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The Coal Settlement.

The news comes from the Columbus convention that the Coal strike is "settled", that is, it is if the operators will accept the recommendations which the president's commission of three award the miners. The operators are not compelled to accept the award, tho the miners are. The strike settlement may be characterized as a victory for a capitalistic imperialism aligned with traitors within the miner's union.

How reactionary and behind the present times are the officials of the miner's union is seen in this "victory" for "business unionism". How lacking in moral courage were the statements of President Lewis. "We were compelled", was the keynote of his speech before the convention in defense of the officials' ignominious surrender to the government's injunction. They had not the vision to look thru the bars of a prison cell and see a new day for the miners. They could only feel the taint of the prison clinging to them as they dalled with the bourgeoisie for the crumbs from their table. Such an example of moral bankruptcy has seldom been held up before a body of workers.

"When this (the union), becomes, anything else than an American institution, I shall leave it," Lewis is credited with telling the miners. Lewis probably is in blissful ignorance that the miner's union ceased utterly to be an "American" institution in the way that he means when the Government of the United States issued an injunction "ordering" its members back to the mines. When that injunction was issued, the United Mine Workers of America ceased to be an "American" institution and became an object of vegeance of capitalistic imperialism acting thru the government.

Lewis' statement that the officials, by acting as they did in compliance with the demands of the injunction, had "saved the organization to make such progress" as was possible in the future, must be accepted with a doubt as to its truth. The future will likely disclose that instead of being "saved" the organization has been wrecked.

The miners will have much to ponder over as they pick and blast their way beneath the surface these coming months. These days are charged with mighty forces which are driving the workers into closer affiliations with one another. The idea of One Big Union is a light in present darkness. This light, the miner must and will find in his darkness. It is a light that no group of platitudinous and visionless leaders can snuff out.

The miner's strike is UNSETTLED.

DEMOCRACY RAPED.

Coming on the heels of the denial of a seat in Congress to Victor Berger, Socialist, because of alleged "disloyalty" is the refusal by the state legislature of New York to seat five socialists elected in regular manner by the voters in their political districts. The movement of plutocracy and capitalist imperialism toward complete domination of the life of the workers is growing by leaps and bounds. Congress, having set an example in the denial of the people's right to seat their chosen representatives in the national law-making body, we may with all justification expect all states to follow in a like manner whenever those whose opposition threatens the rule of capitalist imperialism are elected.

There is no dodging about the bush by the state legislature of New York in this matter. As soon as the assembly opened, a resolution was adopted declaring the seats of the five socialists vacant. No bones were made as to why. The fact that they were elected upon the platform of the Socialist Party was declared as the reason. The Assembly will now proceed to decide the "loyalty" of the five socialists. It will in this case be the plaintiff, judge and jury. Just what chance the socialists have of taking their seats in the face of such a combination may well be guessed.

A new era has been born in the political life of the United States. These two denials of duly elected representatives of voters marks the beginning of a new era in America. Capital sees its domination of the law making offices of the nation threatened by the increasing number of worker's representatives. It is to thwart this that they are denied their seats. It is a step of desperation. But capitalism must perform take it. No method, however, subversive of the principles upon which the government is supposedly erected, must be left untried. It is to this stage that the social revolution in America has arrived—that duly elected representatives of the workers are denied their constitutional rights at the hands and by the orders of Capitalist Dictatorship. A lesson in tactics is being driven home to the workers that must be learned—that the ballot is a "scrap of paper" unless backed up by economic force—Revolutionary Unionism. The answer to capitalism's rape of democracy is mass action of the workers.

DEBS: HIS AUTHORIZED Life & Letters

by DAVID KARSNER

"I give to you as the author, and to Boni and Liveright as the publishers my word of approval and hearty endorsement of your book. You will write just the kind of a book that Time and History will require, and in every line on every page, you will be speaking for me with my authority, given to you without reservations or qualifications."—Eugene V. Debs to David Karsner. Address: COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY OF OHIO, 3207 Clark Ave. — Cleveland, Ohio.

Comrade Roy Hall of Coeboceton, Pa., sends a dollar bill for a sub for another comrade. Yearly subs are in less necessity these past few weeks. Looks as tho the workers had decided that a dollar is little enough to spend at one time for what they want, while they often have to spend much more for something they do not want. And then, isn't it just as easy to sell a dollar sub as the other kind?

SPARKS.

