

coming convention, to be held in  
Birmingham, Ala., will be headed  
by the International Committee for  
Amalgamation in the Metal Trades.  
This statement is published in full  
on page four of "It's Complicated,"  
the first of the problems facing the  
I. A. of M. at its coming conven-  
tion. The statement and the left  
column towards the problems. The  
statement, which is titled "Trades  
Union Educational League militants  
will fight are outlined, and the  
document is of vital importance  
to all metal workers."  
Read it!





## ILLINOIS MINERS AID WORK ON SPY EXPOSE BOOKLET

## Anyone Who Knows of Labor Spies, Write

Local unions of the United Mine Workers of America are not a health field for the activities of links and stool pigeons, if one is to judge by the recent exposure of the unions in the

Officials of the local unions in Southern Illinois, are taking a keen interest in the pamphlet exposing professional labor spies which the Labor Defense Council is preparing to issue in the Fall. J. W. Hindmarsh, President of

Local No. 748, U. M. W. of A., writes that "the work of exposing the pernicious spy system is entitled to the full co-operation of everyone concerned for the welfare of the workers." He adds

Valuable information in connection with the pamphlet has been received.

from Robert W. Dunn of the American Civil Liberties Union, co-author with Sydney Howard in the well-known pamphlet "The Labor Spy," which has an extensive circulation among labor

unions a few years back. Unlike the Dunn-Howard pamphlet, which was general in scope, the one being prepared by the Labor Defense Council will list the unions alphabetically, giving

all available information as to the past and present activities. An attempt is being made to make it an encyclopedia of all known labor spies, and the cooperation of labor organizations

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**Russia Leader in Sanitation.**  
LENINGRAD, July 16.—The conference on sanitation and epidemic

closed here today, has proved very successful. Among other reports and papers read at the conference was one by Professor Rensie, who came from Russia on behalf of the League of Nations.

tion. He stated that what he had seen in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics had actually surpassed his expectations and that the Western countries would have to take a good

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000 Workers on Strike  
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# The Daily Worker Industry & Agriculture

## G. O. P. FAKERS RUN AMERICAN FARM COUNCIL

### Outfit is Organized to Break Rural Revolt

(By Federated Press)

ST. PAUL, July 16.—An attempt to break the strength of the farmers' revolt in the northwest and to confuse individual agriculturists into lining up behind one of Wall Street's presidential candidates is revealed in a new brochure issued by the American Council of Agriculture, recently formed at St. Paul.

Behind the thin disguise are visible such pseudo-agriculturists as its president-elect, G. N. Peck, who in every day life is known as the president of the Moline Plow company, director of the Merchants National Bank of Omaha and former member of the war industries board, citizen much bedecorated by France, Italy and Belgium.

G. O. P. Banker Holds Funds.

The money bags of the organization will be held by John R. Mitchell, former chairman of the board of the Capital Trust and Savings bank of St. Paul and second vice president of the Twin City Rapid Transit. The reason he is so rapidly technically held in these offices is that he is the Harding appointee to the federal reserve board at Washington. He is a member of the Republican club.

Gray Silver, Washington lobbyist of the reactionary American Farm Bureau federation, and Mark Woods, who placed Hell on Maria Davis in nomination as the republican candidate for vice president, are also outstanding figures in the new organization, which announced its purpose as being to discuss and plan legislation for producers all over the country.

Backs Old Parties.

The council plans to reward its friends and defeat its enemies. It will ask the candidates for office on the republican and democratic tickets to pledge themselves to a revival of the McNary-Haugen allocated farm relief bill, which was hastily put together when the Norris-Sicclair bill, the genuine relief measure, had no chance in congress. It will try to confuse the farm vote by designating the real progressive candidates who refuse to compromise as pledges as enemies of the farmer.

An act of the council which reveals the complexion was the rejection, by equity plank calling for reduction in freight rates. This was put forward by James Monahan, representing the Equity co-operative exchange.

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## WORKING OF U. S. IMMIGRATION LAW EXPLAINED TO HELP ALIENS WHO WANT TO KNOW PROCEDURE

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The bureau of immigration today, in view of existing confusion regarding the new immigration law, explained certain features of the law, and the regulations issued thereunder, particularly respecting the procedure to obtain immigration visas for relatives exempt from the quota, and those relatives given preference within the quota.

