

Party Has Big Chance in Several States This Year

N. E. C. Launches Campaign Fund—Good Response Will Put Party on Map Big

The Socialist Party faces unusual conditions this year in several states. Funds can be raised and literature obtained these will roll up a vote for the Socialist Party in the United States. Facts developed at the meeting of the National Executive Committee at the national headquarters of the Socialist Party Saturday and Sunday.

Montana Castor Oil Army Has Another Battle

500 Farmers and Cowboys Carry Off Enjoined Crop in One Day

By James D. Graham

Great Falls, Mont.—The judge of the court at Plentywood, Mont., granted a temporary injunction on the part of Raymond to prevent the taking of the crops from the ranch of Grandrud, following the action of ranchers who forced Grandrud to swallow a pint of whisky when the officer tried to search him from his ranch, following the foreclosure of the mortgage on the farm.

It became known that the court placed an injunction on the part of the ranchers and cowboys, in effect, to prohibit the judge and sheriff from removing the crops from Grandrud's place. Sunday with this slogan, "No more injunctions bring the cash, ranchers and cowboys number between four and five hundred took two hundred women from the ranch of Grandrud, with them a threshing machine and other farm implements, set to work on the wheat that had been planted on a hundred acre tract. The hay and dig potatoes every particle of this season's crop. By night the wheat was finished, the threshing machine had brought food with it. A broken dinner was served and a fine banquet in the evening. The crowd making a holiday of the occasion. A poor farmer with a family struggling to make a living, to fight the big bankers trying to rob him of the land, labor by stealing his property, the protection of the law, justice given to him by men and women who are helplessness, gave their assistance, gave their labor and disposed of his crops to the bankers and their hirelings.

Socialist Party Makes Plea for British Miners

Calls On All Supporters and Friends to Do Utmost in Raising Funds

The following resolution was adopted unanimously by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party at its regular meeting, Chicago, August 29:

The struggle now going on in the coal industry in Britain is more than a mere wage dispute between organized labor and capital. It is capitalism on its death bed struggling for a prolonged lease of life.

The master class of Britain are solidly arrayed against the workers in this fight, and if the miners are starved into submission, the coal miners of all countries will have to take a reduction of wages in order that the production of the British miners may be met in the markets of the world.

The British coal miners can win this fight, and the nationalization of coal mining be established in Britain, provided the miners and their dependents be maintained with the necessary assistance for a few weeks longer.

How Bethlehem Steel Operates Company Union

New York. Louis F. Budenz, in the September number of Labor Age tells us how Bethlehem Steel has one of its largest plants.

Budenz tells of company houses located on the workers at \$3,500 to \$5,000, with Negroes barred. But this plan hasn't worked so well. Two hundred houses have not been sold.

The Situation, Labor Day, 1926

On this Labor Day, 1926, two very definite and very serious situations confront American Labor and World Labor.

Capitalism has at last perfected the two weapons with which it proposes to destroy organized labor.

One of these is the weapon of governmental or military force. The supreme example of this method is found in Italy and the dictatorships of southern and southeastern Europe, wherever independent form of labor organization is being wiped out and labor utterly enslaved.

The other weapon is peculiarly an invention of American capitalism. It is the weapon of concealment and so-called co-operation between capital and labor, with labor playing the minor and inferior role in the pretended partnership.

In Great Britain are the open shop "the birds" represented by such men as Lord Birkenhead and Churchill, who are attempting to put through parliament laws which would subject the trade union treasuries to confiscation and establish capitalist government supervision of the unions.

In continental Europe the menace of Fascist military force has become so great that the workers have organized and armed workers' militias in several countries in self-defense.

