

SINISTER STRIKE SHADOW IN REVIVED STEEL INDUSTRY IS LAID TO YOUNG MINORITIES

Veteran Union Chiefs Unable to Check Rebel Group; Threatened Walkout May Hamper Recovery Drive.

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 9.—In a nearby steel town a week ago, men and women, spic and span in their white outifts, marched in celebration of a year of near-capacity operation of a tin mill.

In other mill towns in recent months, borough officials have made formal ceremony of lighting giant blast furnaces, cold, many of them, during the entire depression. The click of brass checks. Men returning to their shops. Steel mills roaring in an era of industrial recovery.

Can it be that over this picture of a nation emerging from dark days there hangs a threat of strike—a threat, perhaps, of the greatest strike this country ever has seen—a strike threatening the entire recovery program?

"We want recognition of our union," say members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, an A. F. of L. affiliate. "Then we want a thirty-hour week. Machines are driving men out of the mills. The work must be spread."

Minorities Gain Control

They ask also for higher wages, but that is not in the immediate foreground. That can be argued if recognition comes.

A Communist organization, the Sheet and Metal Workers Industrial Union, a purely local outfit with national ambitions, echoes the same demands.

What brings this turmoil at this time? Why is there a threat of strike when the steel industry is running better than at any time since the depression? The quickest answer is that the situation has been brought about by minorities. And the immediate objective is union recognition.

The present fight is different from anything in the long battle between steel and labor. In the bloody Homestead strike, workmen fought to save the union they recognized but scheduled to be kicked out. In 1919, there was an outright campaign to unionize common labor in steel and to put an end to the long working hours. Those were the days just after the high-wage war period, and workmen had a little something laid aside."

Sprt Brings Opportunity

But now the long working day has gone (eight is the maximum) and the depression has long since eaten up reserves. Most workmen are in debt over their heads—to the town merchants, to the company stores.

The present spurt of the steel industry is due to the thriving auto business, to the fact that buyers are taking advantage of the present steel prices (the announced increase goes into effect July 1) and to operators replenishing stocks in anticipation of the strike, threatened for June 16.

The spurt has given the workmen a chance to begin to get on his feet again.

And if decision had been left with the conservative officers of the Amalgamated, headed by 77-year-old Michael F. Tighe, there would be no threat of strike—at least not this summer. Tighe and the vice-presidents, Edward W. Miller and Thomas G. Gillis, and Louis (Shorty) Leonard, secretary-treasurer, fought but lost control of the recent convention and the "sign or strike" ultimatum was shoved through.

Company Unions Formed

Since the passage of the National Industrial Recovery Act, the Amalgamated, like all national unions, took to the field in a vigorous organization campaign. In a year it had grown from ninety-three lodges to 232. The previous high was 229 in 1919.

But mill owners were not sitting idle. Everywhere "company unions," or, as the magnates prefer, the "Employee Representation Plans," were organized. The Amalgamated peppered at company unions continuously and quoted such national figures as Miss Frances Perkins, labor secretary, and Senator Robert F. Wagner.

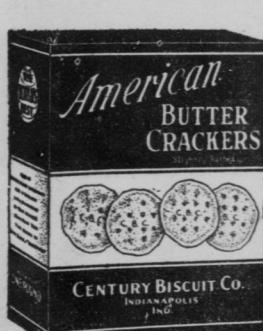
At Weirton, W. Va., where E. T. Weir's Weirton Steel Company is located, the first break came—a strike last September. It started over a question of Sunday night work, was at first condemned by Amalgamated officials, but later, to make the best of a bad situation,

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'Jungle Animals' to Be Seen Here in Standard's 'Live Power' Parade



New Type Circus Exhibit to Feature Replicas of Wild Beasts.

Jungle animals of the fiercest and most interesting types from Australia, Brazil, India, Africa and Sumatra are represented in the new type of circus parade, which will be staged in Indianapolis starting at 9 o'clock on Monday.

They form the Standard Oil Company's live power circus, the latest development in the amusement field, and are presented as a part of the company's annual campaign in the interests of its "live power" products.

The animals are gigantic, grinning replicas of their wild originals, made by a secret process and fitted mechanically so that they laugh, move their legs, bodies, heads and always appear to be enthusiastic rushing forward under their own "live power."

