the discontent in Colorado.

While the democratic convention was in session in New York, the Colorado State Federation of Labor met and endorsed McAdoo for president. Today the State Federation of Labor is split in two factions, both of them trying to "shake the plum tree" for LaFollette. The LaFollette emissary, recently in Colorado, did not settle the fight between the two factions, both anxious to monopolize the patronage that may perhaps go with supporting LaFollette. And there are three factions and sections of the Farmer-Labor Party. All of them combined are but a handful of petty, would-be business men. One of these factions claims to be the national headquarters of the Farmer-Labor Party. It is the paper organization, "reorganized" by Lefkowitz & Co. at the Cleveland LaFollette convention. This national organization outfit is in bad with LaFol-

lette because of its careless manner of handling finances. The socialist party went with the Communists and joined the Workers Party.

The Ku Klux Klan has many members in Colorado. It controls various offices of law enforcement, from the mayor down in the city of Denver. A recall election was recently held which voted to recall the K. K. K. mayor. He, however, won out and now feels more defiant than ever.

Party Speakers Arrested.
In contrast to this confusion, the Workers Party is conducting its election campaign. Recently in Denver, Comrade Ella Reeve Bloor and several other local comrades were arrested for holding political meetings on the street. But, in face of this persecution, the Workers Party is forging ahead to rally, in this political struggle, the most militant of Colorado's workers. Great preparations and the widest publicity have been provided for the coming meeting of William Z. Foster at the City Auditorium on October 7. Foster's name is closely linked with the last election held in Colorado. A great gathering is expected.

Foster will deal with the real issues that confront the workers of Colorado. He will expose not alone the outright champions of capitalism, like Coolidge and Davis, but the pseudo-progressives, like LaFollette and his Colorado sponsor, Edward Keating. Foster will put forth the Communist program that the workers of Colorado must, sooner or later, embrace—if they are to save themselves from extermination by their capitalist masters.

champion anti-unionist, presumes to assert his right to dictate the type of schools which shall prevail in America. He has formed a united front of capitalism with the capitalistic politicians and heads of our schools to whom he dictates policies which favor the employing class.

Charles W. Eliot, who was president of Harvard for 40 years before he died declared, "A scab is a good type of American hero," and that "every laborer should experience a sense of joy in his work." Under the Gary platoon school system the employers, headed by the steel trust, attempt to use America's educational system to inculcate into the children's minds the idea that to succeed they must be good slaves to their masters—the employers.

Wrecked Passenger Train.
QUITMAN, Ga., Sept. 30.—Railroad officials of the Atlantic Coast line today were attempting to send rescue parties to a wrecked passenger train ten miles west of here which, according to unverified reports, turned completely over as a result of washouts following two weeks of the heaviest rainfalls south Georgia has experienced. Meagre reports stated all passengers are safe.

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HAMMERSMARK, MAURER, JOHNSTON, PODKULSKI NEARLY OVER; PETITIONS MUST BE TURNED IN BY NOON TODAY

Today, Oct. 1st, every signature obtained to place the congressional candidates of the Workers Party in Chicago on the ballot, must be in.

There can be no delay. Signatures sent in after that will be of no use to us. Some comrades sent in hundreds of state petitions after they had been filed, and were of course of no use.

It happened we had good measure. Comrades must not repeat such errors in the congressional districts.

EVERY SIGNATURE IN AT THE LOCAL OFFICE, 166 W. WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 303, TOMORROW NOON, OCTOBER FIRST.

Five Candidates to Go Over.

Gordon Owens was the first of the congressional candidates to go over. To make certain, a few hundred more signatures for Owens came in. District 7 has spurred the past few days, and altho having the largest number to obtain, 4,000, will get the required number. 3,850 are in and the 150 more will no doubt be in by noon tomorrow. J. W. Johnstone, Ninth district candidate, has 1,140 signatures with only 60 more needed—a dead cinch that Comrade Johnstone will be very much in the campaign. Joseph Podkulski, Fourth District candidate, needs 80 more, having 1,220. George Maurer, candidate in the Eight congressional district, with 750 signatures in, will surely get the 50 more needed. If hundreds of signatures come in the last day for Pellegrino, he will go on. In that district, the results for last Sunday's efforts are not yet known.

