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## PRISON LABOR GOODS HIT BY NEW CRUSADE

Ex-Prisoner Leads Fight in Illinois

By TOM TIPPETT,

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—June 18.—Katie Richards O'Hare has started another crusade. It is a crusade against the prison factory system. After spending 11 months in the Illinois State penitentiary as a political prisoner, Mrs. O'Hare has first-hand information on how prison industries are managed, how the contracts are made, and how the market is flooded with working class goods tainted with the prison tag system.

Mrs. O'Hare is in Illinois with a staff of five workers campaigning against the prison system and its evils. She exposes the prison trust before trade unions and gets a broad pledge. Then she goes to the state prison and signs an agreement against handling prison-made materials.

Reliance Metal Monopolies. Mrs. O'Hare, a former metal monopoli- company has a monopoly on prison contracts. Its headquarters is at 215 West Monroe St., Chicago. Millions of dollars worth of metal concern manufactured in 17 prison sweatshops in 1923 more than 16,000,000 work hours. Most of the work is done in New York and the other 16,000,000 comprised the other three Reliance brands, Black Beauty, Milton F Goddess and Honor Bright houses for boys.

"All of these prison-made garments are sold in the market. The products of the Reliance companies are purchased by farmers, workingmen and their wives, who would revolt at wearing the products of convicts," Mrs. O'Hare says. "These articles are prison made. This is a violation of the eighth amendment, that it is punishable by death to force trust companies into millions of American homes in the pages of newspaper publications daily, news papers, for the families and millions purchased by fraternal societies."

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## GRADLE OF LIBERTY ROCKS IN STRIKE OF BUILDING WORKERS

BOSTON, June 18.—Fenwall hall, two public high school buildings and the fire alarm signal station, all under construction or repair, are on the strike list of the Boston Building Trades council. Over 1,600 union men are out because the private factory trust, after spending 11 months in the Illinois State penitentiary as a political prisoner, Mrs. O'Hare has first-hand information on how prison industries are managed, how the contracts are made, and how the market is flooded with working class goods tainted with the prison tag system.

Communist and Labor Leaders Grabbed on Hoary Law in Canada

By JOHN ROBUR

(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

TORONTO, Can., June 18.—A curtain has been drawn over the educational campaign of labor leaders in this country. Three labor speakers, who took up collections at their meetings, have been arrested on charges of "seditious libel" and have been indicted by the police as the old law of vagrancy, which forbids the collection of money on a certificate from a clergyman or two justices of the peace.

The three alleged "vagrs" are John Young, president of the trades and labor council, Harvey Murphy, an active labor worker, and Walter Swift, a member of the Communist Party of Canada. They intend to fight the case, claiming that the rights they are asserting are exercised, unchecked, in England.

Caucasian Workers' Have Live and Strong Labor Organization

MOSCOW, June 18.—The trade unions of the Caucasus at their annual session, held here yesterday, report that 95 percent of all industries and office workers are organized, and 50 percent are working under collective agreements. The total number of workers is 230,000 members of which 100,000 are in industry, 50,000 in transport, 50,000 in the retail trade, 50,000 in agriculture, 20,000 in the public sector, 10,000 in the building industry, 10,000 in the coal industry, 10,000 in the oil and manganese mining, while the main population is Mohammedan.

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## TAMMANY MAN HAS BAIT FOR LABOR FAKERS

Al Smith Puts Them on Industrial Council

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, N. Y., June 18.—Appointed to the Industrial Council of the state labor department were yesterday by Governor Al Smith with expressions of his satisfaction at the re-establishment of the Industrial Council after three years of inaction. The Industrial Council, composed of five employes and five employer representatives, to suggest to an employer as to whom to hire, and to whom to give a certificate of employment, was established by Governor Al Smith, who serves as chairman of the council. Smith, already endorsed by many New York labor organizations, has given his support to the Democratic presidential nominee on the strength of the re-establishment of the Industrial Council and has been well-known as a friend of L. M. Smith.

Want Wants These.

The council appointees are as follows: John Lynch, president of the Central Building Trades union; Thomas J. Halkin, Brooklyn, chairman of the New York City Central Building Trades union; Thomas J. Halkin, vice-president of the New York State Federation of Labor; Mrs. Sarah A. Conroy, Brooklyn, international representative of the United Textile Workers.

Representing employers: Marwell S. Wheeler, Buffalo, head of legal department of the Reliance companies; Frederick H. Swan, Rochester, president of the Robeson Rochester corporation; Charles M. Winchester, president of the New York City Lyon Printing company; Michael Friedland, New York City, president of B. Altman & Co.; William F. Kenny, Brooklyn, a building contractor.

Barbers Show Their Class Solidarity By Aiding Ruh Miners

NEW YORK, June 18.—The appeal sent by the International Workers' Aid of New York in behalf of the miners of the Ruhr, who had received its first payment, a contribution of \$1,000,000 made by the Independent Journeymen Barber union of Brooklyn.

The miners' union, which has purchased the stamp books which the local committee has gotten out especially for the children of the Ruhr strike, has given \$100,000 to the miners. The first of the organizations appealed to respond to this cause. All organizations should give the appeal of the miners their support.

