

"Big Four" Heads Want Trains Safe

Insist that Railroads Must Ensure Safe Working Conditions For Train Crews Otherwise "Conference Will Be Held" To Decide What Action Is Necessary.

W. G. Lee, head of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; David B. Robertson, president of the Hiremen, and Warren S. Stone, head of the Engineer's organization, declared last Saturday that it was up to the railroads to make the trains safe for the crews.

In case this is not done there will likely be a conference to decide what action must be taken, according to information given out by the rail union heads.

Not only is the equipment unsafe as the result of the prolonged strike of shopmen, but there is a great deal of hostility toward the train crews for staying on the job while other workers are on strike.

The demand for safety for the train crews was made after the shooting of three men in Ohio by striking miners. Trains were stopped at Jacksonville, Gloucester and Trimble, Ohio, last week by striking miners.

Whether troop protection is needed at the three Ohio towns where trains have been stopped, was determined by an investigation of the situation now under way, the brotherhood officials said. Pending the investigation, the men have been instructed to remain at work.

In a letter to Robertson, members of the former's organization at Middleport have appealed for a decision as to whether they should continue to operate trains supporting non-union coal.

Robertson replied, however, that the letter stated that trainmen had been threatened or that coalminers had reported the stoppages.

It was indicated at the headquarters

MANY STRIKERS ARRESTED BY PHILADELPHIA POLICE

Effective Propaganda Distributed At Notorious Scab Areas of Baldwin Locomotive Works Across Defenders of Capitalism and Police Make Raids At Result.

Twenty striking railroad shopmen were arrested Thursday by private detectives and city police when attempting to pass and distribute propaganda to the employes of the Baldwin Locomotive Works to organize and to refuse to do the job of day and railroads by repairing damaged locomotives that have been towed into the plant in large numbers here.

Eight were arrested at the Edgewater plant and had to spend the night in jail.

The formal charge against the men was distributing "strike literature," according to the complaint made on August 3.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works is one of the notoriously "open shop" concerns of the country. Since the 1911 strike a spy system has been built up that the hours are kept on the workers to organize. Wages are paid in part below that of many grades of common labor in the outside industries.

THE HISS OF THE SERPENT!

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From the camps of all the "moderate socialist" parties of the world is arising a protest to Moscow on behalf of the Social Revolutionaries, whose trials are nearing the end, and who have been proved guilty of a series of the most repulsive crimes against the workers that were ever perpetrated anywhere on earth. The spokesman for this type of Socialism in the United States is the New York Call. For days past publication has been shrieking that these reptiles, who endeavored to drown in oceans of blood the proletarian state in Russia in order to restore the supremacy of capitalism in that land, are victims of persecution on the part of the Soviet government.

Every time some assassin of working class aspirations, some labor fiend, some forlorn sentimentalist huddling in his toothless and tottering decay; every time any of that malignant throng that bears the stigma of yellow scab throughout the world raises his head to strike at the Soviet government, the first working class government on earth, the Call publishes the infamy on its front page and out of the darkest recesses of its own unspunly putrid brain adds its quota of mendacity.

On Thursday of last week Eugene V. Debs wrote, with his own hand, his own obituary as a revolutionary leader, by joining this motley crew, under the spiritual leadership of Victor Tchernoff, the leading of French imperialism; Emil Vanderveerde, traitor to and murderer of the working class of Belgium, while serving as the King's minister during the World War; and J. Ramsey MacDonald, Britain's anglophile and betrayer of labor.

The shame of Debs was displayed on the first page of the Call. On Friday appeared in the columns of this same sheet the appeals of Ben Turner and George Landovsky of London, in behalf of the Social Revolutionaries. The same columns of the Call carried the protest of Benjamin Schlegler, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. No one who knows Schlegler can doubt for a moment where his world stand were he in Russia and had an opportunity to help throttle the working class government. His contemptible actions at the Cleveland convention of his own organization, when his machine used every form of trickery and official intimidation to silence his revolutionary enemies and perpetuate himself in power, stigmatized him for

perpetrator asks that, in order to be declared for denials and conspirators against the proletarian government, the Russian Soviet government may not seem more foolish than the bourgeois governments.

Perpetrator Schlegler's only hope of escape from the political annihilation with the Soviet government they are not fitted for political opposition, but for conspiratorial assassination. The Call, in order to add to the disgrace of Schlegler, declared that the prisoners in Russia were being tried by court martial and that most of the evidence was manufactured by "the notorious Cocks."

Both assertions are lies and both lies are not being tried by court martial, but by a regularly constituted court of law, where the defendants have a thousand times better opportunities to defend themselves than in any capitalist court on earth. Furthermore the evidence was not manufactured by the Cocks, but was obtained out of the mouths of the Social Revolutionaries themselves. They agreed that the Call was a virtuous mendacity by asserting that "The principal defense of the Social Revolutionaries is that the party should not be punished by the acts of individuals."

The crimes charged against the Social Revolutionaries were not individual crimes, but were all sanctioned by their executive committee. That committee officially accepted money from officers of a French military mission in order to finance terrorist acts against Soviet officials, and to endeavor to create mutiny in the ranks of the Red Army and open the way for an armed invasion of Allied forces.

It was from this same source that money came to finance the heathen assassination of Comrades Volodarsky and Uritsky, two of the best loved Bolsheviks in all Russia. When the hand of French imperialism, through the medium of the Social Revolutionaries, reached forth and struck down these valiant fighters for the working class, was there a protest from the Call, from MacDonald, from Vanderveerde, from Debs or Schlegler? Did any of these gentlemen intervene in behalf of them? Were they given any trial by their executors?