Relatives totally exempt from quota restrictions are the wives and unmarried children, under eighteen years of age, of American citizens, also ministers of religion, college professors, their wives and unmarried children under eighteen; as well as bona fide students, at least fifteen years of age, seeking entry temporarily for the purpose of pursuing their education at government approved educational institutions.

First Preferences.

The next class, which is not, however, exempt from the quota, but merely given first preference ahead of all other applicants, up to one-half of each month's quota is comprised of children between 18 and 21, fathers, mothers, husbands or wives of American citizens, and also immediate relatives who are skilled in agriculture and their dependent children under 18.

The attention of the public is called to the fact that outside of the exceptions above mentioned, the only relatives entitled to exemption or preference are those whose relatives in America are full-fledged citizens of the United States and that relatives of mere declarants or immigrants are not entitled to any preference or any special privilege whatever.

Early Application Necessary.

As regards those immigrants who are entitled to preference within the quota, the quotas of the east European countries are so small that even the number of relatives who may be given preference by reason of earlier application will prove a very small number.

The procedure for obtaining immigration visas for exempt and preferred relatives above specified is as follows:

Procedure Explained.

Any citizen of the United States claiming that any immigrant is his relative, and that such immigrant is properly admissible to the United States, as exempt, or is entitled to preference as a relative, may file with the Commissioner General a petition in form prescribed by the labor department, stating: 1. the petitioner's name and address; 2. if a citizen, the date and place of his birth; 3. if a naturalized citizen, the date and place of his admission to citizenship; and that the relative is his wife, mother, father, or child, or is a relative, occupation if he is not an employee, 5. the degree of relationship of the immigrant, and the names of all other persons entitled to the same preference.

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## CHINESE CREWS IN PEONAGE ON AMERICAN SHIPS

### Dollar Line Slaves Tell Story to Consul

(SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—)

The crews of the steamer Harold Dollar, anchored for nearly five months in Richardson's bay near here, have succeeded in reaching the Chinese consul and complaining that for two years they have been held on the ship in peonage.

Immigration laws prevent their leaving the ship, although all white officers except the captain have abandoned their posts. The men were signed on in China by the headmen of their villages at \$16 a day, which they have not received. The ship, under Canadian registry, is American owned.

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## WASHINGTON STATE FARMER-LABOR PARTY ADOPTS FORWARD-LOOKING PLATFORM FOR COMING CAMPAIGN

By JOEL SHOMAKER, Chairman, Federal Judges Committee

SEATTLE, Wash., July 16.—The Farmer-Labor Party of Washington, in state convention at Seattle, adopted the most forward-looking platform ever submitted to the voters of that commonwealth. The convention was made up of 110 delegates, representing the Farmer-Labor Party, Workers Party, Western Progressive Farmers and labor organizations.

The platform was written by a committee of 10 well known workers, elected by the convention because of their fitness to fairly represent all interests and sections of the state. The committee was as follows: Joel Shomaker, Seattle; Mrs. Jessie Bullock, Kamas; Tacoma, secretary; Mrs. Fannie E. Perry, Seattle; Helmut M. Wells, Seattle; Mrs. Emily Peters, Seattle; Chester Thompson, Tacoma; F. H. Vincent, Margaret; C. H. Horn, Truxton; W. J. Forsen, Everett; and E. Berquist, Clinton.

This is the platform:

State Aid to Cooperative Marketing.

Rigid enforcement of the prohibition and narcotic laws.

Hooping of the women's industrial home and clinic, with adequate appropriations for its maintenance, in accordance with the law now on the statute books.

Make the workmen's compensation law the most liberal in the nation.

Old age pensions.

State aid to cooperative marketing through direct trading between producers and consumers.

Amending the direct primary to blanket form and extending it to all elective offices, state and national.

Uniform text books for all schools, not to exceed 300 sets as at present.

Election of federal judges by popular vote and for a limited term.

Constitutional amendment to permit judicial decisions to be referred to the people.

Amending the state constitution so as to permit the exemption from taxation of all dwellings occupied by the owner, amount of exemption not to exceed 12,000.

Equal rights for men and women legal, political, property—and in industry equal pay for like service.

No military training in public schools, state college or state university.

State board of education to include laymen.

Uniform text books for all schools, not to exceed 300 sets as at present.

Opportunity to be given pupils of agricultural districts to qualify for teaching.

Abolition of all tuition fees in all public institutions of learning.

School officers to be elected by district to be served by them.

To perfect the initiative law so as to permit the people to amend the constitution thereby.

