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SIGNS OF RAPID PROGRESS

Working Classes Aroused—William Waldorf Astor Fights Labor—British Socialist Daily.

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London, Nov. 26.—A new analysis, which is now for the first time possible, shows that while in the whole of Great Britain the Socialists gained two seats in the Borough Council (municipal) elections, in the same area (with London left out) they captured twenty-seven extra seats. London's heavy losses were nearly as many.

On the total votes cast the following figures are approximately accurate: Socialist and labor, 296,000; Tory, 245,000; Liberal, 190,000.

The Tribune, liberal daily, owned by W. Franklin Thomasson, M. P., published a cable from its special correspondent in which he says that in the coming Commonwealth elections there will be a straight fight between Socialists and anti-Socialists in twenty-two of the twenty-seven constituencies now held by New South Wales in the federal house of representatives.

It is the same everywhere. The fight in Huddersfield (Yorkshire) shows that in Great Britain old party lines are being washed out by the advancing tide. Socialist and labor effort, and the press is full of Socialist and anti-Socialism, replacing Tory and Liberal.

Astor's paper, the Pall Mall Gazette, put up the heading "Socialism the Enemy," to an article appealing to Liberals and Tories to combine against it, and Mr. Foster Fraser, a self-advertising young journalist who is employed in the House of Commons to write the parliamentary sketch for the Tory Standard, adopted it as his rallying cry at Huddersfield.

The Huddersfield "Worker," a Socialist monthly, has done so well that it has been arranged to make a weekly of it, and during the election it followed your example and published daily. Of course it is not such a finely commercial looking article as the Chicago one, but that is due to the modesty of British Socialists, who don't want to rob the States of its prestige for producing the "biggest things on earth."

May your successes in the elections exceed our own. In which case we shall try and give you a lead next time.

UNCLE SAM SO RICH HE MUST GIVE TO THE RICH

Surplus Creeps Up So Fast that Ship Subsidy People Pant.

Washington, Dec. 6.—It has narrowed down to this: "The leaders in congress must pass a ship subsidy bill to get rid of the threatening treasury surplus, or revise the tariff."

Uncle Sam is getting rich so fast that he does not know what to do with the money.

At the close of business yesterday the surplus was in round numbers, \$16,500,000. A year ago this time the treasury faced a deficit of more than \$10,000,000. By the close of the present fiscal year, if something is not done to stop the "unhealthy" growth, Secretary Cortelyou will have on his hands a surplus of nearly \$50,000,000.

EVANS SHOOK YOUNG'S HAND.

President of United Teamsters Condemned for Friendliness to Grafters.

Unions affiliated with the United Teamsters of America are unanimous in condemning the action of their general president N. W. Evans, who shook hands with Albert Young in the court room. The members of the various unions claim that Evans had no business to go to court to witness the Shea trial, and if he did go he ought not to shake hands with a self-confessed grafter.

"We all know what organized labor thinks of Albert Young," said a prominent official of the United Teamsters of America, "and for our president to shake hands with him was, to be mild about it, a thoughtless act."

NOT "BUM STEERS."

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 6.—F. M. Bilby of Rushville yesterday sold the heaviest lot of steers ever recorded at the Union Stock Yards. Ten steers averaged 1,261 pounds, and they sold for \$5.75 per hundred. Three weighed over 2,000 pounds each. The heaviest animal weighed 2,680 pounds, and brought \$184.12.

GOLDFIELD PROMOTER GETS BEAUTIFUL BRIDE

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's Friend Will Try a Millionaire.

New York, Dec. 6.—Edna McClure, actress friend of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, and one of the most beautiful young women on the American stage, has married Jack Richardson, a rich miner or Goldfield, Nev. Broadway heard of the surprising marriage today.

Rialto reports had it that Miss McClure was to wed Frederick Thompson, the theatrical manager, who last Saturday was married to Mabel Taliaferro, the actress. Within eighteen hours after Miss Taliaferro's wedding Jack Richardson and Miss McClure were married.

