







# WORKERS TIE UP GREECE IN HUGE RAILWAY STRIKE

## Demand 8-Hour Day, 15 Pct. Wage Increase

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
ATHENS, Sept. 22.—A one hundred per cent strike of the railroad workers here has tied up transportation all over the country. The workers are demanding an eight-hour day and an increase of 15 per cent in wages.

Sympathetic strikes are being called in one industry after another. The bakers and printers have already walked out.

Premier Sofoulis.

Premier Sofoulis, demanding of the General Confederation of Labor, has agreed to terms with the government, was told that negotiations would be carried on only after the strike had been won.

Dissatisfaction among the working classes with the republican government of Greece was expressed in every address made by labor leaders all over the country. A large majority of the members of the General Confederation of Labor, which includes all the organized workers of Greece, are active members of the Greek Communist Party.

The fury of the workers against Premier Sofoulis and his cabinet has been roused to fever heat with the discovery a few days ago of the theft by government officials of millions of drachmas from the funds of the Greek strike funds, fed from Asia Minor after the retreat of the Greek army. The refugees are on the streets starving.

The scandal concerning the administrators of the Refugee Fund, discovered in the newspaper, caused by the theft of 14 million drachmas by a committee appointed by the government to evaluate the property lost by the refugees in Asia Minor, and to return to them a certain proportion of their losses.

Members of both committees have been arrested, but it is not expected that action will be taken against them. A bishop of the official Church was arrested seven months ago for stealing money from the funds of the Church. No attempt has been made to bring him to trial.

The workers are now proclaiming their intention to refuse participation in the threatened war of the Greek government of Bulgaria. The Communist movement in Bulgaria is in a more advanced stage of development than in any of the countries of the Balkan peninsula, it is feared by Greeks.

The two governments have for a week been exchanging ultimatums, giving as cause for war the killing of citizens of the foreign territory.

Communist Call for Action.

The Communists of Greece, thru proclamations and speeches, and especially thru their daily organ, *Risopastis*, in rousing the Greek workers, in the hope of getting them to arm against the bourgeois elements of both countries and to establish their Soviet rule.

Pittsburgh Y. W. L. Meet.  
Young Carlsbad delegates to the Young Workers International will give his report to the membership of District 6 at the membership meeting to be held Thursday, Sept. 25, at 8 p.m. at the Labor Lyceum, corner Reed and Miller Sts., Pittsburgh.

Carlsbad spent 24 hours in Europe, and will have many interesting things to tell of conditions in Europe. Every member of the Young Workers League must attend and the members of the Communist party are urged to attend also. Branches out of the city are expected to attend this meeting as it is very important.

Admission will be card only.

Morris Schindler, District Organizer.

Vote Communist This Time!

## THE DAILY WORKER MAY BE PUT OUT BUT IT CAN'T BE PUT DOWN

FROM A MACHINIST.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 22.—William H. Johnston, international president of the machinists, was making a speech to the convention here. It was a carefully prepared speech for the convention on the LaFollette-Wheeler campaign.

Just as he was telling the delegates what a nice, beautiful personality LaFollette had, how he had such a big heart, how he loved everybody, the workers and the bosses, and everybody, he suddenly took out his apron, what he should be just those terrible Communists selling the DAILY WORKER.

Now the DAILY WORKER is a disturbing element for Mr. Johnston at a moment when machinists all over the country are ready to put over one of those deals nearest to his heart, along comes the DAILY WORKER and spills the beans.

So the newsmen selling this newspaper caused great thumps inside of

## Party Activities Of Local Chicago

### BRANCH MEETINGS.

Romanian Branch, 2254 Bourne Ave., Ukrainian No. 1, 1525 N. Chicago Ave., Polish, 1525 N. Dearborn Ave., Northwest English, 2725 Hirsch Blvd., Irving Park English, 401 Drake Ave., Wednesday, Sept. 24.

T. U. C. Branch, General Group, Northwest Hall, Western and North Avs., 1145 N. Dearborn Ave., Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the 5th Congress of the T. U. C. will attend English Class, 725 Blue Island Ave., Polish Hall, South Chicago, 4715 Compton Ave., Czech-Slovak No. 1, 1525 N. Loomis Street.

Thursday, Sept. 25, Chase in Trade Union Tactics and Conduct, 1125 Dearborn Ave., Tuesday, Sept. 25, 11th Ward Italian, 2125 K. Oakley Blvd., Scandinavian, Karl Marx, 2725 Hirsch Blvd., North Side, W. C. Cicero and South Side, Scandinavian Lake View, 2325 N. W. Division Street.