We endorse the principle of taxation on the basis of ability to pay, and we pledge our support to the legislature for the enactment of such legislation as will bring about the results desired in the initiative which failed through lack of signatures.

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## 'THIRD DEGREE' GETS CAPITALIST WRITER'S PRAISE

Says Burning Prisoners Brings Confessions

By MARTIN A. DILLON (Federal Press Staff Correspondent)

ST. LOUIS, July 16.—Police brutality, for which St. Louis is noted, received encouragement in an article for McClure's magazine by Herbert Mayer, reported former police reporter. Mayer subscribes to the maxim: "There is more fun in the end of a night stick than in a thousand words." After citing crime statistics to bolster his case, Mayer says:

"Hampered as they are by lax rates, lax juries and disreputable prosecuting officers, the hard pressed police have been driven to take the law into their own hands."

"In some cases, at least, they are using methods outside the law to check situations which their methods are illegal, brutal even, to be sure, but what else would you have them do?"

Rubber Hose, Lighted Cigars.

"The third degree is simple, torture, usually administered in the form of a beating. Not only is the rubber hose used, but the brutality or cruelty is given with feet, bottles, anything that will not leave marks for so long a time as to make the victim suspect of a confession from a luckless Philistine. The police use lighted ends of cigars on his chest, I say the marks. Were it not for this, we would not get to his way on his way to the electric chair."

"I believe the article will be read with delight by certain politicians. Numerous cases of police torture of suspects to exact confessions to crime have come to light. Several grand jury investigations have either whitewashed the brutality or condoned it. One grand jury report on police third degree held for the alleged right of the police to use such methods as they see fit, to make criminals fear the constituted authorities."

Those who have made war on the third degree practice contend that it causes the grave danger of innocent suspects confessing and submitting to punishment for crimes they never committed, so that the unbearable torture of such legislation as will bring about the results desired in the initiative which failed through lack of signatures."

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### Gompers' Victories

The American Federation of Labor maintains a costly and useless instrument labelled "The Legislative Committee."

Periodically this department, consisting usually of lame duck labor leaders or lackeys who are rewarded by Gompers with this do-nothing job for services rendered, issues glowing reports on the legislative achievements of American organized labor. Of course, when this committee speaks of organized labor, it has only the American Federation of Labor in mind.

The report issued by the Legislative Committee on the first session of the 68th congress just adjourned, is a highly colorful and an even more highly and tribune to the impotency of Gompers' "non-partisan" politics.

"Labor has no fault to find with the rank and file of Congress," is the keynote of the report just issued by Gompers' Legislative Committee. It wonders whether Mr. Gompers has forgotten the fact that 286,000 plant employees were denied an increase in wages. Why did not the rank and file of Congress, with whom Gompers has no fault to find, override Coolidge's veto on this question? Why did not this same rank and file enact any remedial legislation for the bankrupt farmers and the growing army of unemployed industrial workers?

As usual, the Gompers legislative wizards have perennially been finding cause for jubilation in the record of every decade congress. This year, Mr. Gompers boasts of two extraordinary victories. Victory number one: this field marshal of big business in the ranks of organized labor rejoices over the fact that the last Congress did not recognize Soviet Russia. Mr. Gompers monopolizes the discredit for this policy pursued by the United States government against the first workers and farmers republic of the world. The other big victory won by Gompers is the enactment of the new Immigration Law admitting only two per cent of any nationality, based on the number of its foreign born residents in this country in 1920. The emptiness and costliness of such victories to the workers need no emphasis. The net effect of the new Immigration Law is an increase in the power of our strikebreaking government to control and determine the movements of millions of workers.

When will the American workers rid themselves of the scourge of such Gompersian victories?

### Deadly Efficiency

The United States boasts of having the most efficient coal mines in the world. The American miner has the greatest capita output of any miner in the world. The production per man in 1918 was 942 tons. At the same time the British miner managed to dig only 250 tons per year.

There are many clouds to this silver lining of American efficiency that one seldom sees in print. The United States Geological Survey, in making reports on the status of the coal industry, rarely utters a word regarding the intolerable working conditions most of the miners are subject to. The sundry private investigating agencies are in the main mum on the same matter.

Welcome light is shed on another dark phase of this deadly efficiency by a recent investigation on coal mining fatalities made by Mr. W. W. Adams, statistician of the United States Bureau of Mines. This survey indicates that more miners are killed by accidents in the United States in proportion to the number of men employed than in any of the industrial countries of Europe.

