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Pittsburg Taxi Men Solid on 12th Week

PITTSBURG—Taxi drivers after 11 weeks of a bitter strike against Parmalee Transportation Co. continue to present a united front and a determination to win. When automobiles appeared on the streets carrying passengers and donating fares to strikers' relief, Parmalee obtained an injunction against their operation. At the hearing an attempt was made to bar all strikers from the courtroom.

At mass meetings speakers from the pile drivers and wharf workers and the building trades unions urged the workers to continue their fight. At each meeting so far a group of rowdies from the offices of the taxi company have attempted to disorganize the program by shouting "Back to work." They are dubbed the "back to work boys" by the strikers.

Chief demands of the strikers are recognition of the union and 40% commission. Not one desertion from the ranks has occurred.

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BUILDING WORKERS ASK MOONEY-BILLING'S RELEASE

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—The California Building Trades Council in convention at Sacramento has demanded immediate pardons for Mooney and Billings. The unemployment situation was the chief subject of discussion. The five day week in the building trades is about to go into effect in Sacramento.

Polishing The Guns For The Next War

Since January 11, the five chief empires have had representatives in London, where they are polishing their guns in preparation for the next world slaughter. Incidentally, these five nations have about four-fifths of all the fighting-ships. When they go to war, it means that the world is at war, at least so far as navies are concerned.

This London Conference met to consider navies. At the outset it was to be a conference for the reduction of navies. It was therefore referred to as a "disarmament" conference.

For several weeks, however, it has been getting clearer that instead of reducing navies, the conference would probably lead to more navy building. Italy, Japan and the United States are all clamoring for "parity", for "70% ratios" or for something else that spells navy building when it is put into practice.

Nearly 10 years ago—in 1921—a conference was held in Washington at which these same five leading empires were represented. Like the London conference of

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"The Five Year Plan and World Unemployment" by L. D. Trotsky, an article of the most important character to all workingmen and to the Communists, will appear in the next issue of *The Militant*. Workers will want to buy a copy of the paper containing this article. Look for the *Militant* at your newsstand or write to *The Militant*, 25 Third Ave., New York, N. Y. Better yet, SUBSCRIBE! \$2.00 per year.

Sharp Decline in Illinois Construction

CHICAGO—Contracts let for building construction the week ending March 21 were less than one third the value in the same week a year ago, according to the F. W. Dodge corporation. The value was \$3,271,000 for Illinois and a year ago \$10,000,000 in round numbers. In Chicago contracts since the first of the year total \$23,000,000. The same period last year they totaled \$84,000,000. For Illinois outside of Chicago the figures were \$19,000,000 this year and \$50,000,000 last year.

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CHICAGO—A jury found nine participants in the Chicago unemployed demonstration of Feb. 21 guilty of disorderly conduct and fines of \$1 to \$60 were imposed. They will be worked out in jail at 50 cents a day.

1930, the Washington conference of 1921 was to be a "disarmament" conference. Within two years after it closed, the British were busy on the greatest naval base in the world—Singapore—and were launching their program for five new cruisers of the latest type.

Only Soviet Union for Peace

There was a conference at Geneva, in 1927. Britain, Japan and the United States sent delegates. France and Italy declined. The word "disarmament" was used when the conference was called. Before it was well under way, it was described as an arms conference. Before it adjourned, the British and American delegates were in one another's hair.

Year after year capitalist empires call disarmament meetings. They have good cause to do it, because the costs of modern armaments are high and the protests of the workers against militarism is persistent and aggressive. Nations like France and Japan cannot stand the pace. Neither can Great Britain for that matter. It would "pay" to disarm. But in one conference after another, called to consider disarmament, the result is further military preparation. Among the great nations only the Soviet Union has come out flat footed for disarmament, and the Soviet Union was not invited to send delegates to the London Conference.

Question: Why does every disarmament conference called by the capitalist empires become an arms parley before it is over?

Answer: Because every imperial statesman knows that the capitalist world is preparing for war, and he dares not let his country lag behind the procession.

So they are polishing the guns in London—preparatory for the next world-slaughter.

Relieve Unemployment Demand Large-Scale Credits to Soviet Union

By MARTIN ABERN

No appreciable change is to be noted in the employment situation throughout the United States. Mass unemployment remains, and will remain a permanent phenomenon of capitalism. No matter what remedies the ruling class proposes or applies, no matter how production is again reestablished,—rationalization, the replacement of man-power by new machinery and methods of equipment, (the belt-line, speed-up, stretch-out, etc.) has vastly increased the army of the permanently unemployed.