No, there was not one word of protest from any except the genuine revolutionaries of the world, who stood up to speak for the most themselves socialist of any variety, could fathom such depths of depravity as to use nihilistic methods against the representatives of the revolutionary proletariat. When the Social Revolutionaries face the firing squad they will face it, not for conspiracy to kill, but for the deliberate murder of Communists at the behest of the French imperialist executive committee.

These creatures of the Social Revolutionary Party are more vicious than rattlesnakes, more heartless than hyenas, and still more vicious than the victims of its sinister hiss, but the reptiles of Moscow struck down their victims without a moment's warning, while professing to be part of a liberated people celebrating their newly-acquired freedom.

The so-called Socialists who protest against the imprisonment of the Social Revolutionaries are exposing their own hands as potential murderers of the working class. To speak for them is to speak for the most loathsome servants of Allied imperialism; creatures masquerading as Socialists who, for pay, perpetrated deeds against the working class government of Russia that the avowed servants of imperialism would not stoop to achieve. There was no sympathy of capitalism that could crawl so low that the Social Revolutionary Executive Committee could not crawl beneath him. When the trials are concluded, when all the facts are known and published to the world, when the story is finally read for definite telling, the world proletariat will see to it that the protest arising from the field of battle of the Comrades of the Second International and the International 2 1/2 remain a matter of record to haunt these every time they raise their foul heads in an endeavor to place themselves at the head of labor organizations.

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Militiamen Forced To Herd Scabs Or Face Army Court Martial

NEGROES REFUSE TO SCAB IN MILWAUKEE

Thirty negro laborers who had been taken to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by the list of employment agencies, refused to work when they discovered they were expected to become scabs. They all left in a group. The chief scab herder on Otto F. Baumant, had to make some sort of excuse to his bosses for their leaving, so he concocted a better tale of assault by vicious mobs.

When asked why the negroes had left the job, Baumant declared they had been attacked by an armed mob of 200 men, who broke into the bank cars, wrecked the interiors and frightened the negroes so they jumped out the car windows and fled.

As a matter of fact the negroes themselves wrecked the interiors of the cars when the guards tried to keep them prisoners. The story is being used by the railroad managers of Milwaukee in order to get assistance from the state militia so the recruits obtained under the pretense so they intimidated and forced to work.

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Deserters Who Evaded Strike Service at the Command of Corporation Flunkey Governor Rrounded Up and Taken to Camp to Face Drum-Head Court.

100 WARRANTS FOR PHILADELPHIA DESERTERS

Sergeants of the 103rd Cavalry Invade Quaker City and Proceed to Jail Men Who Evade Playing the Role of Strikebreakers and Assassins of the Striking Miners of Pennsylvania.

A gang of sergeants of the 103rd Cavalry, Pennsylvania National Guard, are in the city of Philadelphia, searching for 100 men. They hold that number of warrants charging violation of the fifty-first Article of War—Desertion. The charges grew out of the failure of the men to appear for "service" in the ranks of the militia, when Governor Sproul, the corporation flunkey governor of the domains of Elbert H. Gary, on July 20 issued the call to arms. The troopers were ordered into the coal strike districts to act in the capacity of strike-breakers and scab-herders in order to coerce the strikers back to the dismal dungeons beneath the earth as wages insufficient to support a family in a manner befitting beasts of burden, say nothing of standards that should be enjoyed by human beings.

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THUGS ARRIVE

Four fire bosses of the Libersburg Coal Company at Colver, Pa., were on strike Thursday; company officials said in protest against the presence of National Guardsmen in the region. Officials said the men who had not agreed with the union that fire bosses and pumpmen would remain at work.

Major McKinley, commanding the soldiers in the three counties, sent a detail to the Commercial Coal Mining Company plant at West Colver, Pa., at the request of company officials, who said they could produce coal in large quantities with better equipment than other companies have made similar requests. The Consolidated Coal Company at Colver, Pa., reported a "large number of men" were out to work in its mines there last week.

Three separate kidnappings attributed to striking Chicago Burlington & Quincy shopmen were reported in Galveston, Ill., Thursday.

Late Thursday a crowd of about 200 employees, took them to a farm about seven miles from the city and, after hearing them, turned them loose, after sending them in a blackberry patch.

A stationary engineer was kidnapped and taken to a near-by town, where he was held for ransom.

Early Thursday morning the Sheriff's force was called to the country to rescue a scab who had been kidnaped and who had been left with only a gunny sack around his body.

FARMERS ANXIOUS OVER THE STRIKES

Reports from thirteen States in the American Farm Federation show that farmers are becoming anxious over the strikes, fearing that they may seriously interfere with harvesting and marketing. Federation officials in Iowa, Washington, Wisconsin and Illinois reported a shortage of coal, and Ohio and other States faced a car shortage.

More than 300,000 miles of train service throughout the country has been discontinued since the railroad strike was declared, according to Government officials charged with keeping tabs on the rail strike situation. At least three hundred trains have been dropped, if service it was said, and in some areas where strike conditions are more serious, the motor truck service has been restricted to the most important business matter and applicable foodstuffs.

TO YOU, who have listened to the sage advice of your employer about a "readjustment of conditions" and in return have received nothing but severe and unjust wage reductions, longer hours, harder work and enforced idleness. You who have worked long hours for low wages know the emptiness the promises made to you during the war. You have worked under inorganic conditions and those conditions have left you hopeless and helpless to protect yourselves and with no thought that the hours of tomorrow would be lighter than those of today.