Assuming three hundred days in a full working year, Mr. Adams has found that the number of miners killed per thousand employed in 1922, was 4.89. In Great Britain, where the miners do not turn out such huge profits for their bosses as the Americans do, the number killed per thousand employed was only 1.69. The 1920 figures, affording a comparison with France, Belgium, and Prussia, are even more instructive. For every thousand miners digging coal in 1920 2.78 were killed in the United States, 1.11 in Great Britain, 1.13 in France, 1.12 in Belgium, and 2.16 in Prussia.

American capitalists have a decisive lead over their competitors—in the number of miners killed while digging profits and in a similar condition prevails in other industries. Approximately two hundred thousand eye accidents, of which fifteen thousand result in permanent blindness, occur annually in American industry.

The anti-social, the most destructive character of capitalism is reflected most grossly in the relation of industrial accidents to profits. Only the Communist ownership and operation of industry can preserve and enhance industrial efficiency without destroying the workers.

### Haunting the American Legion

The spectre of Communism is haunting the American Legion, which is the reason that organization is conducting contests over the country for the best "comrade" telling why "Communism is a menace to Americanism." We received a copy of the prize-winning effort produced at Fort Clinton, Ohio, which is really a gem. Here are a few extracts, to show what it takes to win prizes in the Legion, and to help us understand what an abyss of ignorance yawns beneath that organization.

"In Athens there was almost a perfect form of Communism; the slaves did the common labor." "The Communists have a great deal to do with revolutions. They say all men are created equal. This brings about social revolutions, which are a lurch backward to a lower plane. If there is ever a revolution in the United States, we will have to beware of the social forces."

"There you have it, and right from the prominent leaders in Russia." The younger generation and the intelligent people have left and gone to different countries."

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### Converting Capitalism

It seems that the capitalists are becoming converted to the British Labor Party, while the enthusiasm of the workers is being distinctly cooled. The masters of Britain find that the policies, including the most orthodox imperialism, are being administered just as conscientiously as they formerly were by Lloyd George, while the masses are more quiet because they think they have made change in government. MacDonald and his cabinet are converting the British capitalists to socialism, by converting socialism into a mask for the most brazen imperialism on earth.

This kind of "socialism" also takes well with our own Wall Street imperialists. A recent issue of the "Monthly Economic Review" of the National City Bank of New York, gives a long quotation from a speech of "J. H. Thomas, head of the National Union of Railwaymen, England, a member of Parliament, and one of the leaders of the Labor Party." "Of course nothing but commendation can be given to the sentiments it expresses," says the National City Bank.

"It is the same sort of 'conversion' that the officials of the shop unions of the American movement achieved, when they converted the Baltimore and Ohio railway to their 'co-operative' plan. They convert the bosses to unionism by surrendering to the bosses, just as the British Labor Party leaders are converting their masters by carrying out their masters' policies. They may call it 'conversion,' but another and more frank name for it would be 'treason to the workers.'"

### Misleading the Negro

A Chicago Negro paper, *The Whip*, carries an advertisement signed by the "Allied Economic Alliance," which indicates the vicious forces dividing the workers and delivering them, white and black, to the mercy of the capitalists. It is more open and frank than such an appeal could possibly be addressed to white workers, and contains a threat to the labor movement that requires serious attention. It says:

"The safety and future of the colored workers has always been on the side of the capitalists." This flat statement is the culminating point of an argument against the unions, against the "bolshies," and in favor of the Negroes—"Jim Crowing" themselves in the interests of the capitalist class, hoping thereby to scrape a few crumbs from the capitalist table.

Nothing can overcome the baleful effects of such propaganda except the education of the Negro workers by the more advanced of the white workers in co-operation with the class-conscious white workers. The Workers Party offers this co-operation, is carrying out this work, and should have the intensified assistance from a white ally would fight against racial prejudices and discrimination.

The *New Republic*, liberal weekly, is supposed to be edited by alert and intelligent bourgeois gentlemen. But it is so far behind the times that it says in the current issue, that the Communists are "virtually underground" and "will not appear at all" on the November ballots. Guess again, brothers!

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## RUSSIA IN 1924

(Continued from Page One)

the world. In Russia the ruin of the new social order has dawned.