Mrs. Richardson will retire from the stage permanently.

"MORAL DUST" HIDES SHIP AND COIN GRAB

Smoot to Be the Victim of Virtue, and Cloak Attempts at Big Steals.

BY WASHINGTON CHAFRANE.
Special Washington Correspondent for the Chicago Daily Socialist.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Congress began its "labors" today.

No flowers. This by rule; by law. A new law, too. Why? Too suggestive of funerals.

Why not some pure white blossoms for Platt of New York, or Dewey? Why not a little bunch for Senator Smoot just before he is put to do the stunt of "shooting the chute?"

For Senator Burrows is going to fire a broadside at Smoot. The home is endangered and we can't have happy homes like Platt's broken up by the evil influence of men like Smoot.

One prominent woman of the land is reported to have said to a gathering of women, "whether Smoot is in the senate lawfully and constitutionally or not, if the women of America make fuss enough about it, we will get him out."

Smoot Must Go.

That, as far as I can gather it here, is the whole Smoot case. Law or no law, constitution or no constitution, Smoot must go.

There were many meetings in Washington, I am told, last winter. Eager women flocked to the churches to hear about the "terrible oaths," the secrets of the "endowment house," and that even the symbol-covered shirt, worn when the mysteries are revealed, was supposed to be exhibited. One travelling through Utah or visiting Salt Lake City, catches little hint of the terrible menace these "secrets" are supposed to confer on Smoot and his co-religionists. So I know nothing and only pick up hints in talking.

But as a little advance news I tell you that after the thrill of the president's message has subsided the crusade against Smoot is to begin. Fireworks galore, oratory in floods.

And then what?

After the "Moral" Battle.

Well, keep your eyes open.

"Ship subsidy" and "elastic currency" are due.

These are the gold-dust twins of this session.

Lusty hustlers they are, too, and dark in their ways and meanings.

"Ship subsidy" and "elastic currency." I repeat, watch them this winter. And the average working man and farmer can spend profitable time figuring out how and where they are to help him.

The storekeeper and clerk can be figuring where they help him?

Well, after the great moral crusade against Smoot and Mormonism is ended then scan the papers daily for "ship subsidy" and "elastic currency."

When these bills come up, I will set out clearly what they mean to the average American farmer, workman, professional man or clerk, and then what they mean to a few shrewd gentlemen who could not pass as belonging to either of these divisions.

PIUS APPOINTS BISHOPS.

Rome, Dec. 6.—Eighty-four new bishops were appointed to-day by Pope Pius at a secret consistory.

Following the announcement of the new bishops the pontiff spoke at some length on the persecution of Catholics throughout the world, especially in France, under the new separation law.

ANOTHER RAILROAD WRECK.

The west-bound Union Pacific train No. 4 went into a ditch this morning while traveling at a high rate of speed. Four cars were turned over. The train left the track at Church Butte, near Echo Canyon. Seven passengers are known to have been injured.



DAILY NEWS UNCOVERS ANOTHER POLICE SCANDAL

CONFESSION SLIPS FROM GILLETTE

"When She Came Up the First Time, I Struck Her," He Said.

Herkimer, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Chester Gillette, facing death in the electric chair for the killing of "Billy" Brown, has confessed to his counsel that he killed the girl. The condemned man tried to deceive his attorneys, but a false slip revealed this atrocious murder. The confession became known today. Part of it was overheard by prison officials while Gillette was recounting his story of how the girl had taken her life to Senator Mills in his cell. In a moment of mental lapse Gillette said:

"When she came up the first time after sinking in the water I struck her."

"You wretch, why didn't you tell me this before?" Senator Mills is reported as saying.

District Attorney Ward was anxious to put the prison guards on the witness stand, but Judge Devendorf would not permit it.

Gillette will probably not be sentenced today, as his counsel has not had time to prepare their papers, asking for a new trial.

FAMILY POISONED.