Do you realize that while you have been receiving 35 to 45 cents per hour you worked more and 13 per cent that the railroad shopmen have been getting 77 to 85 cents per hour working less hours and instead of getting straight time for overtime work after 8 hours, as you have received, they have 8 hours, getting time, and one-half? The locomotive men on the railroads were receiving 77 cents per hour. They rejected a 10% reduction and struck. The locomotive men on the railroads are now being paid 90 cents per hour and are being brought to Baldwin's to be repaired. You are going to act as strikebreakers for the wages you are now receiving? The professional scab demands high wages, his board and lodging and food. There is no difference between the work you are asked to do and the work the professional scab in the railroad companies are now being paid.

Every day you are working under your present conditions, you are depriving yourself of money and comfort. You are in addition to helping to defeat others who are fighting your fight. Employees of other locomotive companies will not be ready to play the part of scabs by repairing locomotives coming into their shops from railroad locomotive repairs are now on strike.

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"Now is your opportunity to retaliate" on the treatment you have received in the past! Are you man enough to take advantage of it?

The 600,000 railroad men now on strike are millions of others are expecting you to assist your manhood! Will you do it?

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Penn. Labor Warns Against State Troops

Conference of Union Representatives to Be Held to Consider Situation As Result of Rule of Soldiers, Gunmen, Cossacks and Army of Private Guards Who Terrorize Workers of Entire State.

The Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor has issued a call for a conference to be held in Harrisburg, Pa., on Wednesday, August 2, for the purpose of discussing the presence of large aggregations of armed thugs in the ranks of the National Guard, the State Constabulary, Deputy Sheriffs and private gunmen, and also the situation that has developed as the result of martial law being proclaimed in various counties.

The following is part of the call for the meeting: "A situation has arisen which threatens not only the life of organized labor, but the safety of thousands of miners and railroad men and their families in this state. Without the request of county or municipal authorities, state troops have been sent into Abington coal fields. Their presence can bring, but one result: That will be to create the very strike which the government has announced that it seeks to prevent.

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SUBSCRIBE for WORKERS' CHALLENGE

A TWO-FACED BIPED

Would Create Private Army of Stool Pigeons

Extra Pay for Workers Who Would Consent to Go from Place to Place as Strikemen

From The Industrialist, a militant organ in the printing trades in New York City.

Julius S. Weyl of Philadelphia, chairman of the open-shop division of the Typographical Union of America, is sponsoring a program that will relieve the open shoppers of dependence upon selective agencies for strikebreakers and at the same time free them from "union dictation." He says:

We propose as soon as possible to organize an agency to act as a permanent for the purpose of having available all throughout the United States and Canada a large number of highly skilled employees who, in return for a slightly increased wage or some other consideration, will serve during a strike in any locality, to work in the shops of our members in the locality in which the relevant strike has been called.

Mr. Weyl and his fellow open shoppers desire to "run their own business" without interference by "unionists or discredited unionists. No one can do this as an objection to a printer who can make a job, say, of "typing" it off as a press and deliver it "running his own business." But the minute one asks the help of another there is cooperation. It is not only asked and is added to have no say, especially when the business could not carry on without him, but they are to operate? If he is to be permitted to have a say, what shall be his limitations?

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self-employed printers, they are merely cops in the industrial wheel. In such an economic environment all of the cooperative means of economy of the whole industrial machine collapse and chaos prevails. The workers are not made of iron; they are physical organisms and consequently require certain hygienic surroundings—plenty of light, fresh air, etc. If these are not provided, they will not demand and obtain them. By their labor under the direction of the executive a certain amount of wealth is produced. If it is only so entitled to merely what the owners feel like giving them or should they receive just what they are entitled to determine what their share is to be? Authoritative authority over the nation's industrial establishments is quite a natural desire of the employees. It is just as natural for the employees to say "Without our labor business would wither." Men of the mental make-up of Mr. Weyl fail to realize that they are only flies on the wheel of industry and that it would turn just as rapidly if they were not on it. They seek to degrade labor by elevating only a portion of it by paying a "slightly increased wage"; they would make contemptible stool pigeons of a few in order to save the rest of the industry.

After this has been accomplished the "slightly increased wage" of these men, spending their money on the reduction. Mr. Weyl aims at industrial slavery. If the love of freedom is not dead in the hearts of the workers this open-shopper will hear something.

The program that Mr. Weyl has recently proposed will compel a radical change in the lives of the members of the typographical union in the manner of making wage scales. In a city where the cost of living is so high, makes his own wage agreements. A union brings stability to the industry by setting a price on each article. Hence the proposition for a union to make a separate scale for every employer. There is no cooperation in this absurdity. Yet by permitting each local unit to make a scale, either by contract or without one, we really commit ourselves to no less a burden.

In the metropolitan district of New York, including Jersey City, Hoboken, Newark, Elizabeth, and Paterson, the White Plains, Mt. Vernon, Quakertown, New Rochelle and other nearby places, there are a large number of printing plants. Their scales differ widely, yet the cost of living in all of them is about the same. It is not possible to have a uniform scale in all of them. In the metropolitan district of New York a scale, located in New York City, Brooklyn, Paterson and other places can not be applied in New York City by underbidding employers here. When Brooklyn and New York were two different cities, Brooklyn had a low scale. Local autonomy in scale making in the last analysis permits one group to work for less than the other, for employers whose field of operation is within the same competitive market. The official of the International Typographical Union must devise a plan to obviate this situation.

