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White Workers—
Unite!

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Fight for Social
Insurance!

DEMAND FOOD OR WORK IN SHREVEPORT

SHREVEPORT, La.—Over 300 unemployed workers paraded down the main streets of this city last week in a spontaneous demonstration demanding food or work. A banner carried at the head of the parade read: "We Want Food or Work!"

The police attacked the demonstration, destroyed the banner and forced the unemployed workers to disperse, in the true boss fashion of substituting clubs for bread and work.

Following the demonstration police patrolled the city in an effort to prevent further demonstrations by thousands of unemployed workers here who face the winter and starvation without any sign of relief. Charles Douglas, who is reported to have been the leader of the demonstration, said that he was penniless and had a wife and new born baby to support and had been out of work for months.

The unemployed workers of Shreveport must organize themselves into an unemployed council and demand immediate relief from the city in the form of no rent for the unemployed, no evictions, cash relief and fight for unemployment insurance.

Hunger Harvest

BULLETS FOR THE STARVING
CHICAGO, Ill.—Fred Bernard, a sign painter who has been out of a job for months, promised his wife and children that somehow or another he would get them something to eat. Two policemen shot and killed him as they saw him running away with a turkey from a butcher shop.

IN LAND OF FREE

SAN JOSE, Calif.—J. W. Turner, a plumber who has been walking the streets, looking for a job, could stand the strain no longer, and shot his son and himself took poison.

KILLS SON TO AVOID SLOW DEATH

SAVANNAH, Ga.—After pacing the streets day after day in search of work, begging for money to keep herself and her 9-year-old son alive, and eating left-overs from hotel kitchens and restaurants, Mrs. Beulah Thompson, killed her son by shattering his skull and is now in a dying condition from drinking lysol. She left a note saying that she could no longer bear

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FROZEN CHILDREN GET NO AID

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Barefoot children of all sizes trudged through the snow to the City Hall, in the hope that they might possibly get a pair of second hand shoes, or a moth-eaten sweater.

With the chill wind blowing thru the ragged overalls and the worn gingham dresses, scores of children walked for miles hoping against hope. Most of them were turned away, as the Community Chest has "important" things like Boy Scout Camps, Y. M. C. A.'s and Sewing Circles to think about.

"Worthy" Reasons

Barefoot and barelegged, one disappointed child said: "I wanted some shoes so bad, but they didn't have any. Anyway it won't be so cold walk-

NTWU Leads Mill Fight Against Cut

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—A wage-cut of three and one-half dollars for all departments except the weave room has been declared by the Mercury Mills at North Charlotte.

At the same time the stretch-out has been increased from ten to twenty sides which means another two dollar cut. The new stretch-out means a permanent lay-off for several workers. The weekly wage will now be seven or eight dollars.

The National Textile Workers Union is forming a mill committee at the Mercury Mill and calling upon the workers to strike against the wage-cut and stretch-out.

The Mercury employs about 150 workers and has the worst conditions of all mills here. The workers work under 105 degrees of heat, at a tremendous pace, and are highly incensed at the new wage-cut and increase in stretch-out.

Struggle For Him



The miners at Birmingham prepare for struggle against the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co.

Poor Farmers Shot Down By Landowners

The situation on the farms is growing more tense daily with thousands of farmers and their families left to perish from hunger by the landowners who have taken away all the marketable products and any food that they might have used to tide thru the winter.

At Blue Springs, Ala., near the Dale County line, three tenant farmers were shot and are near death, and another is in jail because they dared answer back to the landowner when he cursed them for using a pair of his mules. The landowner is free to shoot again when he wants to.

In Clanton, Ala., a woman tenant, Annie Emfinger was brutally shot by the landowner because she claimed the use of pasture land for her cattle. The sheriff who works hand and glove with the landowners, claims he is looking for the murderer.

But very different is the case when a tenant farmer dares fire back. Mrs. Mattie Whittington, of Charleston, W. Va., 34 years old, was imprisoned with her tiny 3-months old baby because she shot Robert King after an argument over the price of cattle feed. Altho the baby is still nursing, both mother and child are kept in an unsanitary and unhealthy cell, behind prison bars.

Troops Called Into Danville

DANVILLE, Va.—On the evident failure of the A. F. of L. officials to continue their treacherous sell-out policies and to restrain the 4,000 strikers from a militant continuation of the struggle, Governor Pollard of Virginia has ordered the militia into Danville and Schoolfield in an effort to intimidate the strikers back into the treacherous claws of the A. F. of L. and the mill owners.

The arrival of 800 militiamen followed a militant mass picketing demonstration of 2,000 workers in front of the plant at Schoolfield, who were waiting the exit of the strike-breakers. The strikers could no longer be restrained into defeat by the "peace-in-industry" tactics of McGrady and McMahon and held this most militant mass picketing demonstration in the history of the strike. The pickets were dispersed by the militia and the

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CALL MASSES IN 3 LANDS TO DEFENSE OF SOVIETS

In a joint manifesto issued by the Communist Parties of Mexico, Canada and the United States to the workers of these countries the working masses are called upon to demonstrate and fight against the war plots of the imperialist powers against the Soviet Union.

