

Back Down

WASHINGTON.—The very week of the sale in Wall street of the remainder of the North Dakota bonds saw the sale by the National City Bank of \$12,000,000 of 5-year 7 per cent bonds of the State of Queensland, Australia, and the sale of an equal amount of 25-year 7 per cent bonds of the City of Rio Janeiro. The embargo by the London and New York bankers against public ownership (capitalism) is off. Rio Janeiro will build a municipal slaughter house and other public enterprises with her bond money. The Queensland government, controlled by the Labor Party, will build railroads, ships, and lay the foundation for a steel mill of its own.

Strike Breakers No Longer Pets

SAN FRANCISCO.—An echo of the general strike of the building trades was heard in an \$8,000 damage suit brought against the Builders' Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce by strike-breakers who were brought here and then claim that they were discharged at the end of the strike after being promised work till October 1st and a free trip back to their homes.

Miners' President Suggests Remedies

John L. Lewis, of the United Mine workers of America, recently presented the miners' views on unemployment to the Harding conference. As palliatives Lewis proposed the following program:

1. Extension of government credit to working men and women who are unemployed, to the extent of possibly \$2,500,000,000. This would help to maintain the self-respect and dignity as well as to be adopted in Great Britain.
2. Compulsory creation by the employers of a fund for unemployed benefits, equal to one-half the payroll of the employer for the year.
3. Investigation into the comparative increase in profits and in wages in the various industries, to determine which should be cut.
4. Nationalization of the coal mining industry, as the only possible means of stabilizing production and employment, as well as of reaching a fair price to the consumer.

The Mortared Dead

Mt. Olive, Ill.—Five thousand Illinois miners, meeting here to pay tribute to the memory of the miners who lost their lives in the Virden mine riots 23 years ago, joined in sending greetings to Alexander Howat and August Dorchy, imprisoned leaders of the Kansas miners. The telegram, addressed to Cherokee County Jail at Columbus, Kans., read: "The miners of Mount Olive are now commemorating the sacrifices of those brave miners who gave their lives 23 years ago today against brutal and oppressive measures. They send greetings and cheer to you who are in prison for this cause and the cause of real freedom of contract. Your sacrifices, like the men of Virden, will not be forgotten."

BAKERSFIELD, Cal.—An operator have abruptly declined the offer of the strikers of a "peace without victory" and the ground that yielding to the federal arbitration would be a step toward nationalization of the oil fields. Thus the workers deny.

A telegram has been sent to the oil producers by 2000 of the oil workers who are ex-service men. It states in part: "We have served faithfully your interests during the World War for the sum of \$30 per month you during that time enjoyed handsome profits from the oil industry. Are you not willing to ease your lot with the government, to which you undoubtedly owe allegiance and which we unhesitatingly served for you?" Copies of the telegram were sent to Governor Stephens and President Harding.

Prussian Methods in New Zealand

AUCKLAND, N. Z.—One hundred per cent American methods are being used to curb the activity of Communists here. A police official in plain clothes called at the Communists' Hall at Wellington, signed nomination papers for membership in the Communist Party, and asked a member, Miss Hedwig Weitzel, for a copy of "the Communist," although he had not been asked to buy one. This resulted in the young lady being fined 10 pounds for the sale of literature coming within the Government proscriptions, although no notification had been issued that the paper was on the index.

George Wilkinson, watersider, was sent to prison for two months for selling to a policeman (who had represented himself as a waterside worker) pamphlets "Inside Soviet Russia" and "The Irish Tragedy," and having in his possession "Knowledge and Unity," all of which are declared seditious.

William Blair, who sold copies of "The Communist" and "The International Communist" to a policeman after having communicated with the private secretary of the Acting Prime Minister and being under the impression that no action would be taken against anyone selling the Australian Communist papers, was fined 25 pounds. It was alleged that these papers incited to violence and lawlessness.

Ten years ago the cost of the food of prisoners in the jails of Quebec province cost six cents a day. Today the same kind and quantity of food costs Quebec province 20 cents a day, an advance of 250 per cent.

The Modern Store

Orders taken and goods delivered at your door.

Meats, Fish Groceries and Farm Produce.

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We have seen so many similar articles in the newspapers in the Montreal press that our readers must be tired of this leading was not in accordance with the facts. No one said the I.M.W. was a body, and that is the paragraph which called the Glace Bay strike to be put the heading over the article.

IT IS EXPECTED that a substantial reduction in wages in the central competitive district of the United States WILL FOLLOW the conclusion of the current wage agreement with the United Mine Workers of America at the end of March 1932 and a reduction in the Alberta fields at the same date is PRACTICALLY CERTAIN.

Evidently with malice aforethought our contemporary, in order to hurt the miners and benefit the operators, makes the prophecy of a news correspondent in Montreal an actual fact in its headlines. It is such an unfair attitude towards labor that has caused labor to look with distrust upon all old party newspapers.

The West Virginia Fields

However we may not have been quite fair to our contemporary in the above criticism, for there is a little paragraph stating that in one section wages have been reduced. The following is the paragraph:

Canadian producers of coal, and particularly the companies operating in Nova Scotia, are now required to compete against coalfields where miners wages have undergone drastic reduction, and it may not be generally known that a number of cargoes of West Virginia coal have been unloaded for manufacturing uses in the Maritime Provinces in recent months.

This very fact, that West Virginia coal is allowed to come into Canada at all is a strong reason why all miners and those who stand for fair dealing between man and man should vote only for the Farmer-Labor candidates on December the sixth. For neither the Liberal party nor the Conservative party nor has any member of parliament belonging to either of the two old parties protested against, or taken steps to prevent, the importation of West Virginia coal.

In West Virginia, fourteen thousand miners are living in tents. In West Virginia the coal operators maintain private armies, the members of which take pleasure in shooting holes through the tents occupied by women and children. In West Virginia babies have to go twenty-four hours without milk because agents of the operators take delight in capturing milk waggons and pouring kerosene into the milk. In West Virginia miners receive fifty cents a ton for mining coal under unbelievable conditions. Our contemporary, the Glace Bay Gazette, nevertheless, complacently publishes a news despatch from Montreal the purport of which is that Nova Scotia miners must accept lower wages because they must face the competition of West Virginia coal mined under atrocious circumstances.

Embargo on Seab Coal

Of course our Conservative contemporaries will allow that