The Dark Days of 1921. In order to give you concrete proofs of the success of the Russian revolution and to show you the indelible marks of its victory, it will be well to recall to your mind the tragic state of affairs prevailing in Russia in 1921, at the time of my last visit. Those were, indeed, days to try men's souls. The people today look back upon them with a shudder. Industry and agriculture were at a standstill. The long years of the world war, the civil war, the blockade, the capitalist sabotage, and all the other upheavals accompanying the revolution, had done their deadly work to such an extent that the mass of the population, agricultural as well as industrial, were starving. Never in modern times has a people been confronted with such a desperate situation.

Anyone who lived in Russia at that critical period could not help but see the pinch of hunger and general poverty on all sides. Indeed, he was bound to feel it himself. I knew it from first hand information. Although a visitor to the country and living on the so-called "diplomatic ration," which was far superior to what the average Russian got, yet I found it inadequate enough, as I lost no less than 25 pounds in weight. Much worse, of course, was the fate of the masses in Russia at that time. All were thin, haggard, and worn out. Diseases made ravages on all sides. No one was getting sufficient food. To be fat or even "well kept" was prima facie evidence that one was cheating and getting more than one's share of the famished ration.

The workers lived on a diet that would terrify Americans or west Europeans. They were lucky indeed if they got regularly one-half to one pound of black bread daily. Many times I visited them in factories and watched them eat the last of their rations. I have seen, in a key government office, where every effort was made to keep things going, when they had to tell the workers at the end of the week's work that they had no bread to give them. The result was demoral-

## Who Owns The Democratic Party?

By JAY LOVESTONE

(Continued from yesterday)

Financing the New York Convention. THE last democratic convention has cost from two to three million dollars. This sum is exclusive of the money spent by the various presidential aspirants on organizing their pre-convention campaigns and the funds expended for bribery, booze and women during the convention sessions.

As introduction to the president of the democratic finance committee charged with the task of raising necessary funds for the holding of the convention sheds illuminating facts on the character of the whole party on the support of the big business interests in the organization.

Among the financial contributors in charge of putting the convention was the mining, banking, attorney and motor king, John H. Denhardt, who is the prominent banker and department store owner, Michael Friedman, the United States Chamber of Commerce and the American Manufacturers Export Association director, Lewis J. Fierstein, publisher of the newspaper, Ralph Poltner, and the multimillionaire fountain pen manufacturer, Frank J. Meyer.

The treasurer of the National Convention Committee was Mr. Alvin W. Kreh, president of the United Fruit Company of New York and a directing officer of twenty-seven coal railways, as well as an owner of a large chemical and lumber corporation.

On the Executive Committee of the forces preparing the convention were the multimillionaire theatrical manager, Edward F. Albee; the multimillionaire pencil manufacturer, Philip Berolzheimer; the powerful commercial publisher, A. C. Pearson, and the writer, manufacturer, exporter, banker and director of the United States Chamber of Commerce, George E. Smith.

Some Typical Convention Delegates. One need not burden the reader with an analysis of the financial and industrial connections of the thousands of delegates and alternates congregated in the last convention to present an accurate view of the ownership and control of the democratic party. We need but examine the list of some of the leading and representative delegates at the New York convention to learn that the democratic party is firmly in the grip of big business. The following information substantiates our contention.

VIRGINIA: Mr. Harry Ford Byrd, chairman of the Delegation from this state, is the owner of the "Apple King of the South." His orchards yield about sixty thousand barrels of fruit annually.

CALIFORNIA: Senator Glavin is the owner of two newspapers, *The Daily News* and *The Daily Express*, published in Lynchburg, Va.

NEW YORK: Mr. Henry C. Stuart, former Governor of the state, is the owner of the Stuart Land and Cattle Co. He is the owner of the largest cattle ranch in the south, with an acreage of sixty thousand acres. He is also the president of the Hudson County Bank and the First National Bank of London, Va.

MISSOURI: Ex-Governor Fred D. Gilchrist is the sole owner of the Gilchrist Lumber Co. in

the working force. In the same important office I saw carpenters, called to put in a job of shivering, beg first to be given some bread before they would go to work. Imagine the demoralizing effects of such a terrific food shortage, which ran all through the industries. The shortage of other necessities was just as bad. Clothes and shoes were practically unobtainable. Many people had not had a single new garment for several years. Particularly vivid in my mind were the conditions of privation which I saw at a normal school in Moscow. The professors were hungry and in rags, likewise the students. Some even had the soles of their shoes tied to the uppers with strings. But they were going ahead gamely, reorganizing the whole method of teaching. Their only particular complaint was that their new methods told more strongly upon the use of apparatus and materials than upon books, and such things were unbelievable scarce. Those on hand were irreplaceable. To break even a pane of glass, which could not be produced by the wrecked industries, was almost a crime. Housing conditions were frightful. In places where the people were literally tearing the houses to pieces and burning them for fuel. In 1921, the Russian city workers were starving, freezing, and generally impoverished; and as for the peasants, many millions of them were just sinking into what was destined to be one of the most terrible famines in modern times.