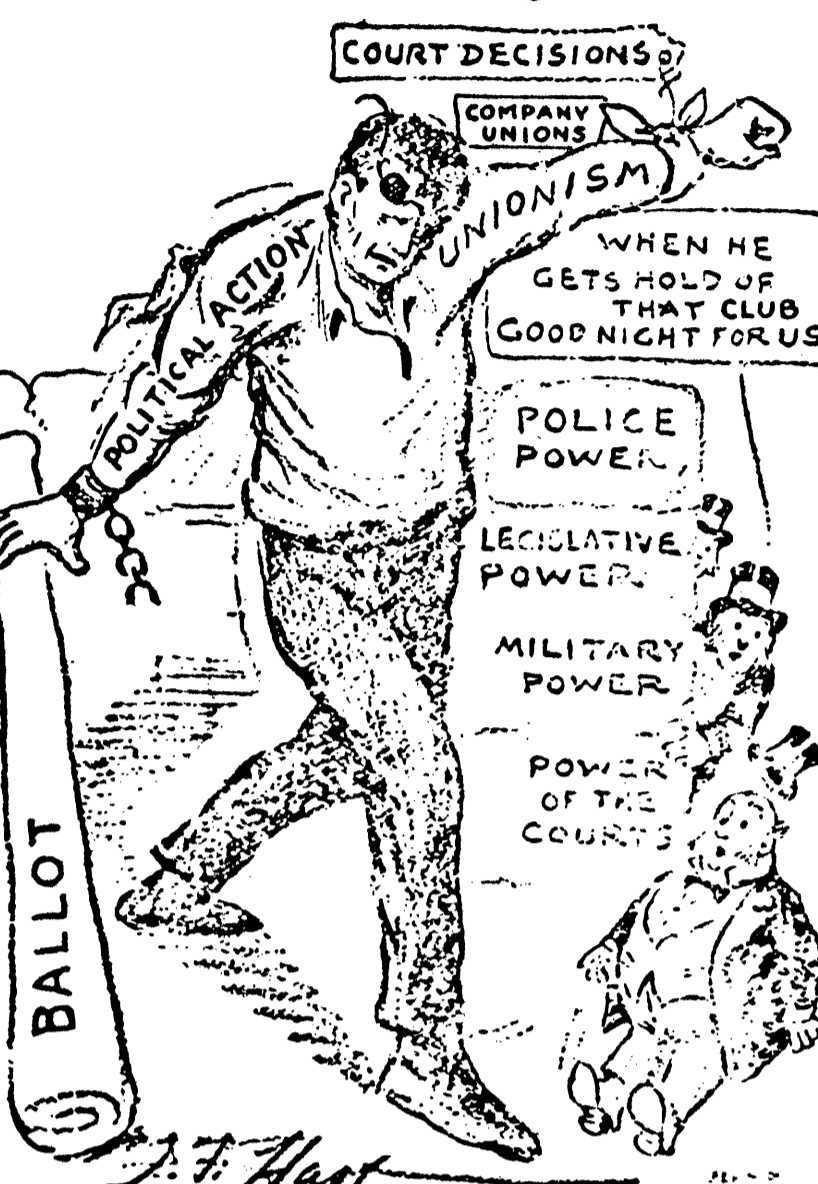
In America these two wings of capitalism are busier than they ever were before. On the one hand we have the utter open shoppers determined to drive labor organizations from all the shops and to produce laws and court rulings that will forever destroy organized labor in this country.

How many union men realize that THERE ARE A THOUSAND COMPANY UNIONS WITH A MILLION AND A HALF MEMBERS IN AMERICA ALREADY?

The American Federation of Labor has built up in a lifetime a membership of a little more than 2,000,000. THE COMPANY UNIONS IN A FEW YEARS HAVE ORGANIZED HALF THAT MANY.

IT IS TIME THE WORKERS OF AMERICA REALIZED THAT THE COMPANY UNIONS ARE GROWING MUCH MORE RAPIDLY THAN THE REAL ORGANIZATIONS OF LABOR, AND THAT AT THE PRESENT RATE OF GROWTH THE COMPANY UNIONS WILL HAVE THE LARGER MEMBERSHIP IN A FEW YEARS.

Imagine a situation like that—more than half the organized workers of America in so-called unions owned by and sold by the corporations—unions" consisting on the one hand of cranks and fakers of employers, rather than upon their own integrity and strength.



