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SHOW UNCLE SAM STRIKEBREAKER

U. S. FINANCED SCAB HERDING ON THE SEAS

Marine Strikebreaking
Fund Admitted

By LAURENCE TODD
(Federated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Uncle Sam, strikebreaker, was disclosed to the House committee investigating the waste of funds in the Shipping Board on May 21, when Thomas J. Rice, special assistant attorney general, testified that \$163,000 had been paid by the Shipping Board to the shipowners' strike fund during the maritime strike on the Pacific Coast.

As the outcome of this struggle, the "closed shop" of the owners closed against union labor," with its industrial system, was established in every port southward from Portland. Representative Cooper of Wisconsin presented to the committee a series of questions to the witness brot out the fact that the policy of the shipping board, the shipowners, the port ship owners and the operators of government ships in their attempt to smash the unions. Admiral Read, chairman of the board, admitted at the time of this contribution of public money to the class war, but the defeat suffered by the seamen and longshoremen has been re-enacted, even to the present hour.

\$200,000 Fund.

Moreover, the companies operating government ships in San Francisco and Los Angeles had contributed to the fund of \$1,200,000 used by the Industrial Association in San Francisco. The industrial association has three or four billion combination of contractors and building material contractors. This combination was disclosed by the federal committee, as being in violation of the antitrust laws. The steamship combine, which went to the aid of the building companies, was the first to be attacked as "a general assault upon all organized labor," it is now under investigation as being equally in violation of the antitrust laws.

This combination consists of the Shipowners Association of the Pacific and the Pacific Marine Steamship Association," said Rice. "Complaint was made to the department of justice by labor leaders on the same day that the Senate passed the Sherman law. I was the first of my reports to Attorney General Daugherty last January, and have made

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Coolidge To Open
Substitute For Green
House On K Street

By The Federated Press

Washington, D. C.—A coalition of Coolidge, cabinet members, lobbyists of all kinds, and influential politicians, are to gather at the opening of the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on K Street, each, to corroborate lawyers, bankers, stockbrokers, and industrial magnates have been in Washington this week, with affidavit means of getting acquainted, in an innocent social way, with the leaders in Congress. When a talk is needed, they turn to the Congressional Club.

Hundreds of your shopmates read THE DAILY WORKER. Get one of them to subscribe to today.

No Daily Worker Saturday; Saturday Magazine Friday

Owing to the fact that Friday, May 30th, is a holiday, Memorial Day, recognized as such by the printing trades, there will be no Saturday issue of THE DAILY WORKER this week.

The regular Saturday Magazine Section will appear, the same size as usual, in Friday's issue. Make your arrangements now with your newsstand dealer to see that you get your Friday's issue of the DAILY WORKER.

600,000 Miners Are Locked Out In Germany

Six hundred thousand miners are locked out in Germany! These miners have wives and children. The state refuses to give them any help. These miners have been locked out as long as 10 months. They are up against the state of the seven hour day. The miners are waging a battle for the preservation of the seven hour day. The Coal Barons of Germany want to make big profits, and they want to take these big profits out of the German miners.

SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND GERMAN MINERS

Wives and children without food.

These miners are fighting not merely for themselves. They are fighting in the interest of miners the world over. If the German miners are defeated, the miners of America are defeated. Coal barons are quick to learn from each other. The miners of America you have little yourselves. But the German miners are the miners of Germany. They have been through a period of starvation already. These Six Hundred Thousand miners in Germany are fighting your battle. They are fighting the battle of the miners the world over. Help them and you will help yourselves.

Help them win this battle and your next battle, here in America, will be that much easier to win. Let them lose their battle and your battle, here in America will be that much easier to lose.

Miners of America! Come to the assistance of these German brothers. Help feed their wives and children so the workers may be better fit to continue their fight. The International Workers' Aid is the only agency which is feeding these hard working miners.

Send in your contribution to-day to the American committee at 19 South Lincoln St., Chicago.

"He who helps quickly, helps doubly."

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' AID,
Rose Karsner, National Secretary.

U. S. LABOR THRU INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' AID CABLES \$4,000 TO THE STRIKING MINERS IN GERMAN RUHR

The International Workers' Aid yesterday cabled \$4,000 to the striking miners of the Ruhr in response to the appeal sent to the workers of America for help to the starving wives and children of the heroic workers who are fighting against the atrocious conditions the coal barons and industrialists of Germany, aided by the International bankers, are trying to force upon them.

The American workers true to their traditions of answering the call for assistance from their fellow workers in distant lands in no time at all sent along with the \$4,000 sent, thru the International Workers' Aid, notification that enabled comrades of the Ruhr that they were to continue to support them in their fight as the workers of the Ruhr and peasants of the Ruhr, Russia, where after, when the famine scourge and the world day, the Ruhr will be a defeat for the miners in every country.