The employers do not care what the scale is provided it will pay them. Then the price of ink, paper, type, linotypes and metal is high or the other without making any arbiters. When the price is low or high, just or unjust, they pay them and the customer foots the bill. It is not his business, but his body, "running his own business." It would be much simpler and more satisfactory if the International Typographical Union had no relations with all other real business organizations—the Standard Oil, the coal, paper, sugar, dealer, etc.—and made the price of labor.

of permitting the defenders to make their own stenographic record of the trial was being debated. Kurt Rosenfeld expressed his satisfaction with the fact that after the preliminary disagreements and disputes on the question of the stenographic record, the defendants and defenders enjoyed the full liberty of their defense. We may add to this that Mr. Rosenfeld was so certain of this liberty that he told some of his friends and acquaintances that he intended to leave for Berlin for a fortnight, and that he would return in the last session of the trial. The attempt to explain the flight of the defenders by any breach of the Berlin Agreement is absolutely unfounded, as was already pointed out by Comrade Paterson, the President of the Supreme Tribunal. In his answer to the foreign defenders' statement of protest.

If the claims made by the foreign defenders are mere fancy, then why do they leave the defendants undisturbed, and why do the defendants themselves appear on duty? The reason is apparent. Now that they are acquainted with the Social Revolutionaries and with their deeds of valor. Mens, Vandervelde, Rosenfeld and Liebknecht have come to the conclusion that the Social Revolutionary trial will end in the unequivocal proof of the guilt of the Central Committee of the Social Revolutionary Party in the organization of an armed struggle against the Soviet Government, a struggle that was carried on until very recently. It will also unmistakably prove that the Central Committee of the Social Revolutionaries organized a terrific act which is later so hypocritically denied, and that it received money from the various Entente Missions. With this starting them in the face, Vandervelde, Rosenfeld and Liebknecht decided not to be present when these crimes are proven first, if they were to defend all these crimes, they (the Second and 2 1/2 Internationals) would have to shoulder all responsibility for the Social Revolutionaries, a burden that scares them. For this reason Mr. Vandervelde and his assistants from the 2 1/2 Internationals requested the Social Revolutionaries to "accept" them from the defense, a favor which they promised to return by making lots of noise in their own countries.



Rail Baron, to HIS Government: "Please give me soldiers to help me run my trains." His Other Face to Strikers: "MY Soldiers will fix you!"

MORE PIONEERS FOR SIBERIA LEAVE FOR SIBERIA

The Holland-American liner Rotterdam carried away her third cargo of Kozlov's pioneers on Saturday, July 22. The party numbered 135. Thirty-one of the men were miners from Pennsylvania, Illinois and West Virginia. The remaining members were farmers, mechanics, electricians, lumbermen, engineers, etc. Jacob Klein, farmer, and Leonard White, engineer, came from Alaska to join the party. From Esplanade, a young farmer from Seattle took along with him a dozen Rhode Island Reds with incubator and other poultry rearing requirements. At the Rotterdam left the roster was growing despite the steamer's siren, and apparently a good much amusement to the departing pioneers.

The party will proceed to Rotterdam where they will transfer into the Warszawa, which is specially chartered by the Kuzbas organization for the trip to Petrorgrad. The sea journey lasts about

OPEN AIR MEETINGS Friday Evening August 4th, 10th St. & 2nd Avenue RUTGERS SQUARE

Under auspices of the United Tolders of America

Even days, calling at Plymouth, Boston—our Mr. Rotterdam, then passing through the famous Kiel Canal, to the tiny free port of Danzig and thence via Libau in Latvia to the Red City on the Neva. The parties are lodged in Simeyev Institute during her brief stay in Petrograd, after which they travel along the Northern route to their new homes in the Urals and in Siberia. The nationalities of the workers was as follows: United States, 25; Finnish, 15; Russian, 10; Lithuanian, 10; German, 5; Croatian, 5; American, 5; Yugoslav, 5; and Swedish, 5. Sweden, Cuba, Poland and Hungary contributed one each. All were thoroughly equipped with tools and clothing, and are well fitted to stand the rigorous Siberian climate. In addition to their own needs they also took with them over two tons of clothing for the use of Russian workers in the districts to which they are bound, as well as many other gifts, which will be welcome.

Accompanying the party was a well known American mining engineer, Alfred Pearson, Jr., who is in charge of the mine at Kenesaw. Pearson who also took his family with him is a socialist of many years standing. He has been in the employment of the Consolidated Coal Company for many years as chief draughtsman, chief engineer, and as assistant manager. He has also been Chief Engineer for the Pennsylvania May Coal Company. The latter mine has an output of 2,000,000 tons annually. Pearson is tremendously interested in the project, and is very enthusiastic about the type of miners who are going across with him. He stated that the minimum amount of coal that could be extracted from the Kenesaw mine would be 1,000,000 tons annually. This will do much to relieve the fuel shortage on the Trans-Siberian railroad. Another party is leaving for Siberia

and Kuzbas on the same ship on August 26. Steel mill men, miners, cement plant operators, high-grade machinists, lumber workers, farmers, electricians, moulders and pattern makers are needed for this shipment. They should apply at Kuzbas, Room 301, 110 West 40th Street, New York, N. Y. The Kuzbas Organization operates on the same basis as a Russian State industry and acquires properties covering thousands of square miles in the Urals and in the Kuznetsk Basin in Siberia. This district alone possesses more coal than the British Isles. The Nadejdzinsk steel plant is the largest character steel plant in the world. vast machine shops, forges, railroads, farms, mines of coal, iron, manganese and copper are waiting for the directing control of advanced and intelligent American trained engineers and workers.

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This move of Citizen Vandervelde, the "unpolitical" representative of the political Central Committee of the Social Revolutionaries, tears the mask from his face. What in reality is the case? The former Social Revolutionaries who came over to the revolutionary camp stand in accused before the court.