LAYS HOLD OF THE CLUB PICTURED IN THE CARTOON ON THIS PAGE THE CLUB OF AN INDEPENDENT POLITICAL PARTY OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY LABOR.

Labor faces a situation where it MUST FIGHT WITH BOTH ITS GOOD, STRONG ARMS, IF IT IS TO SURVIVE AND WIN.

With the arm of organized labor it has accomplished a great deal. The first of achievements of American labor is something to be proud of.

This movement is responsible mainly for the establishment of free schools in America.

The widespread eight hour day in industry. The enfranchisement of women. The better protection of the workers in industry against accident and unsanitary conditions.

Increased age limit of children in industry. Workers' insurance and compensation laws.

The higher wage of American skilled labor. While organized labor has won these and many more things, organized capital has made even greater gains in comparison with labor, and has become comparatively much more powerful and better organized than labor.

It has perfected a monopoly system by which it extracts a larger share of labor's product than it did. It has acquired the power to raise the prices of products to such an extent that labor's gain in wages is neutralized.

Its machinery for breaking strikes and wiping out labor organizations is more powerful and potent than ever before.

It has established a power over political parties, over the government courts, civil and military administrations far greater than ever before.

Socialist Party Names Tickets in 21 States

National Labor Blacklist Agency Is Now Forming

Myriad Organizations in Field to Exterminate Independent Labor Elements

By Robert Dunn

A new nationwide investigation bureau will be opened this fall, its central office probably in New York City, declares Jacob Nosovitsky, self-styled international spy recently employed by Botany Mills of Passaic.

Employers, on the payment of a fee, will be permitted to send in their payroll lists to be checked off against this card catalog of "traitors" which will be, according to Nosovitsky, the most complete list of its kind compiled since Burns left the Bureau of Investigation of the Dept. of Justice.

William Burns, pal of Ralph Easley of the National Civic Federation, still plays a leading role in the industrial spy field. His Industrial Service, he claims, discovers "which employees are disloyal or undesirable fomenters of unjustified dissatisfaction."

Some of the labor spy agencies now operating are: The International Airlines Company (Ohio); The Sherman Corporation Engineers; The Railway Audit and Inspection Company, with a publication, headquarters in Philadelphia and branches in Boston, New York, Baltimore, Atlanta, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Chicago, St. Paul, Industrial Council of Wood Manufacturers, Passaic, N. J.; street car and bus interests; and the following agencies around New York: Aetna Detective Agency, Dougherty Detective Bureau, Eagle Detective Agency, Farrell's Detective Agency, Julius Krone, Mooney-Poland-Sutherland Corporation, Val O'Farrell's Agency, Louis Swenden Investigation Bureau, Foster's Industrial and Detective Bureau and F. J. O'Brien Agency, Newark, which has many undercover men in the Paterson silk mills.

This situation undoubtedly means that the Socialist movement will emerge from the election with more than its old strength and fighting spirit. It will emerge as a definite factor in the nation and America, like most civilized countries, will have a genuine labor party of recognized strength.

Big Companies Hit Coal Miners of Pennsylvania

Clearfield, Pa. (E. P.) The huge Peabody Coal Co. and the Erie Railroad have torn up union contracts and joined the open shop war on the United Mine Workers in Pennsylvania. Eight mines, which the Peabody company operated for the Erie in Jefferson, Elk and Clearfield counties in District No. 2 of the union, closed last spring. Now the largest mine at Kramer has opened on the seal 1917 scale and the roads are protected by gunmen, while strike breakers are being imported.

Living Costs Higher

Washington.—The cost of living in the United States in June, 1926, was 74.8 per cent above 1913, according to the semi-annual report of the U. S. department of labor. This level is about 1.6 per cent below December, 1925, but is slightly above the level of June, 1925. It is 16 per cent below the average of 1920, when the cost of living reached a peak.

Only Nation-wide Labor Party and Outlet for Discontent This Year

At a time when progressive labor and farmer-labor groups of all kinds have deserted the field of national politics, the Socialist party has nominated state tickets in 21 states.

In addition, many Socialist, congressional and legislative candidates have been nominated in the same states. This is the status of Socialist party nominations as this is being written. That there will be a still greater number of states in the Socialist column this year is practically certain.