Attempts to work the mines with scale have proved abortive. The police, who were provocative in the early days of the struggle, are now fearing the miners who are the only workers who are being rapidly driven to desperation.

Police in the city of Stolberg, who were on the miners, had their station dynamited. The miners hurled hand grenades into the smoky ruins to complete the destruction.

The capitalist government is unable to cope with the Ruhr situation. Interest in the Dawes report long holds the center of the stage.

More Churches to Unite,
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 24.—That the Presbyterian and the Congregational church of the nation will soon join was predicted by the arbitration committee appointed by the capitalist government to the miners. The miners refuse to accept the Dawes plan.

The miners are determined to strike again if affording any concessions have been granted by the Soviet Government.

A special "Food Workers' Strike Edition" of the DAILY WORKER, was distributed by the strike leaders in front of the Greek restaurant yesterday. The Amalgamated Food Workers' Union handled thousands of copies of this special edition of the DAILY WORKER, letting the public know that there is a strike on among the Greek restaurant workers giving the history of the Amalgamated Food Workers' Union and describing the conditions under which the men have been forced to work.

The strike edition made the scabs wince and put more vigor into the cooks, waiters, dishwashers and other restaurant workers who are conducting this war against the 12-hour day.

Every new subscriber increases the influence of the DAILY WORKER.

600,000 NOW MEMBERS OF RUSSIAN C. P.

Rapid Growth Is Aid
To Soviet Russia

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, May 26—Reporting

for the Central Executive Committee to the Thirteenth Congress of the Russian Communist Party, Comrade Stalin declared that the membership of the organization had risen to over 600,000. This number is inclusive of the 125,000 workingmen admitted to the Communist Party in the drive for mass mobilization carried out after the death of Nikolai Lenin.

About 50 per cent of the entire membership consists of industrial workers and 25 per cent of poor peasants. Workers, workers' wives, children, and employees engaged in the service of the Soviet government make up the rest of the membership.

The membership of the Young Communist organization which has risen to more than \$70,000, more than four per cent are industrial workers.

The proletarian character of the Red Army, the Red Guard, and peasants have a total membership of between 150,000 and 200,000.

According to the last census, Russia has 5,451,000 trade union members. This is a gain of almost a million over the preceding year, but Judge Gary, who was still on the case, has given a report which shows that almost every national section of the Amsterdam International has shown a loss for the same period.

Zinoviev on Foreign Policy.

(Comrade Gregor Zinoviev made a complete and thorough review of the present economic situation of Soviet Russia, particularly the high cost of the foreign economic relations and of the Soviet Republics.

In discussing the conditions under which Soviet Russia has been ready to assume some of the obligations incurred by the preceding capitalist and czarist governments, Comrade Zinoviev said that the Soviet Government should never lose sight of the fact that while we refuse to pay the old czarist debts, we gladly meet the full obligations all obligations we have in our own debts.

Zinoviev indicated that Soviet Russia was planning to narrow and limit the foreign debts of the Soviet Government, the Soviet Government will grant no more concessions aiming at the exploitation of the Baku and Grozny oil fields.

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Zinoviev said that the Communists of Soviet Russia on this field towards limiting the activities of the private capitalists to a minimum and reducing the influence of the state and cooperative organizations.

Zinoviev said that the Soviet Government will increase the influence of the government in the economic elements that might tend to develop the granting of certain concessions to private interests having large amounts of capital.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, May 26—Opposition

of the government in war time put many workers in jail, but Judge Gary and the state trust draftsmen got off scot-free.

According to the report of Gary, a boastful contribution to the American Iron and Steel Institute convention, New York.

"You'll have to use force to take us," he said, was the ultimatum of the workers made in 1917 and 1918 when the government proposed to nationalize the iron and steel industry. Not willing to jail Gary for resisting the draft of industry, the Wilson administration pulled in its horns and the capitalists continued to run the basic industries and the country.

Tells About It.

Gary, in order to get the record straight, said this is the way the steel strike was settled, he answered the question.

Eleven resolutions considered by the convention dealt with the violations of the agreements by the coal operators, the men demanding the benefits when let down the resolutions.

Resolutions covered cases of individual members, and grievances which have appealed from the decision of the executive board upon their grievance with the coal operators.

Berkowitch appealed from the decision of the executive board No. 3, Berkowitch, who is a well-known syndicate capitalist.

Berkowitch was a capitalist who was the southern coal operators. At the international convention at Indianapolis, an unsuccessful attempt was made by the Lewis machine to unseat Berkowitch.