The people of the various characters are all done in natural colors, the priest, who is spiritual and temperate, the old man, who is a garrulous doctor and the wife who rules him; the "pothen" dressed in their whisky to the islanders, the old woman, who is a sentimental postmaster, the proud descendant of the old O'Malley's, who ruled the island, who wins the love of the maid, the old woman, Carmody, who relates her Friday morning bacon so much that he takes the soap out of the soap dish, the young sister who shows off her new blouse from the mainland at every opportunity, the old woman who has given up their pagan rites but only accepted a Catholic veneer on them; all of these are carefully drawn with the most minute of details, their pride and their faults.

The action is crowded into the short space of a week, but almost every day a new scene of the strike is covered in that time from the arrival of the boat from the mainland each day, to confession and mass to distribution of the news of the great sports day of the Gaelic Athletic Association. Even the various political factions have a chance to give their views at a "Fairy for Ireland" speech fest.

"The Neighborhood" is a well written picture of a true picture of Ireland. The young author knows his own land, its people and their language. We warmly thank O'Farrell's review of "The Neighborhood," the "another book" should be forthcoming dealing with the rest people in the island, the people who feel clothed and honored themselves as they were effectively castigated in "The Neighborhood's" Wits."

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## CHICAGO TRIB BRASS CHECKS ON RUSSIA AGAIN

Berlin Correspondents  
"Sold" on Czarist Yarn

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER

(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN, Germany, June 18.—A new episode has just been written by the "Red" Czar in connection with the challenge by shouting "Deutschland, Deutschland Über Alles" at the top of their voices. While the singing progressed, the preceding officer, by custom the oldest man in the house, and in this case a Socialist named Bock, at first tried to call for order by the window of the table. He soon found, however, that the only way he could swing the bell was to do it in the rhythm of the "Internationale." The result was that he was playing more and more though he was playing an accompaniment to the song than he was calling for order.

Present Prevented. After the singing was over, the speaker had handed him a high silk top hat which contrasted strangely with the red beret which the socialist had just put on his head. Solemnly and stately Bock put the "Id" on and ostentatiously left the room. The socialists had just opened their eyes to the "Internationale" and were still admiring the session. The Communists had won their point: they had broken up the meeting.

It was not clear whether a party is represented by seventeen deputies as during the first Reichstag, or by twenty as during the second.

The story is not made of whole cloth but emanated, not from Moscow, but from Berlin. The yarn was spun by a Russian metropolitan paper, who got it from an army officer of the Russian secret service, who was as a member of the Red Guard, a Bolshevik, and has a brother in the German Reichstag. The story did not originate with the army officer either. The "lisper" was the source of the information, and the author of the story, Dant, invented the story.

One of the Chicago Tribune was among the American papers that ran the false story. No retraction has been noticed in its columns.

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BERLIN, Germany, May 28.—(By Mail)—The opening session of the second Reichstag since the founding of the republic broke up under a storm of abuse from the Communists and the ultra-reactionaries and nationalists, who answered the challenge by shouting "Deutschland, Deutschland Über Alles" at the top of their voices. While the singing progressed, the preceding officer, by custom the oldest man in the house, and in this case a Socialist named Bock, at first tried to call for order by the window of the table. He soon found, however, that the only way he could swing the bell was to do it in the rhythm of the "Internationale." The result was that he was playing more and more though he was playing an accompaniment to the song than he was calling for order.

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## PROTEST ALIEN'S DEPORTATION TO HOSTILE NATION

Defense Asks Hughes' Aid for Russian

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, June 18.—(By Mail)—Russia has again been deported to the United States. The Comintern, the ultra-reactionaries and nationalists, who answered the challenge by shouting "Deutschland, Deutschland Über Alles" at the top of their voices. While the singing progressed, the preceding officer, by custom the oldest man in the house, and in this case a Socialist named Bock, at first tried to call for order by the window of the table. He soon found, however, that the only way he could swing the bell was to do it in the rhythm of the "Internationale." The result was that he was playing more and more though he was playing an accompaniment to the song than he was calling for order.

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## TYPE REACTIONARIES WIN ELECTION OVER MILD PROGRESSIVES

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 18.—James Lynch of Indianapolis, N. Y., has a majority of 4,635 votes over Charles Howard in the presidential contest of the International Typographical Union, which returned today.

Howard, a moderate, was elected in 1920, and in 1922 he was defeated by a socialist, Michael Blumkowsky, who was then a member of the national defense committee. Lynch, a moderate, was elected in 1922, and in 1924 he was defeated by a socialist, Michael Blumkowsky, who was then a member of the national defense committee.

Other officers elected today: Vice President, Austin Newson, New York; Second Vice President, J. W. Hayes, Minneapolis, Minn.; Secretary Treasurer, Fred T. Lynch.

All the officers elected ran on the "Administration Ticket" with Lynch.

Austrian Workers Aid German Miners Striking in Ruhr

AUSTRIAN workers, who up to the present time have refused to make a contribution to the German miners, have finally joined in with the International Workers' Aid, according to the Austrian office in Berlin. Dr. Julius Dempier, Prof. Carl Grünberg, Counsellor Victorian, Dr. Max Alder, Dr. Hahn, and Dr. Max Hirschfeld, members of the Austrian Social Democratic Party, assisted to the German workers.

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