War Being Prepared

"War is being prepared! War, in which you will be ordered to shoot your brother workers for the profits of the capitalists," declares the manifesto. "The economic crisis, which has thrown 9 millions of workers out of jobs in the United States; 800,000 in Mexico and more than a million in Canada, which reveals the bankruptcy of the capitalist system, has already brought misery and starvation to millions of men, women and children. Now the added terrors of war threaten us!"

"Against whom is this war directed? Against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, against the workers' government of Soviet Russia?"

No Unemployment in U. S. S. R.

The manifesto explains why the capitalist powers are anxious to war on the Soviet Union, where capitalism has been abolished and the miseries of capitalism are being wiped out. "Already the Soviet Union has abolished unemployment," continues the manifesto, "at a moment when capitalism has thrown on the streets millions of workers to starve and die. Already the Soviet Union has demonstrated its ability to build industry for the benefit of the people ten times as fast as capitalism, in its period of growth, was able to build for the profit of the bosses."

"The Soviet Union is the stronghold and inspiration of the working class of the entire world. War against it is part of the war of capitalism against those who work in every land."

"Fight against unemployment, the fruits of capitalist rule, and demand all military funds to be used for unemployed relief!"

"Defend the Soviet Union, fatherland of the world's working class!"

"Down with the imperialist warmakers!"

Four of the lynchers of ~~Calvin~~ Hughes released—no jury ~~year~~ in Dallas willing to try the 14 ~~lynchers~~—we demand the death penalty for the ~~lynchers~~! The death penalty for the Governor of Texas who ordered the troops at Sherman not to fire!

VETERAN LABOR FIGHTER DIES

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mother Jones, militant labor leader in numerous fierce struggles of the miners, railroad workers and textile workers, died on November 30, on a farm near Silver Springs, Md. She was 100 years old.

For sixty years of her life Mother Jones fought on the side of the workers for organization and better conditions. In the days when the United Mine Workers Union was really a militant union and fighting for the organization of the mine fields, Mother Jones was a leading force in the struggle, going from one field to another, leading both the men and women in the struggle against the mine owners, the government strike-break-

ers, the militia, the police and all the forces arrayed against the strikers.

In her is represented the militant fighting traditions of the American labor movement.

Mother Jones, the labor fighter, had nothing in common with the treacherous betrayal policies of the officialdom of the American Federation of Labor and the present fakers of the United Mine Workers. These bureaucrats are trying to claim her as their own. Mother Jones belongs today to the most militant and revolutionary section of the working class, those workers led in struggle by the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League.

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BIRMINGHAM POLICE RENEW EFFORT TO OUST REDS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The police department of this city, a subsidiary of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co., renewed its effort to intimidate working class organizers and drive them out of town with the latest arrest of Harry Jackson, Trade Unity League organizer, and Harris Gilbert, organizer of the Young Communist League.

The organizers were arrested while driving in their car, on the suspicion that the car contained whiskey. When the motorcycle cop was tipped off by more experienced officers that Jackson was "one of those Russian Reds," the two were taken off to jail and held for investigation.

Gilbert was taken before Detective Chief Cole, who attempted to identify him as either a 19-year-old crook from Chicago or a 19-year-old deserter from the army, or a 16-year-old boy who had run away from his home in Pennsylvania. Finding it impossible to do any of these three things, Gilbert was finally released after spending two days in jail. Jackson was released on the payment of an \$8 fine on a charge of improper license classification on the car.

The militant movement among the workers here has grown, as even Chief of Police McDuff had to admit before the Fish Committee, despite the many attempts of the police to drive out the organizers with threats of shooting and lynching.

Reveal Torture On Chain Gangs

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Norman Blakely, 18-year-old worker, will die in the electric chair for the murder of D. M. Garrett, convict guard on a chain gang. At the time of the killing Blakely was serving for a minor charge, and when time after time the guard had cursed him and beaten him to a pulp, Blakely could stand it no longer and hit the guard over the head with a shovel, which resulted in his death.

Other prisoners who testified at his hearing told of brutalities practised upon them and described the guards as brutes. Many of them showed scars inflicted by the guards. Various forms of inhuman punishment and whipping were given Blakely for little or no cause.

Conditions such as these are found in practically every state in the South and in many, prisoners are rented out to private rice or cotton farmers and exploited to such a degree that death is a welcome alternative.

Troops Called to Stop Mass Strike Picketing

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Strikers are prevented from even group picketing.

In statements to reporters, officials of the United Textile Workers, the sell-out union, condemned the mass picketing and disavowed any connection with it, thus directly stabbing the strikers in the back. In a speech delivered before a mass meeting of strikers after the troops had been in possession of the strike zone for a number of days, Edward F. McGrady, official representative of the A. F. of L., did not even make a passing mention of the presence of the troops and counseled the workers against any form of resistance.