Farrington tried to get the case re-opened before the convention, but Farrington would not give Berkowitch the floor.

Farrington said that the majority of the delegates wanted to give Berkowitch the floor, but the state to Farrington, arbitration ruled against Berkowitch.

The Illinois convention, under the constitution, is the highest body of appeal in the state, but Farrington, in its opinion, was re-elected by the district board, with instructions that Berkowitch is to be paid for the time he has lost because of the blacklist.

Farrington Rebuked.

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RICH FARMERS' DEMAND:
The Amalgamation
Organization of Unorganized
The Industries for the Workers
Protection of the Foreign-born
Recognition of Soviet Russia.

CZAR FARRINGTON, BACK TO WALL, FIGHTS DESPERATELY TO SAVE TYRANNICAL RULE

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PEORIA, Ill., May 26.—The прогрессивные делегаты in the Illinois convention, which was adjourned yesterday by President Frank Farrington who, evidently bent on following the lead of John H. Lewis, upset the order of business, and announced that the delegates must finish the convention by Tuesday night.

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"We demand that the general line of our foreign policy be carried without alteration," said Poincare.

"We demand that the bill remain as it is, according to the order of business, and that the bill be taken up today.

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Burns, Manufacturer of Plots

Admission by John W. Crim, former chief assistant to Daugherty, before the Wheeler-Brougham committee, that the "red plots" blazoned forth at intervals during the last several years—William Burns was all false—merely puts the old, confirmed upper-class knowledge: "In all the 'red' agitation," said Crim, "They never brought me any evidence."

How comes it that, at this late hour, the fraud and persecution by Burns against the labor and revolutionary movements is officially disclosed. Is it because the investigators wish to protect the workers? That would be nice. If we were truly as the facts stand, it would be nice. But as the most callous and callous senators have exposed Burns' outrages against the "reds" only because Burns has been also framing up some of them. They need to discredit Burns to save their own skins.

All of which is grist of the mill of revolutionary workers. We can have no objection to the quarreling groups of exploiters showing up one another in their true colors. It is reminiscent of John L. Lewis' fight with the Farm Bureau, when he was out to prove his little independence of a capitalist class ago. When he fell out, it is said on good authority, the workers get a look at the real face of their rulers. When the class Farmer-Labor Party begins to make a real bid for power, we will doubtless see Daugherty and all his angles lined up in solidarity with most of those who are now busy exposing the frame-up machinery. Until that time, let us hope that the exposures will continue.

Strikebreakers All!

Time and again the Communists have told the workers and poor farmers that the United States government is today a strikebreaking agency from the top down and the bottom up. We have made this charge, not on the basis of our own fancies, but solely on the basis of the cruel everyday experiences of the working masses with the various government departments. As we go on, the evidence supports our view of the present political machinery of the employing class piles up month after month.

Only the other day, after almost five years of secrecy, it was disclosed that the United States Shipping Board has been playing the role of a treacherous strikebreaker. At the congressional hearings on the operations of the Shipping Board, Special Agent of Justice Agent Thaddeus P. Ricard, who has been investigating American imperialism, engaged in helping the Steamship Owners' Association of the Pacific Coast and the Pacific American Steamship Association in crushing a strike in 1919. While the government was supposed to be investigating this shipping combine for the purpose of prosecuting the association violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, the same government, thru its shipping board, was spending about \$150,000 in defraying the expenses of the employment bureau, paid by the bosses to break the longshoremen's strike.

The present policy of the shipping board is to maintain the open shop. The board continues this closed shop policy against all union men and still stands for the upkeep of these private employment bureaus which blacklist union members.

Practically speaking, there is no exception to the rule that in the hands of the employing class every agent of the present government, every departmental official from the president down, is a strikebreaker, a spy, or a tool of the employing class, working and farming masses, and to support the exploiting class. When the miners struck in 1922, the shipping board did its level best to fit out ships which would facilitate the importation of coal from England in order to cripple the effectiveness of the strike. When the coal diggers talked strike last year the same shipping board proudly boasted that it would do its bit in requiring the strikebreakers to drive the miners back to work.

This incident should serve to disillusion any workers who were still blindly groping for aid and comfort at the hands of the government, the general staff of their enemy—the capitalist class. The terrible price paid shall not have been in vain if it serves to hasten the organization of a powerful class farmer-labor party as a step towards scrapping the entire strikebreaking machinery used by the bosses.