It was a desperate situation for the revolution and an acid test of the Russian working class. The capitalists of the world did not think the Workers' Government could withstand it. Like vultures they flocked around, awaiting the unholy feast which they felt sure would come. In the meantime, the workers fought on after they had lost heart and would have quit. In this great crisis the Party was the brains, and sinews and nerves and bones of the working class. It fought on doggedly and successfully when only those militants of the most unflinching courage and far-sightedness remained, and but disaster in the desperate situation. Resistlessly and relentlessly, it carried the struggle on in spite of the most crushing obstacles.

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of the St. Louis Cofin Company. He is known as the "millionaire Cofin King of the World." ADOLPH MUESSER: Mr. Mueser has been a member of the state committee for the last ten years. He is the owner of the biggest dry goods store in the country. MARVLAND: Emory L. Colbert of the Maryland Delegation was one of the wealthiest men at the convention. He is the president of the insurance companies, one bank, three light and power companies, and two railroads.

FLORIDA: Mr. Edward Lambright, one of the leading spirits of the Florida delegation, was the editor of the Tampa Tribune, and the Pensacola Journal. The last named paper is one of a chain of daily newspapers owned by John H. Perry, president of the American Press Association.

KENTUCKY: Lieutenant Governor H. H. Denhardt, came to the convention as the hero of one of the most notorious strike-breaking feats in the country. It was Mr. Denhardt who crushed the steel workers in their grave struggle at Newport. Tank and machine guns were employed freely to break the strikers' ranks.

TEXAS: One of the most active members of the Texas delegation was Frank Wilson Woodcraft of Dallas. Woodcraft is a director of the United States Life Insurance Company. CALIFORNIA: The leader of the California delegation was the United States Senator James D. Phelan. The latter nominated W. G. Hearst, president of the Farmers' States Allied Printing Trades Council; W. H. Young, secretary of the Denver Printing Trades Council; Mary E. Meahan of the International Union of Bookbinders, Massachusetts; George Curran, Theatrical and Stage Employees, Massachusetts; A. O'Keefe, Machinists Union, New Orleans; L. W. H. Maloney, of the Park Union of Butte, Montana; the Frank McNulty, of the Brotherhood of Electric Workers, Newark, New Jersey.

Conclusion. In a word, our examination of the ownership and control of the democratic party affords an abundance of evidence showing that the democratic party is owned body and soul by the big capitalist interests.

In the democratic party, unlike the republican party, there is still a certain amount of small owning class interests. But the veto power, the ability to make decisions, the control of party policy, are all securely in the hands of capitalist interests that are as big in size and influence as those controlling the republican party.

At the coming campaign the democrats will undoubtedly make every effort to mislead the working and farming party by the use of the ridiculous and unfounded notion, that it is the party of the downtrodden and the oppressed.

From the truth. The governing committee, the leading spirits, the important decisions, the platform and program of the democratic party will betray the organic and hopeless control of its mechanism and functions by the most powerful section of our banking and manufacturing—our capitalist—class. All the progressive reforms and noise that the democratic politicians will indulge in for the next few months cannot change this immutable feature of the party whose standard-bearer is the Moran and Standard Oil attorney, John W. Davis.

THE recent "killings" made by Arthur W. Cutten, Chicago grain gambler, who shot 30,000 bushels of July corn at a profit of \$100,000, who doubt he is an usurper, is the farmer, Mr. Cutten's "killing" is ascribed to his "faith in the rise of grain prices" and to his "patience" in waiting for the rise of prices.

Cutten, on the other hand, has netted a profit of more than 40 cents per bushel. He has pocketed a huge sum as a result of superior "patience" or "faith" rather than as a result of his "patience" in waiting for the rise of prices. It is this powerful weapon in the hands of the grain gamblers, which is causing the ruin of the many thousands of farmers throughout the nation. This state of affairs will continue the farmer will continue to be ruined and so long as he continues to tolerate the capitalist system of exploitation under which he grows in common with the industrial workers.

Puttin' It Over On the Farmer