The labor fakers are rushing headlong into a complete sell-out and it may be expected that they will simply disappear from the scene as they did in Elizabethton and other points of struggle, leaving the workers to the tender mercies of the mill barons and militia. The strikers, however,

Communist Sets Preachers Right In Red Debate

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—It was Hy Gordon, Communist organizer in this city, who won the full-hearted support of the audience, when he took the floor last Sunday in the Henry Branch Colored Y. M. C. A. following a debate between two ministers on Communism.

The subject of the debate was: "Is Communism a Menace to Civilization?" Father Johnson of the Colored Episcopal Church saying yes, and Rev. J. B. Barber of the colored Presbyterian church, saying no. After Father Johnson had finished the regulation line of lies about Bolshevik brutes and murderers, and Rev. Barber had given an inadequate argument for Communism on the basis of the Bible, Comrade Gordon took the floor in the discussion, and set the audience right.

He exposed the class basis of the lynch law system by which Negroes are kept in constant subjection in order to be worst exploited by the white bosses and the Negro and white workers are kept divided in order to prevent a united struggle for better conditions. He described the real situation in the Soviet Union, where the workers and farmers rule and compared the situation of no unemployment there, with the situation in this country, where 9,000,000 workers are at present without jobs and are left to starve. He pointed to the road of united struggle for the white and Negro workers.

Father Johnson followed up with the most servile bowing to the white masters. He declared that "the white had done well enough already" and called upon the Negroes to "accomplish things by prayer." One Negro worker in the audience remarked that the Negroes have been praying for over 300 years. It was Gordon who received a tremendous ovation.

KKK Has Hard Job Fooling the Workers

Realizing that the Ku Klux Klan was a fascist organization many workers who belonged to the organization have dropped out. This is so much so that with a membership of nine million in 1925, the Ku Klux has only a few thousand left.

This organization, fostering race hatred, lynching and tar and feathering of Negroes and Communist organizers, persecution of the foreign-born, made attempts to and did control many city and state governments.

Also a number of high pressure business men used the K. K. K. as a racket and pocketed million if dollars.

But the threat of organization like the K. K. K. to the working class is by no means over. We see the Black Shirts rearing its ugly head in the South. When the ruling class needs weapons of terror these fascist organizations will crop up everywhere under their guidance.

Frozen Children Turned ed Away By Charity

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In the face of the poverty and misery of the workers the bosses fling in their faces the "Buy Now" campaign and take the hard earned and much needed dollars out of the workers pay envelopes for the "Community Chest."

seem to be picking up of themselves the slogans of the revolutionary National Textile Workers Union, despite the fact that William Murdoch, militant organizer is in jail.

Read This - Then Get Busy

By a Worker Correspondent
Greenville, S. C.

Nothing can be accomplished by not struggling.

When the first copies of the SOUTHERN WORKER came to Greenville, S. C., they did not take very well with the workers. But today they are coming and calling for more.

I notice that Atlanta, Ga., Texas and other places are getting on the map and raising the devil. Boys, don't worry. We are putting up a desperate struggle and planting Communists in good fertile soil. We are sure to come cut victorious.

Let us hear from Charlotte, N. C., and Charleston, S. C. Boys, I mean business. Let's discuss the SOUTHERN WORKER in each town. We are looking at A. L. McBride in Texas, coming with a good write up each week, and raising the devil all along. Come on! Let's get rough!

—A Worker.

NOT WORTH PICKING

FLORENCE, Ala.—Because of the low price of cotton, hundreds of farmers are leaving their cotton on the fields, since they know it would cost them twice as much to pick as they would get for it. In Lauderdale county alone, there were 26,704 bales of cotton ginned prior to Nov. 14, this year, as compared with 32,817 ginned prior to Nov. 14, of the year 1929. This is a loss of 6,113 bales this year.

Boss Court in Houston Rules Reds Are Vags

HOUSTON, Texas.—On the hearing on the appeals of Comrades Sitka, McCuistion, Schaffer and McBride, before Judge Scruggs on the vagrancy case, three of the comrades were found guilty of being "vagrants" because they belonged to "unlawful" organizations, and McBride's case was dismissed when the judge ruled he had been incapacitated for work by the world war.

Sitka, McCuistion and Schaffer were fined \$200 each and the International Labor Defense is again on the job raising the bail pending another appeal.

These comrades have been arrested and held in jail a number of times on vagrancy charges in an effort to drive the organizers out of town, because they have been organizing the marine workers and spreading the SOUTHERN WORKER by the thousands on the ships and docks.

When the workers produced proof that they were paid organizers of the Marine Workers Industrial Union and the Communist Party, Judge Scruggs ruled that they were vagrants because they worked for "unlawful" organizations. Neither the Communist Party nor the unions of the T. U. U. L. are unlawful anywhere in the country and carry on open activities, altho the Judge Scruggs, a bosses, judge, thinks that organizing for better conditions and against unemployment and for the unity of the white and Negro workers, is unlawful activity because it threatens the bosses' profits.