Palmist Suspected of Plot to Kill Five Persons.

Poison has decimated one family in Chicago to the extent of six members. The family of Martin Vrazil, 1536 Fifth street, have been victims of an apparent plot to kill off the whole family, six of them having been poisoned in the last eighteen months. Hermann Bellick, a palmist living at 613 Blue Island avenue, is held as the probable slayer.

Mrs. Emma Nieman, daughter of the deceased Vrazil, states that Bellick gave medicine to her father and also to two of her children before they died.

Suicide is denied by Mrs. Nieman in any and all of the cases.

HERE IS A REAL FACT IN THE RACE WAR

Ind., Dec. 6.—The employes of the Whitney Tobacco factory, controlled by the trust, struck Wednesday for an advance in wages from 12½ cents to 15 cents an hour. It is said negroes will be imported to take the places of the strikers. The men who are out declare that they will not allow the negroes to work.

WHY DON'T HE ORGANIZE A STOCK COMPANY?

Omaha, Dec. 6.—Anton Probyl, a farmer living near this city, killed a duck today and when he came to dress it he was surprised to find its crop filled with more than a dozen nuggets of pure gold.

ALL NEED ELASTIC MONEY.

Comptroller favors Giving Bankers New Power to Control Exchange.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Like Secretary Shaw, the comptroller of the currency devotes much of his annual report to urging the necessity of legislation to provide "elasticity" in the currency system. He says it is a question which involves the welfare and prosperity of every section of our land and every man, woman and child in the United States.

"The fact," he says, "that the demand for crop moving funds creates a disturbance in the 'money market' and raises rates for money adds just so much to the cost of carrying and handling the crops and reduces the price at which farm products are sold by the producers."

The farmer thus has a direct pecuniary interest in the proper solution of this question. Any man who is engaged in any other business and who finds his plans for raising money interfered with, or his rates raised, the penalty for our imperfect system, with no advantage to any one, unless it is the banker, who charges him more on his loan. For these reasons the question is of more importance to the general public than it is to the bankers themselves. For their own purposes and profits "the banks are entitled to no additional facilities or privileges."

TO CONTROL SWEATSHOPS.

Stamp on All Clothing Made in Living Rooms.

Chief Sanitary Inspector Perry L. Hedrick, has drafted an amendment to the sanitary code designed to "improve the sweatshop."

The proposed law provides licenses for sweatshops and these licenses will not be issued to shops which are in living rooms. All articles which are finished, altered or repaired in any living room must be stamped "tenement made."

PACKERS WANT TO "SAVE THEIR BACON"

[Scripps-McRae Press Association.] Cincinnati, O., Dec. 6.—Gen. Michael Regan, president of the National Packers' Association, is preparing to go to Washington for a conference with President Roosevelt. The object of the trip is to place before the president the packers' arguments against the recommendation in his message to congress that the cost of meat inspection be saddled upon the packers. The packers claim that this is an injustice and that in the end it will be the public which pays the bill.

WHAT DID HE DO TO PLEASE LEOPOLD?

Washington, Dec. 6.—The king of the Belgians, through Baron Moncheur, the Belgian minister, has conferred upon A. Maurice Low, Washington correspondent for the Boston Globe, the cross of the Order of Leopold of Belgium. It is stated that the decoration is conferred on Low in recognition of his important work as a writer on international politics and sociology.

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FORTY MINERS LOST IN THE EARTH

Explosion Wrecks Diggings and Workers Entirely Disappear.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 6.—Forty men who were being lowered to work in the Mesnard mine last night have disappeared as completely as if the earth had swallowed them, following an explosion of dynamite in the mine. It is believed they were blown to atoms as no trace of them can be found. Many miners at work far below where the explosion occurred have not been heard from and it is feared additional deaths have resulted. The disaster, if one has actually occurred, must be one of the worst in the history of the state. No. 8 shaft of the mine is wrecked for several hundred feet. It may be days before it can be cleared to rescue the entombed men. Thousands of tons of dynamite were stored in the magazine. The cause of the explosion is unknown. Mining operations will be suspended for many weeks.