Efforts, as never before, are being made to explain away the vast unemployment and the misery it has brought in its wake for the toiling masses. The apologists and crystal-gazers of capitalism try to make one vision a quartz of diamond richness, but the masses who feel the pinch of poverty are beginning to note that the bauble of capitalism, is truly but cheap glass. It becomes increasingly difficult to make out a case for capitalism, or to point to possibilities of any adequate improvement in the immediate or future situation for the masses.

Wm. Green's Report on Unemployment

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor who is always looking for a chance to put in a good word, as well as deed, for his masters, the employers, in his report on unemployment among the organized workers, is unable to cover up the appalling facts of unemployment among them. What can be the case, then, among the unorganized masses in the basic industries, the Steel Mills, Packing Industries, etc., who are affected to an even greater degree by unemployment than the unionized workers, who make up but a few million of the American working masses?

President Green's report for the first half of March on the subject of unemployment among union men, as based on reports from 24 leading cities, has to acknowledge that "improvement is not yet general... In ten cities unemployment was still increasing in March, and in four there was no change... In the different trades, conditions varied also... In the Printing and Metal trades there were more out of work than in February, and in both these trades, unemployment in March reached the highest figure for any month since 1927 when we began keeping records."

Nor is it possible for this labor faker, who regards capitalism as the best of all possible worlds, to hold out hopes of any genuine improvement of conditions in the near future, though he endeavors to hide the truth in a cloud of dusty words. Green goes on to say that "In service industries, transportation, food, clothing, and other manufactures there was no great change... Owing to the unusually large number out of work this year it will undoubtedly be a long time before employment reaches normal proportions. In eleven cities unemployment is still at a very high figure of 20 percent or more out of work—in Jersey City, Cleveland, Denver, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Los Angeles, New York, Paterson and Boston."

Bosses and Government Ignore Needs of Workers

But there will be no "normal" again, notwithstanding Mr. Green, Hoover, and others who try to conceal the facts. But indeed it will be "a very long time" before the mass of unemployed workers or even a good part of them will have even the

consolation of drawing a pittance of wages from a boss.

The Socialists and the American Federation of Labor fakers in New York were compelled, under the pressure of the rank and file workers and the militant propaganda of the Communists and the Left wing, to give consideration to the unemployment question. These elements, speaking through their Emergency Unemployment Conference have to acknowledge the extremity of the unemployed situation in New York. They estimate that five hundred thousand men and women are out of work in New York City, and similar horrifying figures can be brought forward from every city and town in the country.

Where the bosses and their governmental and labor lackeys cannot hide or lie about the true situation, they try to ignore or laugh away those forces who are trying to present a partial remedy for the acute conditions. All that the Mayor, James Walker of New York, can answer to the delegations of workers who made an effort to present the facts and the causes of unemployment to the city government was, "We

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YELLOW-DOG JUDGE Hoover Nominee for Supreme Court

WASHINGTON—Judge John Johnston Parker, of the Fourth Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, nominated by President Hoover to the vacant place on the Supreme Court left by the death of Justice Sanford, has been identified as an endorser of the yellow-dog contract. It is wholly improbable that the Senate will fail to confirm this injunction judge to a lifetime job. The wage workers know that Parker will be an extreme Tory on all industrial issues that come before the court.

It was in 1920 that the 50,000 organized coal miners in West Virginia began their strike to make the remaining coal fields in that state union territory. Half a score of years had shown that coal miners in West Virginia had no civil rights that a coal company or a local official would recognize. Logan county, then as now, was a feudal stronghold into which a union organizer ventured at the risk of his life. Finally a campaign was begun to organize the miners in all the fields, and to carry the union message to Logan. In 1922 occurred the "union crusade" which sent thousands of miners, with members of their families, marching across the hills toward anti-union mines at Logan. State troops and constabulary were rushed to stop the movement. Leaders of the march were arrested, and later were tried for murder. In the midst of this excitement an injunction was issued by Judge McClintic of the Federal District Court at Charleston, forbidding the union men to suggest either striking or joining a union, to miners who had signed yellow-dog contracts with mining companies.

McClintic's impeachment was sought, but he held his seat by reason of the support given him by organized capital in West Virginia and throughout the industrial East. The Mine Workers appealed from his injunction. After many delays, lasting until April 18, 1927, Judge Parker, in the Circuit Court of Appeals, rendered a decision upholding McClintic.

Now Hoover rewards this willing tool of the coal operators and capitalists.

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