Demands Death Penalty For Killer of Gates In Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga.—While William Gates, a Negro worker, was arguing in an alley way with his wife, I. P. Jordan, a policeman in civilian clothes, interfered and shot Gates to death.

The League of Struggle for Negro Rights, which has investigated the case, exposes the lynch law system which makes such murder possible. "Seeing a white man in civilian clothes approaching him threateningly Gates attempted to defend himself. The policeman knowing that he would be hailed as a hero, shot and killed Gates," the League statement says.

"The shooting of Gates is only one of the hundreds committed all over the country by police against Negroes. The League of Struggle for Negro Rights points out to the workers that the increase in shooting and lynchings this year is not only confined to Negroes, but to poor whites as well. Five whites have been killed by police and lynch mobs this year.

"The white bosses, fearing that the workers will organize to wipe out their miserable conditions inflames race hatred through organizations like the Black Shirts and K. K. K., using one race against the other in order to lower the workers' standard of living.

"The League of Struggle for Negro Rights calls upon all workers, white and Negro, to organize on a basis of struggle against lynchings and persecutions, demanding the death penalty for Jordan and condemning the state and city governments as being just as guilty of the crime as the officer. The League of Struggle for Negro Rights demands

SCOTCH MINES STRIKE; WALK- OUT TO GROW

LONDON, Eng.—Over 92,000 men struck in the coal fields of Scotland against a wage-cut amounting to \$3 a week, which became effective on December 1, when the coal miners law providing for a 7-hour day in the mines went into effect.

A national strike of over 600,000 miners in Great Britain which threatened to begin at the same time was temporarily delayed by the treacherous tactics of the officials of the Miners' Federation led by J. Cook, who is cooperating with the "labor" government of Ramsey MacDonald in an effort to make the miners accept the wage-cut. The Federation of officials maneuvered section agreements in the coal fields binding the miners to continue at work at the wage-cut pending negotiations, in this way stabbing the Scottish miners in the back and breaking the unity of the struggle.

When the "labor" government passed its 7-hour mine act it left the question of a reduction in wages unsettled leaving the way open for the wage-cut. The mine owners are taking the opportunity to cut the wages along with a reduction in hours.

The railroad workers, who have already been forced to accept a 2 1/2 percent reduction are now threatened with further wage-cuts and may also go on strike. There are over 3,000,000 unemployed workers in England today, with the unemployment situation, wage-cutting and lowering of the workers' conditions growing steadily worse. The reactionary labor leaders and the government are doing all in their power to prevent the development of a national strike which threatens the very existence of the boss rule in England.

State Charity Jobs Mean Slow Starvation

DETROIT, Mich.—The Michigan Administration Board has decreed that from now on all "common" labor on state construction work will receive \$35 an hour.

When workers throughout the state protested the Board tried to defend itself by saying that contractors were "paying as low as 15c and 20c an hour for common labor." For a man with a family to support 35c an hour means the lowest standard of living, especially in view of the fact that all state labor jobs will mean only three days a week.

HAMILTON, Bermuda.—Two Negroes were shot and a number badly beaten when white soldiers used a phoney excuse to make a warlike attack armed with guns and clubs, upon a group of Negroes. The fight was ended when troops from another regiment were rushed to the scene.

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FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

HIRE EXPERT
TO CUT DOWN
MILL WAGES

By a Worker Correspondent
The bosses at the Highland Park Mill No. 1 here in Charlotte have installed what they call the efficiency system. They have hired a new man whom they call the efficiency man. His job is to cut wages for the workers. In fact, they told him when he was hired that he could stay with them only if he could cut the wages of employees enough to pay for his wage. He sure knows how to do that.

First this efficiency man cut the overhead expenses, then he cut the truck drivers wages and the yard help. Now he is preparing to cut our meager wages which are already so low from wage cuts that we can hardly live. In fact we are starving faster at work, it seems, than we would if we were not at work.

There is only one way that we workers can prevent this and that is by organising into the National Textile Workers Union. This is the only organization that fights for the textile workers.

Highland Park Mill Worker.

Accent New to Miss.—
Had to Dodge Jailers

By a Worker Correspondent

New Albany, Miss.

I am a traveller and on account of some misfortune I had to stop in this Mississippi town where they don't allow no strange Negroes and white people.

They asked me if I wasn't a northern Negro, because I didn't talk as Negroes do in Mississippi. I had to dodge all the time I was in New Albany to keep them from putting me in jail, and I feared that they would lynch me.

Mississippi is the worst place for workers, whites as well as Negroes.

And there I pledged my life for the betterment of the working class of people.

—A Worker with a double determination for the working class.

Farmers! Resist Crop
Confiscation!
Pay No Rent!

HUNGER HARVEST

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to see her child growing weaker daily from lack of food.

DEATH FOR AGED UNEMPLOYED

COVINGTON, La.—An 80-year-old man stole a hog in order to keep himself alive, and compassionate Judge Carter sentenced him to two years imprisonment, practically condemning the man to death.

THANKS FOR WHAT?