Comrade Marguerite Prevey is scheduled to address a Prisoners' Defense meeting at Bellaire, Jan 18th. Other Locals are contemplating meetings in the near future. Every Local which can arrange a meeting should do so at once. Meetings provide great propaganda opportunities and every comrade should realize their value to the Movement.

That the Toiler Cartoon Department is turning out most satisfactory work is the opinion of many comrades who have written commendatory letters to the State Office. And while appreciation is being given, let us announce that the cartoon service is donated to you. It is a free gift to the Movement by a comrade who desires no return for his labor except to see the Movement for working-class emancipation grow. Every reader should lend his heartiest assistance by getting subscriptions for The Toiler. Show your appreciation by lending a hand. Actions talk.

Bullitt's Report is one of the best sellers that the State Office has ever handled. The price is right too—50c a volume. This report of the Bullitt Mission to Russia and the testimony before the Senate Investigating Committee, contains much astonishing information about the tangled Russian policy of the Allies. Most of it has never appeared in print before. Order it, read it and pass it on to others.

Comrade Phalen of Columbus forwards three subs this week.

A thousand notices of subscription expirations were mailed out last week. Did YOU get one. If so, send your renewal at once. Don't delay. And while you are renewing, add 25c and write another worker's name on the BOOST slip. Boost a bit.

Comrade Harry Carter of Wakemen O. writes for membership application cards. Looks like he was out for members, doesn't it? Sure does. He also sends names to receive sample copies of The Toiler. Some comrades find many ways to help the work along. Introducing The Toiler to the unacquainted is one of the best.

Literature committees to work in the shops are being organized by Local Cinti. Union meetings and shops are good places to sell literature. Try it. Order a bunch of our pamphlets.

An instance of what can be accomplished by a slight effort given to the work of getting subscriptions is furnished by comrade Jas Albert of New-castle, Ind. He sends us four new subs and his letter states that he thinks a six month's treatment of The Toiler will induce renewals when the time is up. And we believe he is right.

Comrade H. M. Kohr is on the job at Urichsville, O., this week. Two subscriptions from him indicates what a little activity will accomplish.

Guernsey County Locals seem to be especially well favored in regards to halls and possibilities of holding meetings. At Derwent, a permanent headquarters is being established. Beysville, the County headquarters, has permanent quarters. Local Robins meets in the hall owned by the miner's union. This Local has also rented a picnic ground for use the coming summer. Present indications in Guernsey County lead to the assertion that live activities will be carried on there in future.

Considering that bundle of literature which was sent, you comrades, literature agents and Local secretaries, have you ordered more like it? Don't neglect the literature end of the Movement. Better order a package from those samples—RIGHT-A-WAY.

Comrade L. L. Lowery, of Fir, Ark., sends us two subs. Every little sub helps make a big revolution. Get the subs.

Comrade T. H. Cave of Holy Hill, Fla., orders a quantity of literature for distribution and for self education. The man who desires to be informed is to be commended for independent thinking.

"Let us make this a "Happy New Year" by getting 10,000 members in Ohio" is the way M. A. Toobey of Toledo, greets 1920. His wish finds an echo in the minds of thousands of comrades. But it requires activity to produce these results. Get in action, comrade.

Dollars Needed FOR Baker's Defense!

Charles Baker, organizer for the Communist Labor Party, has been arrested, and is charged with violation of the Lever Act, by interfering with the operation of the coal mines in the state of Kansas.

Baker defended the miners in the recent coal strike. For this, he is now indicted and out on bonds approximating nearly \$70,000. He will be tried in the Kansas courts in February.

Money is needed NOW for his defense. Baker has always stood by the workers. Now the workers must stand by him. Let your dollars work for freedom for Chas. Baker. Send all remittances to

The Communist Labor Party of Ohio, 3207 Clark Ave. Cleveland, O.



Remember!

DEFEND

those who have stood by you

TWO PRISON POEMS.

By RALPH CHAPLIN

PRISON SHADOWS.

Like grey-winged phantoms out of sullen skies They flood my cell and seem to fashion there I know not what dim landscapes of despair; All day I felt them lurking in my eyes. And now they fall like crosses, sombre-wise, Upon the shameful uniform I wear, Upon my brow, my face, my hand, my hair; And on my heart their shadow always lies.

O heart of mine, why throb with futile rage And beat and beat against these hopeless bars? For, though you break in life's last deadly swoon, You cannot pierce beyond this iron cage. To see the pulsing splendor of the stars Or feel the blue-green magic of the moon!

OUR LIVING DEAD.