A part of them are in custody. They require legal representation like any other accused. Why, then, does Citizen Vandervelde rage against these workers and active members of the fighting organization, who in their time of need stood by him and did not keep in safe hiding like Getz? Don't you? Quite simple. It is the hate of political expediency. If one looks at it from a political standpoint it will not be difficult to lay bare the roots of this political hate. Everyone who leaves one camp for another betrays, in a certain sense, the cause. When Marx, born of bourgeois stock, went over to the working class forces, he betrayed the bourgeoisie. When Engels, the manufacturer's son, became leader of the revolutionary proletariat, he was, from the standpoint of the manufacturer, also a traitor. And doesn't each traitor, the working class receive its mightiest weapon—Marxism? There is, however, treachery of another sort. That is, if people, who have stood in the ranks of the working class, go over to the bourgeoisie. If, for instance, a Socialist, who has sworn in Stuttgart and Biele to use every means to fight against imperialism, becomes later on organizer of such a war, a Minister of the Crown, and signs that famous old hate treaty, the Versailles Treaty, that is treachery, betrayal of the working class.

This sort of treachery is utterly different from the protraitor and the deserting of the proletariat for the bourgeoisie. This variety is very well known to Citizen Vandervelde, for reasons known to all.

MAY GET ONE UNION IN PACKING INDUSTRY

Amalgamation of Most Packers on St. Paul, Minn., Having Approved Last Sunday. There is a strong trend toward the creation of one union in the packing industry. In fact that question is likely to be the principal one before the convention which will be held in August.

It is not known what stand Dennis Lane and his machine will take toward the amalgamation of packers, unless he is a labor lackey of the old school. In the threatened stock yards strike in Chicago a year ago last spring it was Lane who sabotaged the militant sentiments of the workers in that industry by deserting the membership and running to Washington, where he reached an agreement with representatives of the packers, reducing the wages of workers in the packing houses. For many weeks action, ran high against the perfidy of Lane & Co., but eventually the men resigned themselves to the fact that they who are betrayed by their officials. There was a wonderful opportunity for the workers to take the time Lane hastened to Washington, that some hastened to Washington, and the sentiment of the workers was so much in favor of a strike that some forty thousand of them met in mass meeting to insist upon a walk-out. Had Lane used ordinary strategy he could have stopped production in all the packing houses in Chicago. Instead, like the average labor lackey he sabotaged the threatened strike. It is doubtful if he will favor effective action on the part of the workers, but it will not be because he cannot hold his position otherwise.

Not only should there be amalgamation of the workers in the packing houses, but it should be extended to all the food industry of the nation to embrace every worker who in any way assists in the production of food. The deadening effect of Lane's conduct of the workers was so much in fact months is seen in his report to the effect that there have been 145 chapters reelected during the past year while only 20 have been granted. Like all other lackeys, he is disorganizing the workers and is doing so by taking advantage of the present situation to organize militant forces to combat the onslaught of the "open shoppers."

MAINTENANCE MEN STRIKE Hailing their work in a "sympathy" strike with other craftsmen who have left the company's service, the maintenance men of the Pennsylvania Railroad, 300 section men employed by the maintenance department of the Wyoming Division of the Erie Railroad in Dunmore, Pa., quit their posts Tuesday morning for the duration of the union's dispute with the railroad.

SCAB DIES

Albert Wade, a negro, who told the police he was a railroad shop worker, died in a hospital in Memphis, Tenn., Thursday the gunshot wounds. He said he was halted by three men earlier in the day and asked as to whether he was a shop employee. When he said he was, he was shot. Wade Willis, another negro, who accompanied Wade, was wounded.

NEGRO SCABS USE KNIVES AGAINST STRIKE PICKETS

Two men were stabbed in Detroit, Mich., last Tuesday, while picketing the Michigan Central Shops, by three negro scabs, when a request was made by the pickets that the scabs investigate the union and what it was striking for. The strikers are in a hospital, both in a serious condition.

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A FLIGHT BEFORE THE TRUTH

The only real reason for the sudden flight of the foreign defenders of the Social Revolutionaries from the Social Revolutionary trial may be found in the facts that are coming to light in the course of the proceedings. These facts are so damaging to the Social Revolutionaries that their defenders find it advisable to sneak away in time.

(Praesid. June 16, 1922) On Wednesday Messrs. Vandervelde, Rosenfeld and Liebknecht made themselves conspicuous by their absence from the court-room. On Wednesday evening their absence was explained. They presented the statement of protest, based on a series of formal conflicts with the Supreme Tribunal, and on the announcement by the court that there exist no such thing as the Berlin Agreement, but only the most fragmentary breach of the Camassart of Justice, etc., they further complained that the trial was not being conducted in accordance with stipulations agreed upon in Berlin and announced that they would nevertheless remain at the service of the Social Revolutionary defendants. The Social Revolutionary defendants followed with the announcement that they "examine" their foreign defenders from the defense. It is a healthy mind must cope of their conclusions. This case does not only show the responsibility to be considered, either: The Social Revolutionary trial offers no possibility to get at the truth (in that case not a single defendant would even attempt to defend himself before the court), or, the statement made by Messrs. Vandervelde, Rosenfeld and Liebknecht merely represents a flight before the truth. All their references to the breach of the Berlin Agreement are absolute nonsense, not only because the agreement was broken by the Second International, but because in spite of this most fragmentary breach by the Second International, the Supreme Tribunal gave the defendants every opportunity to defend themselves. We point out yesterday that on Tuesday, when the question

from the Social Revolutionary trial. When they come home, they will start a new campaign against Soviet Russia. But these shots do not disturb us. No madness in the world can destroy Kurt Rosenfeld's statement about the fairness of the Supreme Tribunal made by him unswervingly persisting his flight from the court-room. The statement is in the stenographic record. The presence at the trial of the leaders of large workers' parties in Western Europe, as Clara Zetkin, Emma and Franziska, will make it possible to unmask the contumacious lie and hypocrisy of Vandervelde and Company. The Liebknecht defenders ran before the truth, but the Supreme Tribunal will reveal the truth about the Social Revolutionary of its better end. And the truth will be made the common property of the whole international proletariat.