Friday, Sept. 26, South Chicago, 441 E. 61st St., YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE ACTIVITIES.

Tuesday, Sept. 23, Pullman, 1575 Stephenson Ave., Irving Park Branch, 4021 Drake Ave., Wednesday, Sept. 24, H. M. Hustedt, 51 Englewood Branch, 441 N. Hustedt St., Englewood, H. M. Hustedt, 51 Englewood Branch, 441 N. Hustedt St., Taylor and Lytle, Shop talks.

Every Thursday.

Maplewood, 1575 Stephenson Ave., Irving Park Branch, 4021 Drake Ave., D. E. Earley's class in Three Schools of Thought.

Every Friday, "Pitch," (Russian), 1902 W. Division Road, Luxembourg, 1910 W. Roosevelt Road, 11th Ward, 1525 N. Alzano Ave., West Side, 1122 Douglas Blvd., Education, 1525 N. Dearborn Ave., Herzen Leket, 2125 Hirsch Blvd., The History of American Labor, Movement, Karl Liebknecht Branch, 2406 W. Division St., Irving Park Branch and its Tasks.

Announce Birthdays  
Of Political Jail  
Victims This Month

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 22.—Birthdays in October of political prisoners, confined in prisons in the United States, are announced by the Workers' National Committee of Solidarity.

San Quintin, Calif.: Oct. 5, James Lalonde, Reg. No. 3182; Oct. 22, John Hannan, 35565; Oct. 28, W. H. Wright, 35537.

Lewiston, W. Va., County Jail: Oct. 19, H. C. Hickey, (a coal miner), Thomasina, Mo., Box A: Oct. 24, Jack Lavelle.

Cora Meyer, National Secretary, friends and sympathizers to send birthday cards and letters (money is advisable for gifts) to these political prisoners.

Recently a member of the club called on one of the political prisoners and was advised that when prison officials know a prisoner has been born, they do not send him letters, news letters and other communications; they are decent toward the prisoner in order to create an impression upon his visitors.

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## The Right to Vote

Many of the biggest employers' associations are now engaged in a nation-wide campaign to bring to the ballot a large proportion of the great mass of non-voters in the country. We have no illusions as to the purposes animating these lovers of dollar democracy.

It has been one of our main tasks to point out the frauds and the snare inherent in the pursuit of capitalist democracy. We have repeatedly pointed out that the right to vote is today deprived of its efficiency as a weapon in class conflicts thru the artificial bicameral system, the ownership of the means of information by the exploiters, the private ownership of the means of production and exchange, and the control of the governmental machinery by the capitalists.

The bosses who own the workers' jobs never fail to utilize this ownership for their own political class interests. The present election campaign affords abundant evidence to show the extent to which the exploiters are ready to travel in order to minimize the smallest value that the right to vote can prove to the workers. Many republican employers are bringing pressure on their workers to vote for the strikebreaking Coolidge-Dawes ticket. The exploited workers are being told that "business will suffer," and that they will lose their jobs.

Our attention has just been drawn to a letter sent out by Mr. T. F. Manville, chairman of the Johns-Manville, Inc., one of the biggest trustified concerns in the country. Each of its hundreds of workers has received a letter informing them that Chairman Manville, "after carefully reviewing the political situation," is "fully convinced that the election of Messrs. Coolidge and Dawes means a great deal to this country, also general business conditions." Mr. Manville goes on to say to each of one's workers: "I hope you will agree with me."

In these tricks and chicanery, this brow-beating, that the employers are continually resorting to, precisely the same tactics were pursued when the Mellon plan was being sold to the country.

Exactly the same tactics are now being followed in Tennessee, where federal employees are being forced to contribute part of their salaries to the republican campaign fund. It is these methods that the reactionaries have never failed to use in the steel and coal baronies.

We know that dictatorship and democracy are synonymous under capitalism.

## Jarring the Labor Bankers

That eminent banker and business unionist, Mr. Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is certainly having his ups and downs in the alleys and byways of Wall Street.

Now the foremost banker of the trade union movement is exchanging harsh words with the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has organized the Coal River and Eastern Railway. The organization recently applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authorization to operate its line in West Virginia, between the coal mines of the Coal River Collieries Company and the Chesapeake and Ohio. The Interstate Commerce Commission turned down this request.