SHOE WORKERS ARE BLOWN TO ATOMS

Defective Boiler, Owned by Captain of Industry, Kills Craftsmen.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 6.—From five to twenty persons are believed to be killed and several score injured in a boiler explosion and fire this morning in the P. J. Harney shoe factory.

The explosion occurred shortly after 7 o'clock, when the employes had just gone to work. The building caught fire at once and many of those who were only injured by the explosion perished in the flames. The fire spread rapidly until eight buildings were involved.

KIND TO BOND HOLDERS.

"Good Old Uncle Sam" is "Paternalistic" to His Favorite Class.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The secretary of the treasury late today gave notice to holders of U. S. bonds that interest maturing between January 1 and May, 1907, will be prepaid without rebate on and after Dec. 15, 1906.

JOHN D. WILL SKATE.

Lakewood, N. J., Dec. 6.—J. D. Rockefeller's love of outdoor "sports" has taken a turn and he now longs to become a champion skater. It is not likely he will ever compete in public contests, but a few little races during the winter are likely to be skated on an artificial lake which is being constructed. The oil magnate is said to be an expert on the ice. He can cut a double eight or make a dollar sign with ease.

WHAT WILL PERSIA DO? THE SHAH IS DYING

New York, Dec. 6.—A special cable from Teheran, Persia, reports that the shah is dying and says his doctors admit he cannot live twenty-four hours. The dispatch says the shah is in a semiconscious condition and has lost the power of speech.

TRIAL MARRIAGE THEORY TESTED ON A FINE YACHT

Singer and Millionaire Will Cruise Awhile Before Knot Is Tied.

Paris, Dec. 6.—Mme. Emma Calve, the great queen of song, and her rich fiance, Eugene B. Higgins, 46 years of age and worth \$60,000,000, have put into practice the platonic trial marriage theory of Mrs. Elsie Clews Parsons of New York. The pair are aboard Mr. Higgins' yacht and will cruise for six months, probably visiting Japan.

A LITTLE STORY OF VERY REAL LIFE

Three Men With Cottage Homes Displaced by Italians—Forced to Live in Old Cars.

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Three old section men employed by the Panhandle, under Section Foreman Pat Moran, were discharged and four Italians were put in their places. Two discarded coaches were dropped off near the stockyards and in these the Italians will live.

The discharge of the three men created much bitter feeling against the company. All of the men are married and have large families. Besides those who are acquainted with the work claim that the three men could do much better and even more work than the Italians, who have just arrived to this country and had never seen a railroad before reaching America.

But, of course, the company see a chance to get up an Italian colony that can live in discarded coaches and thus take the place of other men for half their pay, and who knows, possibly may aid the company in time of labor troubles.

Truly the wisdom of capital is unfathomable.

63,000 RAILROAD MEN MAY STRIKE

Locomotive Operators Hold Session in Chicago—Make Demands on 47 Roads.

Sixty-three thousand locomotive engineers and firemen have made demands on forty-seven trunk lines in the northwest, west and middle west. After three days' session representatives from all the roads involved adjourned last night at the Lexington hotel.

Committee still are in Chicago, however, to open negotiations with roads having general offices here.

The men who help run the big roads want a little more of the product of their labor. They want a uniform work day, a uniform minimum wage and other reforms.

If the roads do not make substantial concessions the rank and file will vote to strike, it is said.

As switchmen and other classes of workers have been given higher wages, it is probable that the engine men will be handed something at least.

ELECT WORKER MAYOR.

[Special Correspondence.] Springfield, Mass., Dec. 6.—Springfield has elected a workman's mayor, William E. Sanderson. He was cut by the silk stocking element of the republicans, but the "dinner-pail brigade" of the democracy voted the republican ticket for the first time on record and elected Mr. Sanderson by a large plurality.