WHO ARE THE TRAITORS? By N. BUKHARIN Vanderveld accuses everyone in the rank and file of the militant workers who has turned his back on the Social Revolutionary Party of treachery. But this "treason" is a treacherous lie. Vandervelde, who betrays the working class, betrays the workers, Getz betrays the working class. The Social Revolutionary Trial began with a very interesting episode. Citizen Vandervelde who has for the time forgotten his assurance that he appears in the court "solely as an advocate and will not deal with policies," "hold" enough to sling an insult in the face of that group of the accused who, wholly or partly, have gone over to the revolutionary camp.

Citizen Vandervelde had "the manly courage" to tell Kuznepova and Steimov, both militant workers, Steimov can look back upon nine years of hard labor in Siberia, that they have bought the goods from the Communist Party through treason.

Such is the meaning of the flight of the foreign defenders from the Social Revolutionary trial. When they come home, they will start a new campaign against Soviet Russia. But these shots do not disturb us. No madness in the world can destroy Kurt Rosenfeld's statement about the fairness of the Supreme Tribunal made by him unswervingly persisting his flight from the court-room. The statement is in the stenographic record. The presence at the trial of the leaders of large workers' parties in Western Europe, as Clara Zetkin, Emma and Franziska, will make it possible to unmask the contumacious lie and hypocrisy of Vandervelde and Company. The Liebknecht defenders ran before the truth, but the Supreme Tribunal will reveal the truth about the Social Revolutionary of its better end. And the truth will be made the common property of the whole international proletariat.

But it is quite otherwise with the traitors who go across the camp of the bourgeoisie. They are afraid to answer for their conversion. They are able to become Ministers of the Crown but "God forbid" that they should lay their "Socialist" aside. They have been able to betray the Union and Amen to imperialist carnage and then utter pompous phrases on the International and international solidarity. This treachery, this going over to the bourgeoisie, is ideologically the same as the most ignoble hypocrisy.

Not only is Citizen Vandervelde equipped with a full kit of political betrayal.

The Central Committee of the Social Revolutionary Party knows all too well how they, in the name of socialism, allied themselves in the closest bonds with every capitalist state against the Russian working masses.

But this hypocrisy leads to yet another quite special kind of treachery, to cowardly camouflage of one's own party comrades and those of similar opinions, to disowning one's own deeds without changing one's camp. When Messrs. Gotz and Co. gambled with the lives of the workers and militants of the Social Revolutionary by their mendacious ambushes of Communist, and then disclosed them, calumniated them and drew a "dividing line" between themselves and these fighters, that can compare only with the cowardly of a cowardly general who leaves his soldiers in danger. This sort of treachery is of a kind peculiar to the Social Revolutionary bureaucracy. And when Citizens Vandervelde loudly talk of Socialism and the working class, they are treacherous of treachery these people who have found the way from Socialism and the working class—we are still here. The whole working class will condemn such treachery. It will not pardon but will take revenge. It will punish every one who in their years of trust, loyalty, affliction, betrayal and desertion the workers, and went over to the Versailles Camp, that they might strangle the mighty proletarian Communist

A TWO-FACED BIPED



Rail Baron, to HIS Government: "Please give me soldiers to help me run my trains."
 His Other Face to Strikers: "MY Soldiers will fix you!"

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THE "FORWARD" SHOWS ITS FANGS

Among the reptile press that wages a sometimes open, sometimes covert, campaign against Soviet Russia, the Jewish Daily "Forward" stands well to the fore.

The record of Cahane proves conclusively that he is insincere about his professed concern over the inhabitants of the famine-stricken regions of Russia.

The F. S. R. takes the right stand in demanding that this hypocritical fakir make good his charges or take the consequences.

FORGING UNION MEN TO SCAB

The rank and file of the "Big Four" Brotherhoods on the railroads are restless under the dictatorship of the reactionary officials who lead their organizations.

In Ohio there are reports of attacks upon trains with union crews by striking miners. Immediately the brotherhood officials announce that they will hold a conference to agree whether troops will be sent in order to ensure protection for their members.

There is accumulating evidence that the rank and file will not bow down to the authority of official domination, especially when that domination forces them to become scabs against their brother workers against their will.

ATTACKING OFFICIALS DURING A STRIKE

One of our readers expresses grave doubt as to the advisability of attacking labor leaders during the period of a strike.

The policy of the WORKERS' CHALLENGE has been to consistently fight the reaction in the labor movement no matter how or when or under what conditions it is found.

It is impossible at such a time to get the rank and file around, over the periphery of their reactionary officials. But when the mass of workers are hurled into the struggle and the officialdom begins its pussyfooting tactics of sabotaging the strike on the one hand and rushing back and forth between the government and the employ-

ers on the other in order to maintain the best personal advantages for themselves as lieutenants of the capitalist class, there is ample opportunity for exposing the workings of the machine.

When a labor scab feels himself slipping before the rising tide of the strike, he is a part of the rank and file. It is not an unusual procedure for him to create a situation behind which he can defend himself from the wrath of the membership on the plea that the organization is engaged in a life and death struggle and that to create dissension at that time is treason to the organization.