Remember, send in your signatures at once, by special delivery mail or in person, by noon tomorrow, October first, 166 West Washington Street, Room 303.

The figures to date are as follows:

District No.	Candidate	Signatures Obtained	Signatures Required
1.—	Gordon Owens	1,400	1,200
4.—	Jos. Podkulski	1,220	1,300
5.—	H. Epstein	501	1,000
6.—	Frank Pellegrino	2,300	3,500
7.—	S. T. Hammersmark	3,850	4,000
8.—	George Maurer	750	800
9.—	J. W. Johnstone	1,140	1,200

FOSTER'S NAME MAKES LIBERAL EYEBROWS DANCE

Villard's Disposition Even; Always Nutty

Three score liberal noses went up in sympathetic distaste last night as Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the Nation and LaFollette backer, raised astonished eyebrows at the mention of the candidacy of the steelworker, William Z. Foster.

And three score modulated voices murmured sympathetic and polite approval when Villard expressed himself as feeling "absolutely no interest" in the campaign of the Workers Party.

It was at an elaborate club dinner.

Has Elastic Conscience.
To this dinner, together with twenty or so decaying gentlemen and a handful of college professors, came Villard, personal friend of Ramsay MacDonald, the "labor" premier and biscuit financier; advocate of international brotherhood who would avoid "entangling alliances"; apostle of decency in the newspapers who accepts a position on the executive board of the Associated Press; pacifist who regards the adoption of the Dawes plan as an absolute necessary step; and friend of labor who operates an open shop mine at Fort Montgomery.

Villard richly deserves the name of "liberal"—a man with mental indigestion and sufficient vocabulary to talk about it.

In Same Boat With Stone.
The editor of the Nation admitted to the DAILY WORKER—after he had murmured a few polite phrases about having to catch a train—that he is the owner of an open shop iron mine at Fort Montgomery. He denied, however, that the men are overworked.

"They work only eight hours a day," said Villard.

Remember—that an eight-hour day in a mine is more exhausting than a ten-hour day in the average factory.

Communists Should Be Polite.
But Villard is the last person in the world to harbor animosity against anyone. Even after the drubbing he got in the DAILY WORKER, he still thinks the Communists are all right—"as long as they don't advocate the use of force." He would let them carry on the class war, but they must do it politely.

In Villard's own words, he would have us do even as "that small group in Europe that has built up the labor movement there—gather in groups, sit down, and think, and think, and think!"

HEAVY LOSSES MARK FIGHTING NEAR SHANGHAI

(Special to the Daily Worker.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 30.—Four thousand combatants have been killed and wounded—the heaviest battle casualty list in the history of Chinese civil strife—but the battle lines outside Shanghai remained essentially unchanged today.

Machine guns played the heaviest part in the night and day hammering of the Chekiang and Kiang Su lines, with attack and counter attack sending scores of wounded streaming back to the field hospitals.

The next big engagement is expected at Sung Kiang.

Several bridges have been dynamited on the Hang Chow railroad by Gen. Lu Yung-Hsiang's troops to prevent the Kiang Su forces from moving up the big guns to strengthen their attempt to take Shanghai.

MUKDEN, Sept. 30.—Following a series of reconnaissances, Chang Tso Lin's Fengtien troops today opened an attack in force on Shanhai-Kuan, marking the opening of an engagement with Wu Pei Fu's Chihli soldiers along the Peking-Mukden railroad.

The "Great Wall" which separates Manchuria from Central China ends a few miles from Shanhai-Kuan, which is an important port and railroad town. Chang's aviators have been reported bombing the town, apparently in preparation for the attack launched today.

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Crimes of Capitalism Will in Time Destroy It Instead of Its Victims

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL.

TODAY, the United States government is showing great solicitude for herds of deer, said to be starving along the Kaibab Plateau of the Kaibab National Forest, in Northern Arizona. The big herd has multiplied so rapidly, under government protection, that there isn't enough vegetation to feed them all.