They are mounted on huge trucks, the bases of which, thirty feet long, are modeled and rocked in the patterns of the animal's native habitat.

Sound Trucks in Parade

The parade to visit this city, one of the three similar units forming parts of the Standard Oil Company's Live Power circus offering, is accompanied by a caravan of sound trucks, each playing thrilling circus melodies, with their irresistible marching steps and crashing drums, cymbals and trumpets.

More than seventy-five persons form the personnel of the parade, some ahead but the greater part back with the line of march.

Savage talk on both sides has contributed to unrest and misunderstanding and is giving impetus to a movement which clearly started out as a mere minority effort.

Even if the Amalgamated does not have the numerical strength some of its leaders declare, its members are scattered from coast to coast, and it doesn't take many men to strike a mill. Many plants have only one entrance gate; few more than three. A few hundred pickets can do effective persuasion vocally and otherwise.

Steel operators know this and are preparing, not to break the strike as in 1919 by importing workmen, but by shutting down their plants. Many are advocating a policy of making this the final issue—the final blow to crush organized labor in the steel industry.

Gary Is Storm Center

If and when trouble does come, the storm centers are expected to be Gary, Ind., where Al Armour says the Amalgamated is strong enough to pull the entire Calumet area; Youngstown, O.; Birmingham, Ala.; McKeesport and Duquesne, Pa.

Indiana in Brief

Lively Spots in the State's Happenings Put Together 'Short and Sweet.'

By Times Special

MARTINSVILLE, June 9.—Hearing will be held in Morgan circuit court here June 30 on a petition for a writ of coram nobis filed in behalf of Thaddeus Quinn, serving a life term in the Indiana state prison on conviction of bank robbery.

In the petition Quinn states that at the time he pleaded guilty to the robbery charge he was not advised as to his rights and the law. He asks that the judgment on which the life sentence is based be vacated, permission granted to withdraw his plea of guilty and that he be given a trial.

Quinn admitted guilt in robbery of the Morgantown bank in April 1933.

Robert J. Wade, Morgan county prosecuting attorney, declared when he learned of the petition that Quinn was advised by the county attorney of his rights but insisted on pleading guilty. Quinn was only 19 years old when he was committed to prison.

Calf Theft Alleged

By Times Special

TIPTON, June 9.—Charged with stealing a calf which he is alleged to have hauled to Muncie in a small coupe, Wilbur Law is in jail awaiting trial on a larceny charge. The calf was taken from the farm of Verne Hortion, southwest of here. It was sold to a Muncie livestock dealer.

Law was convicted several years ago of assaulting and attempting to rob Richard Dobson, aged eccentric, whose body was found in a swamp near Angola last year. He served six months on the penal farm. The Dobson murder never has been solved.

Sprinkling Banned

By Science Service

GREENFIELD, June 9.—For the first time in the history of the city water plant, it has been necessary to close Greenfield residents to cease use of water for sprinkling purposes.

Members of Standard Oil Company's local organization will take part in the parade and will form at 9 at Memorial Plaza, Michigan and Meridian streets.

Line of March

The line of march follows: East on Michigan to Oriental street; north on Oriental street to East Tenth street; east on East Tenth street to Emerson avenue; south on Emerson avenue to New York street; west on New York street to State avenue; north of State avenue to Prospect street; west on Prospect street to Virginia avenue; northwest on Virginia avenue to South street; west on South street to Madison avenue; southeast on Madison avenue to Morris street; west on Morris street to Meridian street; north on Meridian street to Harding street, and west on Harding street to the Harding street plant.

The parade will stop at Fountain Square for lunch and is expected to reach the Harding street plant at 5:15.

the Pittsburgh district, and Weirton, W. Va.

Meanwhile, the government is hopeful of averting the strike—the President, through federal supervised elections to determine employee representatives; Senator Wagner, through the national labor board and his modified labor adjustment act.

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HITLER AID OFFERS \$1,000 TO HARVARD

Nazi Leader's Gift May Be Refused, Is Report.

By United Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 9.—Doubt existed today as to whether Harvard college would accept a \$1,000 scholarship offered by Ernest F. S. Hanftaengel, Nazi aid to Chancellor Hitler, in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his graduation.

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