To ask a militant publication to refrain from exposing such assaults upon the organized labor movement is to ask us to condone the treachery of the labor lieutenants of the capitalist class.

We are not that type of so-called revolutionist that labors under the delusion that the United Front is a safe haven in which to be sanctioned the deeds of the reactionary officials and by entering into a conspiracy of silence with them in order to obtain the few official favors they gladly grant those alleged radical leaders who conspire with them against the membership.

Our conception of leadership of labor is an officialdom created by the rank and file and that is responsive to the demands of the membership. An officialdom that constantly fights against the rank and file and who are in a state of perpetual intoxication through the monotonous repetition of phrases that they cannot understand and that have no application to American conditions.

An intelligent leadership of labor must arise from the rank and file and must be tested by the struggle. That leadership must be able to determine at precisely what moment action on the part of the rank and file will be most effective; it must exercise a high degree of strategy during periods of production in order to magnify the employing class into an oppressive monster, and to render certain the success of a strike move.

When there is talk of a strike today, most of the employers take it as a joke and then ensue a contest of bluffing between the employers and labor leaders, frequently culminating in arbitration, which always means betrayal of labor.

In order that militants may secure leadership they must take advantage of the errors committed by the present leaders and persuade the workers that the leadership is not representative of the confidence of the majority. Instead of criticism of the leaders dividing the strikers, it has tended to solidify their forces in this series of struggles that we are experiencing today.

As to the WORKERS' CHALLENGE we shall continue in the future, as in the past, to unmercifully excoriate the reactionary officials of labor and to call for their arrest, forcing them to resign their offices and to take the place of the labor servants of the capitalist class whom they will be forced to do their dirty work openly, instead of masquerading as defenders of the interests of labor.

THE PROTEST OF DEBS!

By E. M. Wicks

Last night, Moscow. I protest with all civilized peoples in the name of our common humanity against the execution of any of the Social Revolutionaries or the mistrial trial of any laborer. Soviet Russia can set an example by the humane treatment of the Russian workers and should uphold the higher standards we seek to erect and profess to observe.

(Signed) ROSSAN V. DEAS.

The above message, from Debs to Lenin, appeared on the front page of that journal of American reaction, the New York Call, on Thursday, July 27. There is no denying the fact that this message has served to destroy another idol of the so-called revolutionary elements of the American working class, or at least that portion of the working class that followed in the wake of every nationalist and sentimental drivel, under the delusion that revolution was a matter of phrase-mongering.

As an agitator of a type, Debs was useful. But when he tries to engage in controversies, or express opinions, regarding the various so-called Socialist Parties of the world, he is sadly at sea. In this case he has been used as a tool in the hands of the unscrupulous politicians and traitors to the International working class that control the Socialist Party of America.

I believe this protest in behalf of the Social Revolutionaries is the most vicious thing ever penned by the hand of Debs. If he ever said anything more bitter, even against the ruling class, I do not recall it. It is proof, with all civilized people, of the "agitation" of the rank and file of the working class against the reactionaries.

Those words place Debs in the class of Vandervelde, MacDonald, and the other vipers of the first working class government on the face of the earth. The day he wrote that message to Lenin he became the traitor to the workers of the United States. After fighting for the rule of the working class for nearly thirty years (since he professed Socialism), during which time he served two prison terms for opposing the tyranny of capitalism, he now comes forward to urge the Bolsheviki to execute the political leaders for a gang of the most infamous servants of World Imperialism that the working class of Russia has had to contend with in a five-year struggle.

An appeal to Debs to intervene in behalf of the paid assassins of the leaders of the Soviet government is a farce. Debs is a man who does not believe he knows the whole story; the depths to which they sank in order to serve imperialism and crush the working-class republic.

Who is the contribution of the Social Revolutionary Party to the proletarian revolution in Russia? Are they responsible for its victories over the world reaction? Their contribution to the history of the revolutionary period can be found in the unexampled slaughter, the misery and suppression that have befallen the workers of blood that have flown from wounds inflicted by the Allied White Guards.

The whole record of their treachery and assassination intrigues has been made known to the world in Moscow. In June, 1917, Kerensky, a former member of the Social Revolutionary Party, began his offensive against the workers that cost the lives of thousands, at the instance of the British and French imperialists.

related lists to the effect that Lenin was an agent of German imperialism, in order to incite assassins against the prominent Bolsheviki. At the time when the coalition government was being devised the main Russian people were in order to get them to fight the war to a successful conclusion on the part of the Allies, the Bolsheviki were the only ones who raised their voices for peace. The Social Revolutionary Party carried out the assassination of the late General Kaibler had paid Lenin, Kalinin and others to carry on anti-war agitation.

After the Bolsheviki had secured the majority of members in the Soviets, after they had seized power and declared for the dictatorship of the proletariat it was Gotz, a member of the executive committee of the Social Revolutionary Party, and one of those now on trial, who organized the Junker attack which cost the lives of many thousands of revolutionary workers. In the beginning of 1918 this alleged Socialist Party sounded the lowest depths of depravity by openly demanding, through a resolution of their central committee, intervention on the part of the Allies against Soviet Russia.

I wonder if Debs knows anything about the developments at the trial in Moscow. Does he know that the evidence of the guilt of the men on trial is so overwhelming that the Belgian judge, Van der Velden, would not even allow a technical question of law to be asked, because the crimes of the Social Revolutionaries were indefensible? Does he know that Vandervelde, minister to the King of the Belgians, promised his former clients, the blood-streaked aristocrats of the Russian workers, that he would do all he could to arouse the working class of the world against Soviet Russia in the interest of that same Allied Imperialism that he and his friends so valiantly served?