The noted banker, Stone, who also is reputed to be the highest-priced labor leader in the world, appears rather jarred by this action of the Interstate Commerce Commission. He now contends that this decision "can spell nothing except that the Commission has joined a partnership with the Chesapeake and Ohio in oppression."

We suppose that this little venture of Mr. Stone and his crew of labor aristocrats into the world of capital and profit-seeking will tend to make the Grand Chief of the Locomotive Engineers more aware than ever of the difficulties and hardships under which the capitalists are compelled to work nowadays! Perhaps the ingenuous Stone will also change his mind about government ownership and regulation of public utilities.

But all of these conjectures as to the extent to which Mr. Stone and his business unionists will become more sympathetic towards the plight of the individual capitalist take a back seat when compared with the significant lesson this incident holds out for the great mass of workers. This decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission to dismiss the application of the labor bankers adds only more brick and mortar to the rising mud-souleum that is destined to hold all such still-born schemes of removing the exploitation of the working class as industrial profit-sharing, employee stock-owning, company unionism, and the economically and politically suicidal labor banking.

Certainly no one need be amazed at a capitalist

government jarring a well-kept reactionary labor leader even when he attempts to become a hundred per cent capitalist.

## What's Ahead This Fall?

The managers of the republican campaign, led by Chairman William M. Butler, are working overtime spreading the notion that the unemployment problem has disappeared and that the country is in the midst of great industrial prosperity.

We have refuted the principal contentions of these fraudulent prosperity peddlers by calling upon the department of labor to testify as to the actual conditions at hand. We merely want to shed further light on the feverish activities of the employing class politicians engaged in a sinister attempt to mislead the working and farming masses.

Much capital has been made out of the fact that the August figures indicated a slight upward trend in the steel industry. Of course, not a word was said about the extremely seasonal basis for this rise. Now, the Wall Street Journal tells us that the steel mills are "having a strenuous time endeavoring to maintain the pace." Orders are being sought very keenly and are being filled with remarkable celerity." We are also impressed with the fact that "there are conflicting reports about the real volume of steel buying in the past fortnight."

Dun's Review further blasts the false reports of Coolidge's headquarters when it says that: "The iron and steel industry continued very quiet," and that "the demand for structural steel has fallen off." The pig iron market is dull and featureless. The Wall Street Journal then says: "As to the appraisal of the future by steel producers themselves, there seems to be no doubt that they are disappointed."

At the same time the cost of living is going up. The Bureau of Labor Statistics advanced reports indicate an increase of about two-thirds of one percent in the retail cost of food in August as compared with July. The Department of Commerce index of factory employment for the United States shows no change in August from the July position.

The silver linings of the Dawes plan are beginning to show their menacing clouds. The great hope which Mellon, Hughes, and Coolidge have been asking the country to place in their European reconstruction conspiracy is not meeting with much response from the masses. The highly advertised farm prosperity is proving of very little relief to the rural masses. The recent increase in the price of wheat is constantly menaced by the incoming Canadian crop reports.

All present evidence of the barometers of industry do not indicate that there will be a turn for the better in the Fall or that the country has already turned corner and is out of the slough of economic depression.

## Election Prophecies

On the eve of every national election political writers and observers of current events dabble extensively in election prophecies. This year the election rumor industry is flourishing.

We need not lay thighbone the numerous lines of gossip that the principal election rumors have assumed. Yet, this year the general trend and the particular form of election estimates have taken on a significant feature. This is not the first year in which three parties are committed to the maintenance of the capitalist system are in a struggle for the control of the administrative machinery of the government. But this is the first national election in which the employing class entertains, consciously or otherwise, serious fears regarding the stability of the two-party system.

The two-party system is an integral feature of the entire American capitalist system of government based on checks and balances. It is one of the most important buttresses of the entire edifice of Wall Street democracy. It is not so much the rise of a third party movement that the exploiters dread in the present campaign as the aftermath that will more easily tend to follow once the hard and firmly-rooted political practices of yesterday are shaken. It is not so much the immediate labor and farm following that LaFollette has attracted that worries the employing class, but what these masses will do when they are disillusioned with LaFollette and his private panaceas.