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Two young parents, hungry and out of work, left their 3-months-old baby in a room in Brooklyn, leaving this note tied to the tot's dress: "This is Thanksgiving Day, but we have not much give thanks for. Both of us are out of work and hungry. Please look after Doris."

HERESY:

Bishop Brown's Quarterly Lectures for 1930, now complete. Subjects: I, The American Race Problem; II, The Pope's Crusade Against the Soviet Union; III, The Science of Moscow and the Superstition of Capitalism; IV, The Godly Bishops and the Godless Bolsheviks. 10 cents each and 25 cents for a full set. Free to radical organizations at meetings and to unemployed workers.

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Galion, Ohio

No Soft Job—This!



At work in the city tunnel in Chattanooga. These workers get 25 cents an hour, under unbearable speed-up, working sometimes at a 20-hour stretch. "If you don't like," says the boss, "get out." Workers fall from exhaustion at the end of the day's work. Organization and struggle is the only way out.

Full Crops And Seed Taken
From Farmer, Left Starving

This comrade was a delegate to the American Negro Labor Convention in St. Louis, from Birmingham, Ala., He gives us some impressions of the convention and conditions that he found while travelling home through Mississippi and Arkansas.

Dear Comrade:

The National Convention of the A. N. L. C. held at St. Louis on Nov. 15 and 16 was a very successful one. The Southern delegates reported on conditions from their home towns, which were shown to be very bitter.

Cop Would Kill Him

One young worker from Detroit told us how they give Negroes the most dangerous jobs in the automobile factories, such as Duco-ing and sweeping where these odors are, making the men sick with a deadly disease, which kills them in a few years.

One of the Southern delegates said: "I am here to better the working people's condition, but if the cops of my home knew I was attending this convention they would kill me the first chance they could."

Nothing for Winter

In Arkansas, the farmers are facing starvation. One farmer told me that he had ginned six bales of cotton this year and hadn't paid out of debt yet. He said that his landlord took all of the cotton seed for back rent and the merchant took the cotton, and said that it would take three more bales to get him out of debt,

so he wouldn't give the farmer no settlement.

One farmer in New Albany, Miss., told me that he didn't make enough this year to pay for the fertilizer he used, and in Alliebranch, Miss., the farmers haven't got bread to eat. One farmer there told me that the boss of the plantation took the two bales and nine hundred and fifty pounds of seed cotton and four and one half loads of corn, all he made, for back and present rent. And now this farmer is left to starve with his wife and four children.

Flee From Starvation

In Oceala, Ark., the farmers are leaving by foot, fleeing from starvation in the Arkansas Delta. One farmer there told me he hadn't seen ten-dollar bill this year. He said, "If I could find any place in the world better than here, I would leave by freight or walk."

Think, workers! This is why you should support the Communist Party, which is striving to better the conditions of the working class.

—A Worker.

Fight for 7-Hour Day,
5-Day Week, With No
Wage Reductions!Negro Shot Down
In Cold Blood

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Protected by the whole process of white ruling class superiority which permits all its lackeys to stamp upon the Negroes at every turn, this policeman probably thought this was a good method to obtain a record for himself as the most courageous man on the police force. Such actions will not continue much longer, with both white and Negro workers joining in united struggle against the lynch law system.

Workers Pay For Charity
Out of Starvation Wages

By a Worker Correspondent

This year the donations of the Community Chest are worrying the life out of Tom Bowron and C. C. Blackwell, heads of this organization. Both of these charitable gentlemen are getting baldheaded trying to influence the chest backers to come across with the rest of the "dough."

Our bosses are deducting from our pay \$1.50 to \$2.50 to add some more figures on the roll, and what is more they are taking it from us whether we are willing to give or not. And if they perceive our unwillingness out of the gate we go into the street, and out of the streets into the bosses' jail.

The Double "C"

The bosses reward us by giving us a little pin button to wear on the lapel of our coats as a true witness that we did give our bread to the bosses.

When I received my envelope last pay day, the first thing I saw was two C's (Community Chest) and oh, boy! what a hell of a pill to swallow when rent is due, grocery out, furniture bill unpaid, and all the fellows I'm in debt to are for the bosses.

Making up the Tenth

We are working 10 and 11 hours a day for the bosses and they pay us only for 8 hours. But as X-mas is coming and the bosses feel that we want some X-mas change, when we work 12 and 13 hours they give us pay for 8 and 1-10 hours. This is the way we are making our X-mas money, by making enough 10ths to make one hour. And when we work these fractions into wholes, we have made for ourselves 30c or 40c. That's pay for 10-10ths where the bosses' profit is \$175.20.

And that isn't all. Our bosses' wife is co-chairman of the industrial divisions in the "Chest" activities, and her husband owns one of the largest industries in this city. What if his sweet little wife would bellow for thousand dollars to boost her side? Not only would the boss cut some more money, but we would be lucky if he didn't cut our throats.

Our Reward

I want to tell you that our boss told the "Fish Committee" that his opinion is that Communistic activities are on the wane. Also that he had discharged only one employee, but no trouble had developed. He said that he had noticed some literature pertaining to Communistic propaganda, and that he had appointed trusted employees to spy.