Mourn not the dead that in the cool earth lie, Dust unto dust; The calm, sweet earth that mothers all who die As all men must.

But rather mourn the living souls who dwell, Within each steel-bound coffin of a cell — Buried alive!

AS BAD AS THE LUSITANIA.

PARIS.—A sin equal to that of the German admiralty in ordering that the Lusitania be torpedoed is the blockade of Russia, according to Armand Charpentier, writing in "Le Populaire." Says "Le Charpentier:

"Mr. Wilson and all of the heads of the Entente governments declared that this war had for its purpose the liberation of all of the peoples from all imperialist and militarist servitudes, and that these peoples, once liberated, were free to choose their governments.

"The ministers of the Entente, betraying the unanimous sentiment of their peoples, have sinned equally with the German admiralty which ordered the torpedoing of the Lusitania. Sending women, children and sick people to death is a crime.

"These same ministers of the Entente are today committing a crime a hundred, a thousand times more abominable, in which, besides reactionary Germany is participating. These ministers, thanks to the indifference of their parliaments, and to the inconceivable ignorance of the peoples, are busy condemning to a gradual death, by hunger, by cold, by disease, a population of a hundred and twenty millions of inhabitants, whose sole crime is that they took seriously the Wilsonian principles and the promises of the ministers, in guaranteeing them the government of their choice."

Local Tiffin comrades recognize the truth of the above statement, and have proceeded to organize two squads of "go-getters" whose purposes will be to compete for new members and Toiler subs. Indications are that there will be some lively skirmishes thereabouts.

Do you realize the value of a pamphlet with a "kick" in it to hand to Henry and his brother? Then order a package of Mr. Block and the Profiters. Any worker who reads it will never again look at himself the same. The price is 10 for 60c or 10c for one. Let Mr. Block do your agitating.

Italy may be first to recognize Soviet Russia.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—If Russia wants the Soviet form of government she should be allowed to have it and the allies should recognize her present government Foreign Minister Scialoja of Italy said today.

The Italian statesman, here for discussions with Premier Lloyd George, declared the two outstanding diplomatic problems of Europe were: The course to be pursued in Russia and the disposition of the Turkish empire.

EDUCATION OBJECT OF CAPITALIST VENGEANCE.

BUDAPEST.—A systematic reign of error against culture and education is being carried on by the counter-revolution in Hungary with the purpose of crushing all opposition to the present regime.

Many priests have been hanged outright for alleged Communist views, and hundreds of teachers have lost their positions. In one locality, according to a well-authorized statement, 40 school teachers were mobbed and killed by White guards.

Boys and girls of 14 and 16 who are suspected of Socialist or Communist sympathies have been denied admittance to any school in the country. Professors in universities and technical schools, some of them noted scholars, have been persecuted for suggesting the most moderate reforms in the present regime.

Police are authorized by a special order to examine private libraries and confiscate all books dealing with revolutionary as well as revolutionary social theories. On the counter-revolutionary "Index" are included Marx, Froudhon, Ferrer, Engels, Kautsky, andervelde, Bebel and Sorel, as well as Lenin and Trotsky.

Since the hunt for forbidden books is carried on by uneducated White Guards, every book with the word "social" in the title is confiscated. The great majority of people have preferred to burn their libraries rather than be subjected to the inquisition. The municipal library of Budapest, noted for its comprehensive list of

WAR ON IGNORANCE.

We have declared WAR ON IGNORANCE. Will you enlist in the ranks of the ENLIGHTENERS? We intend to establish in the State Office of the Communist Labor Party of Ohio a Book and Pamphlet Department second to none in the nation. We will handle only the best of the Revolutionary literature of the past and present. We will also publish new literature of our own. We have since Jan. 1st gotten one pamphlet off the press, another will be ready for sale in a few days. Others are contemplated.

The co-operation of all readers of The TOILER and of all Locals and literature agents is earnestly hoped for. The demand for new and good revolutionary literature is greater than can be supplied. We want YOU to help us supply this demand of the workers for ENLIGHTENMENT. Every worker can sell pamphlets every week to shopmates and other workers. Every Local must carry a full line of the best there is.

Every Class-conscious Worker must help Strike Down the Monster, Ignorance, that Enslaves the Workers.

HERE IS OUR LATEST LIST. READ IT EVERY WEEK FOR ADDITIONAL TITLES.