Reactionaries in Perplexity

What to do with the McNary-Haagen bill for agricultural relief is a major worry of reactionary politicians, in Washington. They have the votes to defeat it (and want to defeat it), just as they have the votes to nominate Coolidge at the regular convention of their party (and want to nominate him). But—and there's the rub—what will be the effect upon the voting millions throughout the country, particularly upon the bankrupt and suffering farmers of the North and Middle West? The

reactionaries are in perplexity, wondering what to do with the power now in their hands, whether to boldly carry out their black designs, or to attempt to trim sails a bit to the winds of discontent.

The dilemma of free-booting politicians is the opportunity of the class-conscious elements of the farming and laboring masses. A clarion call for a class party of the toiling masses, a real Farmer-Labor party, that will cut them off at the hesitation, will not be easily forthcoming, and the reactionaries all the old-line politicians, that will break once and for all with every capitalist influence, that will put forward a clear-cut working class program—such a call will go far to smash the rotten and crumbling structure of the old parties, insofar as they still control the workers and farmers, and lay the foundation for real relief for the suffering agriculturalists as well as to the laboring masses. "It is the 17th of May, St. Paul, there will be the great opportunity to humanely end the mortal distress of the reactionary politicians by telling them—to the devil with you, and all your works! We have our own Farmer-Labor Party!"

Why the Scare?

The last few weeks have seen the development of an organized campaign in the press, in congress, and on the public platform by an apparently well-informed group for the suppression of the United States Navy second to none in strength.

Editorial column after column, news dispatch piled upon new dispatch, and stories of tape-worm length all having as their objective the spreading of the notion that the American navy is in a deplorable state are now to be noticed in the metropolitan press and the leading rural journals. What is the sudden scare?

As far as we can see, the methods and personnel involved in the new preparedness drive answers these questions. One of the leaders in the navalist revival movement is a man, Shearer, who calls himself an inventor and who is actually interested in torpedo boat manufacturing. We are being told that the United States has not lived up to the 5-5-3 naval ratio set down for England, America, and Japan by the Washington conference. We are being asked to believe that American submarine may not be good enough to withstand a submarine's attack.

Over against it, as it were, the naval personnel is said to have become depleted and the efficiency of the fighting ships and sailors to have sunk to anathomable levels.

Facts speak louder than lies when the truth is sought. The United States government is utilizing the four-year's naval holiday voted at the Washington conference for the purpose of extensive and intensive research into methods of naval warfare, the use of new types of aerial and hydro-aerial weapons whose intricacy were revealed by the experiences of the world war. American imperialism has already invested over four billions in its navy. Within the last decade the value of the American navy has increased more than 250 per cent. Thus, the hesitancy on the part of the American government to sink more millions into heavily useless fighting ships cannot be attributed to a niggardly attitude in squandering the money of the working and farming classes in behalf of the capitalist class.

But new events of gigantic significance are developing. The Dawes plan to turn Germany into an American capitalist workshop, the increasing competition of Great Britain, particularly in the Latin-American markets, the none too pleasant relations between the Japanese and Yankees imperialism clings all serves as an effective pretense to a niggardly attitude in squandering the money of the working and farming classes in behalf of the capitalist class.

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The scare being so zealously spread by our navalists arises out of a desire to safeguard the new and increasing loot recently pilfered by our imperialist clique. Today patriotic scares and greed for piling up huge profits are one and the same.

"LaFollette's Fool Friends"

Circulars are going out from a "LaFollette for President Committee" headquarters, Auditorium Hotel, Chicago. This committee must have, at least, encouragement from LaFollette, containing as it does the name of Donald Ritchie, attorney for the railroad shop-craft unions. But if LaFollette's fool friends are deliberately trying to slap the Farmer-Labor Party movement in the face, they could not have done a better job in picking this committee.

The committee has not a single worker, town or country, on it. Two manufacturers, two lawyers, a merchant, an author, a publisher and a banker—these are the men in charge of LaFollette's pre-convention campaign. Is this the kind of committee to represent the exploited masses, the exploited, the toiling masses, against the dominant middle class? A more completely middle-class committee could hardly be imagined. There is not the slightest trace of working class influence upon it, outside of the tenous one of a hired lawyer in the service of the unions.

It was a middle-class newspaper that, not long ago, deplored the activity of "LaFollette's fool friends." But if LaFollette really means to break with the old capitalist parties—which seems less likely every day—it is certainly a bunch of "fool friends" that could bring him down. LaFollette's committee for him that contains not a single labor man in the whole list. LaFollette intentionally ignores the whole Farmer-Labor Party movement.

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Why Alex Howat Is Popular

By JOSEPH MANLEY.

RECENTLY while in Pittsburgh, I learned at first hand the basic reason for the tremendous popularity of Alex Howat amongst the rank and file of the miners' union, particularly the Kansas miners.

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