The warmongers at Washington can't get a war started between rival factions of the deer herds, and thus kill off a few thousands. The deer are wiser than humans, at least in this respect. They have no wars.

The deer can't be sent into modern industry, there to have their numbers decimated thru occupational diseases and industrial accidents. In this they are luckier than humans.

Back in 1906 the species was threatened with extinction because of illegal hunting. Hunters murdered the animals for the mere sport of it; just as the western plains were swept bare of buffalo. But the deer are now protected by law in a national forest reserve.

In this, as in other ways, the government shows it is much more solicitous about the welfare of animals than it is about human beings. Diseases of hogs get much more attention than the diseases of children.

The tenement slums of every large industrial center are jammed with starving children, just as the Arizona Forest Reserve is over populated with deer. But the United States government takes no account of the children. It offers free deer to anyone who will pay crating and transportation charges. The deer will be taken care of. But the children may die where they are.

The DAILY WORKER yesterday told the story of two young cotton mill workers sentenced to death for murder.

It is legal in this country, especially in the Southern States, for big manufacturers to take children out of their homes and slowly murder them in their cotton mills. The mill owners receive the blessing of the church on Sunday. But the seven days each week is hardly long enough for them to violate all of the ten commandments.

Child murder has been declared constitutional by the United States Supreme Court. It did this when the Anti-Child Labor Law was declared unconstitutional.

Mortimer N. King and Frank Harrell, the two young mill workers now facing the gallows, didn't die in their childhood under the mill owners' lash. They insisted on living, in spite of the tremendous handicaps put upon them in the struggle for existence. One of them even had the courage to marry, and there is a child. More human fodder for the cotton mills.

There came a time recently when the mills shut down, in South Carolina as in many other states. The two young workers, King and Harrell, lost their jobs. There was no other work in their home town—Chesterfield. They had to take to the road to find a job, just like millions of their fellows.

Hunger came. People don't like to take care of hungry workers on the road. They usually send dogs after them. They call them tramps.

King and Harrell, out on the road, so the charge goes, got a lift from a Major Samuel H. McLeary, in his automobile. The major was a hired killer, but he did it according to capitalist laws. It is against capitalist law to kill if you are hungry, in order that you may get money to buy food. The Christian commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," applies only to workers hungry for food; not to capitalists hungry for profits, so hungry, in fact, that sometimes they throw the whole nation into war, resulting in the killing of millions, in order that they may capture the markets of the capitalists of foreign countries.

But King and Harrell knew only the law of hunger—which is the law of self-preservation. They stuck a gun in the major's face, so it is charged, and began searching his clothes for money. The major thought he saw an opportunity to save his belongings. He made a lunge at the boys. The gun was too quick for him. It exploded. The major was killed. The boys were arrested, forced to accept the counsel the court provided them, the jury brought in a guilty verdict, and now they will be hanged on Nov. 21st, all according to law.

In the meantime the streams of millions of more children will keep on pouring into the mines, mills and factories of the nation, to be slowly tortured to death before their time. No employer of child labor will be sent to the gallows for this crime. That is capitalism.

Under the drive of hunger the masses underneath learn to have little respect for capitalist law. In Central Europe, in the days of misery after the war, that continue under the Dawes plan, the hungry millions have usually just gone out and taken food wherever they could find it.

In Russia it was with the cry for "Bread!" upon their lips that the workers in the cities seized the factories and power. The accumulated rage of centuries burst upon the regime of the czar, the bankers and the landlords, and destroyed it. A new social order was born.

The two boys, King and Harrell, reacted naturally in their struggle for bread, in their fight against starvation. Only the dog, in human rags, will crawl into a corner and die, without resistance.

But the individual is helpless. Only the masses, organized and disciplined, can fight successfully against the capitalist order, that breeds want, hunger and misery. The Workers Party is building that organization. It is building the power that makes war upon capitalism; that will finally destroy it.

The rule of the cotton mill owners may hang King and Harrell on Nov. 21st. But they will be hanging these two boys for a crime that capitalism—the mill owners' social order—is guilty of. It is not difficult to visualize capitalism taking its place upon the gallows with its victims. The crimes of capitalism will in time destroy it instead of its victims.