RAVAGES OF UNEMPLOYMENT

GREENWOOD, S. C.—Another worker, driven frantic because he was starving and out of work for many months, committed suicide here. L. Wright, a cotton mill worker, 40 years old, was found dead at his home from taking mixed poison.

Now as a reward he will notice the SOUTHERN WORKER and other literature, more than ever before, spread in every corner of the plant.

—A Worker.

SEND IT IN

If you have a bit of news,
SEND IT IN.

Or a joke that will amuse,
SEND IT IN.

A story that is true,
An incident or two,
We went to hear from you,
SEND IT IN.

Makes no difference what you send
Or how poorly it is penned,
If it's about your shopmates,
SEND IT IN.

Lands Job—Has
To Pay In Chest

By a Worker Correspondent

Houston, Texas.

Community Chest Drive here is robbing the bread out of the workers' children's mouths.

Two Mexican laborers took a contract to unload rotten bones from a car at \$7.00 a car. This was the first job that one of these men had in three months. The Acid Works where this job is have been paying \$3 a day for labor on a job shovelling bones from a car. The superintendent thought that by contracting these workers he would save money for the company.

The Mexicans unloaded the cars in 6 hours and when they went for their pay the chief parasite gave them each \$2.50 and a Community Chest button, telling them that a dollar each was taken from their pay to help the destitute.

Why the hell do the workers have to give money to aid such things as the Y. M. C. A., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Salvation Armies and other parasite grafters?

Workers, wake up! Don't pay these grafters. Don't donate to the Community Chests as the very needy never see any real aid, and their is never any help for the really destitute. Join the Unemployed Councils and the Trade Union Unity League!

—A Worker.

OPEN HALL IN GALVESTON

GALVESTON, Texas.—The Galveston local of Marine Workers Industrial Union has opened a hall in this city at 608 24th Street. A. W. McBride, local secretary, announces that all seamen and longshoremen are welcome.

TURPENTINE SWAMP SLAVERY

The conditions in the turpentine swamps of Tennessee are a fair example of the unbearable working conditions that Negro families in the South are forced to submit to. Slave conditions prevail and workers are kept under the constant whip lash of the owner or overseers.

The entire family goes into the woods, including the very youngest children, and they rake the pine needles away from the trees that have turpentine in them. The needles are gathered in a large pile and then burned in order to keep the rattlesnakes away.

One worker says: "We wuz paid 60c for a hundred trees. If we work be three trees a day. The boss man, ed from sun to sun, we could do maybe went along with a little book and

when you finish your tree you call out your number. Mine was treble. I'd say 'Treble' and he'd holler back 'Treble' and write it down in the little book. Only sometimes, he forgot to write."

The tappers start out early in the morning, before sun-up, and feel their way with their hands. The mud is slippery and treacherous, and the danger of a rattler is ever present. They make a V-shaped cut in the tree and the sap runs out in a little cup underneath. Later, other men come along and scoop it out in ladles.

The work is hazardous, back breaking, in return for poor food, no schools for children, hovels to live in, and many workers are being sold back and forth by the bosses.

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Boss Guns Turn On Soviets

After the League of Nations has been talking disarmament for the eleven years of its existence, its own figures show that four and one-half billion dollars are being spent annually by the powers to arm for the next war. The countries leading in war expenditures are France, Great Britain and the United States.

Following the London Naval conference in which the United States government asserted for itself the right and its intention to build as large a navy as Great Britain, Congress passed its one-billion dollar appropriation for naval construction. A large part of this sum went towards strengthening the American naval bases on the Pacific and Caribbean Sea, where the clash over colonial markets with Great Britain will be fought out by naval guns.

France is working day and night building its army and airplane corps. The British "labor" government is strengthening its army of occupation in India, China and other colonial countries. General LeRond of the French General Staff has been busy for years perfecting the military agreements with Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania for a mutual invasion of the Soviet Union and its partition amongst them. The crisis, affecting every country in the world, pushes the fight for markets into the actual battlefield.

In the midst of this world-wide tension which threatens to plunge millions of workers and farmers into another world-wide slaughter, it was Maxim Litvinoff, Commissar of Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union, who laid clear the war clouds in the Preparatory Disarmament Commission of the League of Nations. It was the Soviet Union in this same Disarmament Commission a few years back that said the only way to disarm was to disarm and proposed a plan for complete disarmament. The capitalist powers do not wish to disarm, in fact, they are now arming for all they are worth.

The trial of the eight leading engineers and technicians now going on in the Soviet Union has revealed a far-going plot of sabotage in the industries of the Soviet and a plan for invasion in which leading European powers are involved. As this trial proceeds it becomes clear that never before has war against the Soviet Union by the imperialistic powers loomed as an immediate daily danger as it does today. The capitalist press is doing all in its power to prepare the war psychology. It is planned to fill starving stomachs with hot bullets.

Against this workers in all lands must organize and fight. The money being spent by the government for war preparations must be turned over to the unemployed. All energy in the fight for unemployment insurance and for the defense of the Soviet Union!