- Crimes of the Bolsheviki 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Russian Socialist Constitution 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Soviet Russia 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Russia, Articles by Tchicherin, Eastman, Lenin, 15c each, 10 or more 11c each.
- Debs Goes To Prison, 15c each, 10 or more 11c each.
- The Dream Of Debs, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- The Trial of Debs, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Mr. Block and The Profiters, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Manifesto of the Communist International, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- The Class Struggle, Kautsky, 25c each, 10 or more 18c each.
- Communist Manifesto, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Evolution and Revolution, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- How the Farmer can get His, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Scientific Socialism Study Course, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Industrial Autocracy, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Marxism and Darwinism, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Slander of the Toilers 5c each, 10 or more 3c each.
- Socialism Utopian and Scientific, 15c each, 10 or more 11c each.
- Shop Talks on Economics, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Think or Surrender, 15c each, 10 or more 10c each.
- Violence or Solidarity, 5c each, 10 or more 3c each.
- Bullitt Mission to Russia, 50c each, 10 or more 40c each.
- Communist Manifesto (cloth), 60c each, 5 or more 40c each.
- Evolution Social and Organic, 60c each, 5 or more 40c each.
- Law of Biogenesis, 60c each, 5 or more 40c each.
- Jack London's Works, 60c each, 5 or more 45c each.
- Debs Authorized Life and Letters—Karsner, \$1.50, 5 or more \$1.25.
- Russia in 1919, Ransome, \$1.50, 5 or more, \$1.25.
- Lenin, the Man and His Work, Williams, \$1.50, 5 or more \$1.25.
- Pelle the Conqueror, \$4.00 (2 volumes).
- Philosophical Essays, Dietzgen, \$1.25, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
- Savage Survivals, \$1.25 each, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
- Socialism for Students, 60c each, 5 or more 40c each.
- Socialism and Modern Science, \$1.25 each, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
- Stories of the Cave People, \$1.25 each, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
- Socialism and War, \$1.00 each.
- Ten Days That Shook The World, \$2.00 each.
- The World's Revolutions, 60c each, 5 or more 45c each.
- Universal Kinship, Moore, \$1.25 each, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
- Value Price and Profit, Marx, 60c each, 5 or more 45c each.

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COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY OF OHIO.

3207 Clark Ave.—Cleveland, Ohio.

WORKERS PERCENTAGE.

A public speaker recently pointed out that while the United States has only six per cent of the population of the world and only seven per cent of the land, it produces:

- Sixty per cent of the world's supply of copper.
- Forty per cent of the world's supply of lead.
- Fifty per cent of the world's supply of zinc.
- Sixty per cent of the world's supply of aluminum.
- Sixty per cent of the world's supply of oil.
- Seventy-five per cent of the world's supply of corn.
- Sixty per cent of the world's supply of cotton.
- Forty per cent of the world's supply of silver.
- Fifty-two per cent of the world's supply of coal.
- Forty per cent of the world's supply of iron and steel.
- Twenty per cent of the world's supply of gold.
- Eighty-five per cent of the world's supply of automobiles.
- Twenty-five per cent of the world's supply of wheat, and refines 80 per cent of the copper and operates 40 per cent of the world's railroads.

While paying its wage workers less than 20 per cent of the wealth they create.—The New Majority.

Comrade P. R. Davis of Chesapeake O., remits for one copy Bullitt's Report and \$1.50 as a donation. We have placed this amount in the press fund. Comrade Davis is also after subs for The Toiler. He pays a compliment to the Cartoon Dept.

Books on social problems, and a world enter of culture and social research, has been demolished. More than 15,000 books, many of them irreplaceable, were burned.

REFUGES TO BE DRIVEN OUT OF A. F. of L.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—If James F. Holland, president of the New York State Federation of Labor, can help it, the next two months will see the weeding out of all radicals now within the Federation. This involves the job of getting rid of some 5 to 6,000 "reds" now identified with A. F. of L. movement within this State; but Holland insisted before the Annual State Industrial Congress, in session here, that it is essential for the prosperity of organized labor that they be eliminated.

THE NEW INQUISITION

Concerning the recent repressive governmental raids against radicals a correspondent writes us: "I note by the press that the cossacks are busy again—that the cohorts of Caligula and the balliffs of the grand inquisition are making merry. Great God! To think such asinine idiocy could be perpetrated in this supposedly enlightened age. I recall the astonishment expressed by one of the historians, that the great and almost God-like emperor—philosopher, Marcus Aurelius, could have tolerated for a moment the persecution of the Christians under his reign—knowing as he must have known, with his broad and deep understanding that persecution is the most fruitful nourishment that can be given ANY cause."