It is not at all unlikely, therefore, that the two parties of capitalism will come to some sort of an agreement to the exclusion of the smallest party of capitalism, the LaFollette organization. The Davis-Dawes schematic prophecy may never see daylight, but the very fact that it can even be discussed by the leading agents of the republican and democratic parties is indicative of the undercurrent of disintegration in our national politics. In times of sharp challenge to the fundamental class interests, the employers always close their ranks, sink less basic differences and form firmer alliances against the dissidents within and the enemies without.

The particular individual election rumors are of no pressing importance to the workers and poor farmers. The general character of these rumors, however, is indeed a warning and a challenge to the workers that they had sooner and better be prepared to face a closely united enemy determined on maintaining and extending the privileges of exploitation.

Some workers say that they would vote for Foster if he had a chance to win, and since he hasn't, they will vote for the Wisconsin toreador, Well, if LaFollette is elected, he will have won, but not the workers. He stands only for a piece of fell wrapped around the toe of the capitalist boot that is always striking the workers at the end of the spinal column.

## The C.P.P.A. Drops the S.P. in Toledo

Many months ago, the Hillbenders were impolitely kicked out of the New York state conference for progressive political action at Albany, by the labor bankers in control. And when he attacked the LaFollette ticket as being supported by the allegedly red and socialist, the Wisconsin senator has been doing his best to prove that he is firmly opposed to any and all things radical.

Dawes, it will be remembered, attacked LaFollette a month ago on that basis, and repeated it in his low speech the other day by referring to "the LaFollette gang." The LaFollette gang is a heterogeneous combination of the forces opposed to the existing order of things in this country, the largest portion of which are the socialists, flying the Red Flag."

LaFollette's Antics.

Leaving aside the moment that the Davis' doctored bill was introduced, when he says the S.P. is the largest portion of the senator's support, it is obvious to anyone who has been following the verbal antics of LaFollette that he has been doing his best to win over the socialists back into the can. The news has just come that in Toledo, Ohio, the S.P. has been ejected from the convention by the C.P. A. The labor bankers have dumped the socialists back into the can.

It happened thus:

The Toledo C.P. A. controlled by the radical labor bureaucrats, endorsed, together with the Greenbackers, the candidacy of General Lewis R. Sherwood, for re-election to Congress. At the county convention where Sherwood was nominated, the independent Progressives—which is the local branch of the S.P.—discovered that the S.P. had nominated for the office of congresswoman on the ticket of the independent Progressives. The S.P. had slipped in first, nominating their man, Thomas C. Devine, (a war hero, incidentally), before the endorsement for Sherwood had come down

and speak well for the S.P.

The Troublemakers.

Said Walter Guntrip, another LaFollette: "If the socialists are trying to get into the party, why don't they tell us where they belong?" And P. J. McManamon, of the railroad brotherhoods, added: "The socialists are trying to perpetrate a fraud on the voters. We cannot afford to be a party to it." And C. A. Stevenson, also of the brotherhoods, made the conclusion

that the local fakers from headquarters in Washington.

S.P. is Dumped.

Did this embarrass the S.P.? Not for a minute! Did it embarrass the local bankers? Go to! Among the socialists, Greenbackers, who had just practiced expulsions in his own organization by kicking half a dozen Communists out of the Toledo local of the International Association of Machinists. Said the S.P. were not only in the minority, but far from it. They were in the majority.

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One of the "progressives" said: "We wouldn't have any socialist party in Toledo if we were not for the Toledo Blade and the republican party. The Blade gives Klotz and his socialists a great deal of space, and they are doing a great deal of work."

Now, contrast this interesting talk with the words of George R. Kirkpatrick, in the official press service, in his speech at the state conference of the S.P. on September 13, 1924:

"One of LaFollette-Wheeler's club members are now learning how sincere, how loyal, how unselfish, how open-and-above-board the socialists are. They are a fellowship and eager willingness to do everything—everything possible to help the plain people build a labor party."

Who Knows, George?

Maybe so, George, maybe so; but while this moonshine may be all right for the six dentists and lawyers who are still in the party, it doesn't seem to be all right for the Volestdale and his crew. Who knows, George, some day just a little while before the November election, LaFollette may play you fellow a dirty trick and kick you out altogether. If only to make "Hell-an-Maria" Dawes feel good.