The Terrible Crime of Organizing "Vagrants"

The police in Houston, Texas, are trying the same course of action tried by the police of Birmingham, who were not successful. By arresting Communist and union organizers for vagrancy, they hope to drive these militant organizations of the workers out of the city. These persecutions on vagrancy charges against our Houston comrades and members of the Marine Workers Industrial Union have been going on for the past few months, but due to the quick action of the International Labor Defense branches in Houston and Galveston, the organizers are still at work, and the organizations are growing and spreading.

When Judge Scruggs could not escape the evidence presented by the comrades that they were paid organizers of the Communist Party and the Marine Workers Industrial Union, and therefore, not "vags," he argued that they were employed by "unlawful organizations" and were therefore vagrants. Since when are the Communist Party and the T. U. U. L. Unions lawful? Scruggs is anticipating Fish, and his actions show that he considers the activities of these organizations unlawful because they are organizing the marine workers against the exploitation of the shipping corporations, and the white and Negro workers in the city against unemployment. Seaman after seaman in Houston, and unemployed workers in other cities, are being picked up by the police as "vagrants" simply because they cannot find a job. It is a double crime to organize these "vagrants" to fight for unemployment insurance and jobs.

The work in Houston continues to grow despite these persecutions. There can be no greater persecution than starvation, or anything more important, as one of the defendants told Judge Scruggs. It is against this greatest of all persecutions of the capitalist system that the workers in Houston are organizing to fight.

A Boss Is a Boss No Matter His Color

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—The Negro bosses and business men, just as well as the white ones, are always seeking to protect their own hides. Speaking at a meeting of the Negro Business League, Dr. Sutton Griggs said, "We cannot afford to ignore the problems of the laborer for he is the support of our civilization. (The fat business men—Editor.) The laborer should be urged to be prompt, regular, courteous, efficient and in every way the best laborer that can be found."

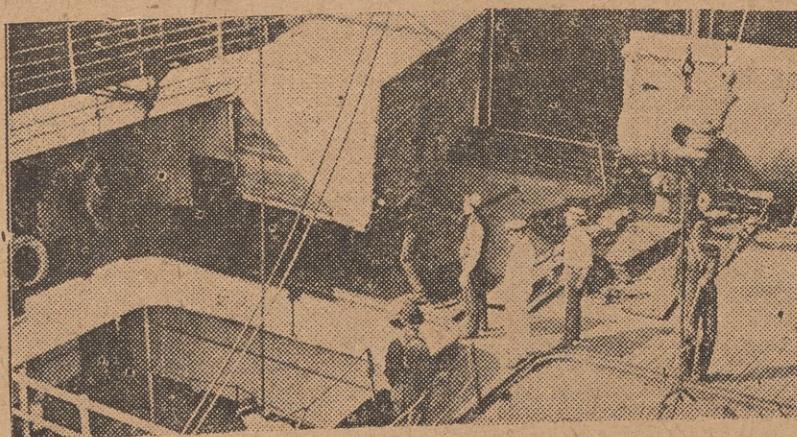
In other words, the Negro business

man wants the worker to be a docile, good slave, never murmuring, never objecting to wage cuts or long hours. The Negro and the white bosses work hand in hand when it comes to oppressing the workers.

Doctors Get Theirs

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—The Forsyth County Medical Society is trying to get another law passed that will tie up the workers' wages, and leave him looking at a thin air envelope. They are lobbying for a garnishee law or a new classification bill which would place a "doctor bill" among the primary debts of an individual.

Faster Work, Lower Pay



Longshoremen unloading a ship. Wages have been cut, and the speed-up increased. Thousands of seamen and dock workers are unemployed. Officials of the Int'l. Longshoremen's Assn. sold out the last strike of 4,000 longshoremen in the gulf ports. The Marine Workers Industrial Union is the only organization fighting for the seamen and dock workers. Join it! Fight in its ranks!

Humanitarian Bosses Fire Upon Workers

BY DAVID DORENZ

In Atlanta the Fulton Cotton Mill, decided to do something for its wage slaves. Accordingly the Atlanta newspapers carried editorials and columns of news devoted to the march of progress, civilization and better living standard, telling the exploiters to harken to "the humanities, incumbent upon them by cutting off women and child labor at night." At this mill adult and youth workers receive 8 to 12 dollars for an eleven hour shift. The bosses at this mill are those whom assistant solicitor general Hudson spoke for in his infamous statements requesting the death penalty for the six Atlanta organizers and his threat to arrest every militant organizer of labor found in Georgia. This same mill hires spies to be on the watch for all organizers who approach the mill village.

With the deepening of the crisis the mill has fired many workers of both the day and night shifts. Ordinarily hiring 4,000 workers, it now has 3,000 working under speed-up, and some sections of the mill are operating under the "stagger system."

Of these three thousand about 1,200 are women and youth. The majority of women and youth work nights. The women forced into the shop because of the need to help support the family must work nights because during the day they prepare the meals for the family and look after the smaller children. The youth are put into night labor by the bosses because they can be speeded up much better than the adults.