GOLDFIELD, NEVADA, RICH MINING CAMP, NEARLY WIPED OUT BY FIRE

(Special to The Daily Worker)

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Sept. 30.—Goldfield today is a mass of smoldering ruins. Only two buildings of any size are standing following the second disastrous fire in 25 months which wiped out what once was one of the biggest mining camps of the state. The loss is placed at more than \$250,000.

RANK AND FILE TEACHERS WIN ANOTHER ROUND

Victory is Temporary in War with McAndrew

The rank and file teachers of Chicago yesterday scored a temporary victory in their war against the school officialdom when members of the committee on school administration, sympathetic to the teachers, prevented the board from passing a resolution concurring in the suggestion of Superintendent William McAndrew that principals be permitted to attend the sessions of the teachers' councils.

McAndrew's move in recommending this action is the first of his attempts to turn to his own advantage the rule which he forced thru the board, annihilating the councils of rank and file teachers which have been in existence ever since 1912, and permitting the superintendent of schools to reorganize councils on whatever basis he sees fit.

It has been generally understood that this would be McAndrew's first step, since he, along with the representatives of big business on the board, are attempting to curb the freedom of discussion which the teachers have enjoyed at council sessions in the absence of officials.

McAndrew squelched an attempt on the part of Mrs. David Gregg to have discussion of the matter put off until teachers could be present.

"I should not want to be accused of handing down a problem of the board to the teachers for decision," said the superintendent.

A tie vote on the motion of two to two, resulted, after the vote of Charles M. Morderwell, president of the board, in favor of the superintendent's recommendation, had been thrown out.

Decision to enforce the rule that the chairman of the board shall not vote will probably result in further victories for the teachers, since Morderwell has proved himself consistently hostile to attempts of the teachers to get a voice in school affairs.

The superintendent was upheld thruout the meeting by Edgar Greengbaum, of Greengbaum Sons Bank and Trust company.

By preventing the passage of this resolution, the committee has kept out of the rules a measure bitterly fought by Ella Flagg Young, one-time superintendent of Chicago's schools and universally acknowledged as one of the finest educators the country has known. Mrs. Young contended that it is unfair to ask teachers to speak freely when authorities are present.

Open Air Meetings Not All Peaceful Because of Police

Another free speech fight on the corner of Wilton street and Belmont avenue is expected Friday night when the Workers Party speakers again hold open air meetings on this corner, following police interference with the meeting held there last Friday night.

The police attempted unsuccessfully last Friday to interfere with the meeting addressed by D. E. Early and Karl Reeve, altho they arrested five members of the Proletarian Party the night before.

Street meetings tonight are as follows:

32nd and Halsted streets—Auspices Lithuanian branch. Speakers, William F. Kruse and others.

63rd and Marshallfield—Auspices local committee. Speakers, George Maurer and others.

Bandits Raise the Devil in Dowell, the Ku Klux Klan Burg

DOWELL, Ill., Sept. 30.—Four bandits swept down on the bank of Dowell this noon, struck cashier W. A. LaFont over the head with a gun, shot a bank guard in the eye and the village marshal thru the neck and escaped in an automobile with \$1,500 cash.

The bandits are believed to have fled toward Benton where the Franklin county fair is being held.

Today was pay day at the Dowell mine, owned by the Union Colliery company of St. Louis.

Shylock Has Patience.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—There has been no change in this government's attitude toward collecting the war-time debts owed by foreign governments, President Coolidge told callers at the White House today.

The statement of the government's position was called forth by renewed discussion in European capitals concerning possible cancellation of the debts.

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THREE MILLION

EVERY branch secretary must call a special meeting of his branch on October 12th.

EVERY party member must attend this special branch meeting.

EVERY party member must contribute 50 cents for his 137-piece literature unit.

EVERY branch secretary will send the total contributions made to the national office on October 13th. The national office will rush the literature ordered to the branches.

EVERY party member will join in the distribution of the three million pieces of literature during the week of October 26th to November 2nd.

EVERY means—each one, without exception!