This achievement is not worthy because of the condition the Socialist movement found it in following its temporary alliance with the Conference of Progressive Political Action and the La Follette forces.

By making this alliance, the Socialist party lost its legal status in most states. In order to regain its right to make nominations numerous petitions had to be circulated and a great deal of work had to be done to restore the political organization and morale.

This work has been accomplished while the political activities and the spirit of the workers have been at their lowest ebb for at least a generation.

In the midst of a situation that took the heart out of liberal, progressive, labor and farmer-labor groups and left them dispirited and inactive, the Socialists have achieved this great task of revival and reorganization in 21 states, and the end is not yet.

To the American Appeal, official organ of the Socialist party, is due much credit for this work. The Appeal brought to life and activity thousands of Socialists who had been out of touch with the organizational work of the party. It devoted an entire page of each issue to appeal circulation and Socialist party work with most encouraging results.

By the direct efforts of the officials and employees of the Socialist party through the American Appeal in behalf of organization and the nomination of candidates, one after another of the states have fallen into line.

In these states there will be considerable activity as a result of this entry into the political arena as an independent party of the workers.

Such literature will be distributed. Speakers, both local and national, will tour the active districts. Considerable numbers of voters will hear the Socialist message, and there will be no doubt a great revival of Socialist activity in this country once more there will be a nation-wide party of the workers. The Socialist party will be this year the only nation-wide party of the workers, and will afford the only outlet for thousands of disillusioned workers and dissatisfied farmers and progressives of other groups to express their protest against the scandalous sale and delivery of the American people to the great interests under the Coolidge administration.

Labor Party Organized in Massachusetts

Boston.—A State Independent labor party was formed by the delegates from trade unions of Massachusetts at a convention held Sunday, August 22, in Wells Memorial Hall here. The newly formed party, by a vote of 11 to 5, voted against nominating a state ticket for this year's gubernatorial elections because of the short time in which to file nominations and to prepare for an effective campaign.

At present the party will confine itself to agitating and arousing sentiment among the workers of the state in favor of political action independent of the two old capitalist parties. The delegates considered this the wisest policy to follow now until more of the labor organizations and their members back this new move.

Twenty Reasons Why Socialism Must and Will Come in America

- 1. Eighty-seven per cent of the people of the United States own only 10 per cent of the national wealth.
2. Less than 1 per cent of the people own 50 per cent of the total wealth of the nation.
3. In 1918 the richest 1 per cent of the people received 41 per cent of the total national income. The poorest 10 per cent of the people received only two and one-half per cent of the national income. It is worse than that now.
4. In 1921 521 persons received an aggregate income of \$536,439,618, according to income tax returns. It is worse than that now. These 521 multi-millionaires had a net income as great as the net income of one-sixth of all the farmers in the United States.
5. In 1918, 78 per cent of the people received an income of less than \$1,000 a year; 82 per cent of the people received less than \$1,500. Eighteen hundred dollars a year is the least a family of five can live on in health and comfort, according to various private and public bodies that have investigated this question. HENCE: ONLY 12 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES LIVE UNDER CONDITIONS OF HEALTH AND COMFORT.
6. The concentration of ownership and control is even worse than the concentration of income. Six companies in 1922 controlled one-third of the water-power of the nation. SINCE THEN THIS CONCENTRATION HAS BEEN VASTLY EXTENDED AND THE SUPER-POWER TRUST HAS BEEN ORGANIZED.
7. Eight companies controlled three-fourths of the unmined anthracite coal.
8. Thirty companies had over one-third of the immediate reserves of bituminous coal.
9. Two companies had over one-half of the iron ore reserves.
10. Four companies owned nearly one-half of the copper reserves and 30 companies owned one-eighth of the petroleum reserves.
11. The chief sources of future development are held by a few corporations. In the face of these enormous monopolies of natural resources and the machinery of production and exchange, all that 87 per cent of the American people can hope to leave their children is a choice between starving for these interests or starving. (Continued on Page 3.)