Now, with overproduction prevailing, with the introduction of highly developed machines and greater speed-up, the mill has no use for the labor of women and children. In this manner the entire support of the family is thrown on the measly wage of 12 dollars weekly of the father. Of course, when the family cannot pay the rent, these "humanitarian" mill owners evict the workers from the mill-owned houses into the street. The workers are learning the truth about the bosses' kindly ways and are organizing to smash this system of lies, starvation and unemployment with as much kindness and consideration as this system accords them.

MY LIFE

By a Negro Working Woman

The Negro working woman who writes this story marries when she is 13 years old. After her husband is shot and her mother and baby die she struggles very hard and finally marries again. Her husband is mistreated on the farm and runs away. The boss threatens her with jail if she doesn't tell where he is. Now continue reading:

My husband had been gone a week when I received a letter. The postmaster opened, and read it, and then sent me word I had a registered letter up there. He told my husband's boss just how the letter read and then gave it to me.

So when I went three miles below town at a side track to catch the train to Walton county they knew all about it.

The little town marshal was on the train when sister and I caught it. We got through Pendergrass alright and on till we came to Houschton, Ga.

When we got there the marshal told us it was not any use going any further, because the high sheriff had gone to get our husbands.

I was so disappointed. We got off

the train and waited for another and

went back home. The boss said my husband owed him a lot of money and he was going to put him in jail. When they arrived with him the other boss he had hired to Walton County sent a telegram saying that he would pay just what my husband owed. It was \$30 and he wired that to Pendergrass. We left there and went to Walton county.

My husband began to quarrel about every little thing. I could not please him no way. After coming home from a long day in the fields he was so disagreeable, that I did not know how to talk to him. My sister tried to talk him out of his mean ways, but it did not do any good. We had been married then about seven months, so I decided to leave him.

One day he went to work as usual, and I packed my few clothes and caught the train for home. I hated to leave my husband, but my sister said something serious would happen if I remained.

He kept on writing for me and said he would do better, and I wanted to go back anyway, so after about four weeks I went back.

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MIAMI, Fla.—The International Workers' Order, International Labor Defense and sympathizers of labor raised \$250 in this city and donated it for the campaign being carried on by the I. L. D. for the liberation of all class war prisoners.

MADRID, Spain.—One hundred Communists, imprisoned in the Madrid jail for taking a leading part in the recent nation-wide strikes in Spain, have threatened to go on a hunger strike unless they are freed immediately.

The Reds Say--

By JIM ALLEN

It's good to have a little paper like the SOUTHERN WORKER coming out every week. It looks like an easy job, getting it out in little bundles to all our agents all over the South. But what, if one of these week it just didn't come? There would be lots of disappointed workers who would be asking about it. There would be some workers' correspondence that maybe you had sent in that you wanted the workers in your shop or around you to read. Big important things were happening and there was no SOUTHERN WORKER to report them and explain them. It would be a big gaping hole that week in the body of the revolutionary movement in the South, if the SOUTHERN WORKER did not appear.

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You all agree it would be a tragedy and yet from the way some of our comrades act, it looks as tho they are just inviting that to happen. Some units of the Communist Party—remember, the Party is supposed to be ahead in all things—individual comrades and union organizations that receive bundles of the SOUTHERN WORKER for sale regularly every week, read it with real satisfaction, and set about distributing it or selling it. That is the last we hear of them—except when the paper happens to come a day late, and then we get a howl of protest. Our bills are blissfully ignored. These comrades must think that we run a moonshine mint in Birmingham. Do you realize, comrades, that it costs money to put out the SOUTHERN WORKER?

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And yet, don't think for a moment that these copies of the SOUTHERN WORKER are not paid for. The trouble is that this money does not get by the unit treasuries. For some reason, that the man in the moon only knows about, the comrades have the idea that the SOUTHERN WORKER gets written up and printed on love. That may be true of the bosses papers, who live on the love of the capitalists translated into big juicy prices paid for advertisements. The SOUTHERN WORKER depends directly on the support of the workers' pennies, and the comrades above all must realize that these pennies must not only be collected but ACTUALLY SENT TO THE SOUTHERN WORKER.

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As much as we hate to do it, we are being forced to deprive workers of our paper, just because some comrade is careless enough or doesn't care enough to pay his bills. Just the other day we received a frantic letter from a worker in Ensley, who wanted to know where in the hell he could get the paper, since the place he used to get it is all sold out in a day. And, would you believe it? the comrade who is our agent in Ensley gets 60 copies a week and has not paid a cent from the very first issue! It is directly due to the negligence of this comrade, that the workers of Ensley will be deprived of the paper, until the Ensley unit of the Party begins to realize its responsibility. The same will happen, beginning with this very issue with other comrades like our Ensley one.

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The workers in the North, in the spirit of working class solidarity, raised the funds necessary to our paper and keep it going. But now those funds are gone, and unless we get our feet and walk on them, there won't be no SOUTHERN WORKER.