By T. J. O'Flaherty

## AS WE SEE IT

BON'S campaign is written a monkey over an elephant. But it is a monkey who has become monstrous with the heads desiring to go in different directions. Quesada and his crowd have turned Small to the LaFollette boys, Illinois. Small, politically speaking, is a pole-axle, and is as welcome in a respectable as in a strict monarchist. The LaFollette crowd is a monkey owing to political exigencies the LaFollette crowd are forced to accept him, with a look which indicates that the medicine is anything but agreeable. Quesada and his crew are being used as a monkey to be a prop for LaFollette. But his program is so far as substantial assistance to LaFollette is concerned is rather platonic. He gives him untried strength but insists that money collected thru the unions goes to Small. Is Small not the son of the progressive boys? And is he not an excellent monkey? Davis and Dawes, the convenient heavy monkey who is used by the labor fakers as a smoke-screen to hide their own misdeeds from the union members they are constantly boasting?

THE S.P. has given up the fight of the trade union movement is lined up with the most, the more respectable section, represented by the railroad brotherhoods and the socialist careerists give "Bob" first preference and still another section supposed to have the backing of the now almost homeless Fitzpatrick-Nockels combinations is turning around like a hen about to lay an egg, asking for an inviting nest.

THESE factors care nothing for the interest of the working class like Tammany Hall, in New York. When they can have a party, they will be proud of it! Davis and Dawes? Silent Cal can step up and get a good salary

Big Business? With the violent Brayin' Brothers as vice-president in the lead, the crabs already referred to are done away with and the octopuses succeed in relegating ptomaine poisoning to the can of history—Dawes would make a better president than Silent Cal.

THESE are a strong possibility that the next election will be turned into congress, with the result that Bill Bryan's brother might have a chance. Now, the capitalists don't like Bryan. Why? you may ask. Is he not a supporter of the capitalist system? It is true that he is, but he rocks the boat when he who would take his big fellow to the moon would take him, with a look which indicates that he is not affected with crazy notions about a revolution of competition, government ownership and the like. The tiger will fight for his tip of his mustache as vigorously as he will defend his heart, for the tiger, though he may be a Third party, those who are fighting with Wall Street over the division of labor's marrow bone. It may not be a Third party but a second party. Those who expect a labor party to spring up because of the socialists are afraid to be disengaged of fear. If there is going to be a labor party in this country in the near future, it will not be born as a result of the efforts of the leaders in the LaFollette movement. They want a party after the fashion of the British Labor Party which is labor in name only.

THE alleged disarmament conference held in Washington under the auspices of Secretary Hughes, was not such a bad thing for certain people. Millionaire junkmen are not crying over the results. Ships that cost \$2,000,000. Private companies are getting paid now for scrapping them. It is a splendid system! Battleships are old very quickly. New designs are being constantly introduced. The United States has never been so strong as to get ready for the fray. Morgan can show some speed in the shipbuilding line. And the warships will be up-to-date. Disarmament conferences seem to be good for the iron and steel business in particular.

UNITED STATES soldiers are busy killing striking Filipino sugar

plantation laborers in Hawaii. It is reported that Rudolph Spreckels, one of LaFollette's millionaire angels is a leading capitalist in Hawaii. Bob and his crew of Filipinos laborers would stop if he were a progressive. Uncle Sam's troops will kill strikers in his behalf and Bob will never shake his pompadour denouncing Mr. Spreckels.

A GENTLEMAN who styles himself Grand Duke Cyril of Russia has issued a proclamation declaring himself emperor of Russia and naming his seven-year-old son, Boris, to the throne. Mr. Cyril is living in London, where the Volestdale laws are not held in high esteem.

BRITISH "heroes" who won medals for their heroism in the world war are returning to the islands to the donors with the legend "Up-wanted." Nothing was too good for them while fighting for King George's throne, and the interests of the British capitalists, but now, the ex-soldiers are being employed by the government as laborers without pay for scrapping them. It is a splendid system! Battleships are old very quickly. New designs are being constantly introduced. The United States has never been so strong as to get ready for the fray. Morgan can show some speed in the shipbuilding line. And the warships will be up-to-date. Perhaps it will teach them a lesson. If they fought for their own class, and their masters they would not be so bad. The capitalist system would not be so bad if it were not for the butchery of the working class. But a piece of junk is considered sufficient compensation for the rank and file. Perhaps it will teach them a lesson. If they fought for their own class, and their masters they would not be so bad. The capitalist system would not be so bad if it were not for the butchery of the working class.

men desired, chiefly peasants of 20 years of age, from the surrounding district. The army supports the students, and they give about six hours of military training, running, shooting, and the use of firearms.

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