Who does Debs prefer to believe, Vandervelde, the minister to the reactionaries, or the working class, editorial writer of the Call, or the leaders of the triumphant proletariat of Russia, who have pointed the way for the Bolsheviki to a better world? On June 26, in the morning session of the trial, damning evidence of the conspiracy with French imperialism, was produced. It was proved conclusively that the Social Revolutionary executive committee orally accepted money from Leuzer, head of the French Military Mission, for the purpose of endeavoring to cause mutiny in the ranks of the Red Army.

You, Mr. Debs, with your experience with the minions of capitalism, surely ought to know what the victory for which the Social Revolutionaries were striving was meant for the working class of Russia. The story of the last days of the Paris Commune, of Finland and of Hungary under the White Terror would have been magnified a thousand-fold. Russia would have become a gigantic slaughter house where the workers were strangled and the peasants the revolution would have proceeded day and night for years. That was the victory desired by Gotz, whom you want to save from his just deserts at the hands of the workers' government of Russia.

It is not a pleasant thing, this trial, but then you must remember that these are not pleasant people we are dealing with, but unscrupulous murderers; who would laugh at your sentimentalities in case they had the upper hand; and you must remember that to them the slaughter of the workers. It is extremely unfortunate that civil war cannot be combated by soft words and fine phrases. If that were the case you would be indispensable and your services much sought after, but in a world of realities we must deal with things as they are, therefore, your sentimental concern about these red handed murderers and conscious funkneys of Allied Imperialism amounts to plain counter-revolutionary meddling. Let me assure you, though, that you will not harm the Russian Socialist Federative Soviet Republic, but only yourself.

In February, 1918, one Lydia Konopleva proposed to this Gotz, responsible head of the Social Revolutionary Party at that time, that an attempt should be made upon the life of Lenin.

Gotz personally approved this anarchistic act of terrorism. In March, 1918, this same Gotz proposed to take one of his members, by instructing him to shoot Lenin, which he attempted at a meeting in Petrograd. He personally instructed members of that party to murder Zinoviev and Volodarsky. In July, 1918, when the assassination of Volodarsky, as ordered by the executive of the Social Revolutionary Party, had been perpetrated, Gotz was again at the time for the crime, immediately ordered a large number of criminals in his party to leave Petrograd for Moscow in order to assign guard the whereabouts of the actual murderer of Volodarsky. The day that 300,000 men and women of the working class of Petrograd followed the coffin of Volodarsky to his grave, the executive of the Social Revolutionaries was jubilant over their "political achievement."

It was the same hand that in the secret case of World reaction struck down Vladimir Uritsky, one of the best loved of the revolutionaries of Russia. On the night that Uritsky met his death a bullet in the hand of Dora Kaplan pierced the body of Lenin. The bullet was removed and it was discovered to have been cut at the end in order that the wound as it entered. The plot against Lenin included the poisoning of bullets by curium, an extract used by South American Indians as an arrow poison and which paralyzes the motor nerves.

On another occasion these delightful individuals plotted to blow up a train that carried the Council of the Peoples' Commissaries and Petrograd to Moscow.

The burning of railroad bridges in order to cripple transportation and create anarchy was undertaken by the Social Revolutionaries. Services to Allied Imperialism rendered by the Social Revolutionary Party.

Successfully this party crawled in the name before Kolchak, Denikin, Yudenich and Alatau, besides its endless series of intrigue and the secret agents of the capitalist government of the world.

The action of Debs only serves to prove content that a term in jail is never a substitute for an understanding of the principles of the revolutionary movement. Madame Kovskaya spent the better part of her life in the dungeons of the Czarist regime, but she proved to be one of the most fanatic counter-revolutionaries. The very thing she signed she was fighting for proved to be much different from her ideals that she herself in the camp of World Imperialism. Debs' campaign is similar in many respects. He like "Babushka" has been a mentalist all his life; incessantly making blunders and always talking about the beauties of brotherly love and twisting them to conform to some preconceived religion. When he sees the class struggle in action he realizes the fact that he is not to be with as such, he entirely forgets the movement of the working class and the one must adopt to defend itself and wait for some abstract justice. If he were a g revolutionary, instead of a middle headed mentalist, he would realize that the Social Revolutionists on trial will go down whose acts were directed against the working class of the world. To acquit them would add fuel to the fire that is burning everywhere; it would be interpreted as an invitation to murder the officials of the Soviet government with impunity. The Allied governments would employ ten thousand more of their kind to invade Russia and carry on their nihilistic tactics.

It is certainly a pitiable spectacle to a individual who has fought so many battles in the United States, flop into the camp of the H. sons, Vanderveldes, MacDonalds and other servants of imperialism. He should remember that when he was being jailed for opposing the World War, that the eminent general servants of the bourgeoisie were clamoring for his joining today, did not make any protest against capitalist government of the United States though they were king's ministers of court claiming to be Allies of the United States.

Debs and the defenders of the Social Revolutionaries cannot honestly plead that they are opposed to capitalist punishment in Russia for the same reason that they oppose it in capitalist countries. In capitalist countries the workers who are imprisoned for revolutionary activity are struggling for working class emancipation, while in Russia the working class has already won political emancipation from capitalism and its enemies are those who conspire to restore capitalist slavery. When workers fight capitalists they fight against slavery; when the Social Revolutionaries, as the servants of the bourgeoisie, fight the Soviet government, they fight to forge the fetters that bind the slaves of a land, for the Soviet government is the outpost of the World Revolution and must wage the class struggle on the basis of conditions as it finds them at hand. It cannot create its own weapons; its struggle; they are determined from day to day by the tactics of its opponents.