COURT-MARTIALED FOR A PIE.

Frederick Gustaf Benneck, clerk to Capt. C. McR. Winslow of the United States cruiser Charleston, is to be court-martialed on charge of desertion. Benneck went after some delicacies for the table of Secretary Root, and when he returned to the dock the cruiser had gone.

FAIR AND COLDER.

Fair and colder. Fair to-night and Friday. Colder Friday. Minimum temperature to-night 15 to 20 degrees above zero.

FROM THE

ERMINE TO GAS OFFICE

How Judge Nathaniel C. Sears Jumped From the Bench.

DAMAGES ARE HARD TO GET

Lesson for Poor Boys Who Want to Die Rich—Jurists Who Like Luxury Look to Corporations.

This is the story of a judge who jumped from the bench to a fat job with the Peoples Gas Light & Coke company. The hero is "Judge" Nathaniel C. Sears.

It is a typical story of the rise of a poor lawyer to respectability and wealth. In the year 1900 A. M. Amphlet received a verdict for \$5,000 from a jury in a personal injury suit against the Peoples Gas Light & Coke company.

The company carried the case to the appellate court.

On February 14, 1901, the appellate court gave a decision setting aside the verdict of the jury and remanded the case to the lower court for retrial.

The Just Judge.

The appellate court decision was written by Nathaniel C. Sears, at that time judge of the Appellate Court.

Shortly after this opinion was handed down Judge Sears resigned and became chief attorney for the gas company.

Now it is a reasonable deduction that at the very time Judge Sears was writing the opinion which set aside the verdict for \$5,000 against the gas company, he had arranged to become the retainer of the company in whose favor the decision was rendered.

Shortly after he resigned from the bench "Judge" Sears settled the case with Amphlet for the gas company.

As a gas lawyer he decided \$2,000 was about right for injuries received in a gas explosion.

A well-known attorney said today: "The incident of Judge Sears and the gas company is only one of many that might be cited, to explain why it is almost impossible to collect damages in personal injury cases against wealthy corporations."

"Lawyers who go on the bench, are as a rule, poor men. In most cases the position of judge is looked upon as a stepping stone to a high-salaried position as attorney for some rich corporation."

It is therefore only natural that the judges strain every point and recognize every hoary precedent that can be found in musty court decisions from the time of Henry the Eighth to Judge Sears.

"It is positively disgraceful the way many judges render services to great corporations, while they are on the bench. The services thus rendered, later on are paid for by the ex-judges getting positions as attorneys for corporations."

"It is foolish to expect human nature to be at its best when society puts a tax on virtue and lavishly rewards dishonesty. Human nature of judges, as of all other persons, is about the same. Men will only be at their best when virtue brings material rewards."

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THE RECORDING ANGEL

By EDWIN ARNOLD BRENHOLTZ

In the sitting room all was silence, and Arndt smiled bitterly as he thought of that father's words, "Two lives."

"What would he think," said he to himself, "if he knew of the actual amount of suffering his son's ambition has already caused, and what, if he could see the total number that man will probably kill and the lives he will wreck as he builds up what he so glibly calls 'my success'?"

"I think not," said Arndt, "I have not even heard him."

As if the sound of his name had caused him to appear—at the moment the doctor was about to knock upon the door—it opened from within, and Mr. Endy walked out.

"The case is beyond me," was the reply, "I have telegraphed for King."

"The old man shrank as if struck and cried, 'Not for King? surely it is not so bad as that!'"

"Yes," said Kennedy sadly, and left the room.

Mastering his emotion after a long pause the visitor said, "Mr. Arndt, I am informed that you are engaged to be married to Nettie; that gives you the right to be consulted especially as I know of no relatives of Angus MacDonald nearer than Scotland. I would like to make all the arrangements for the funeral of my old comrade."

"I know exactly how you feel about it," said the elder man, "and I do not say that you are wrong, for that is probably what Nettie would wish it. But, in regard to the other matter, remember that I have a claim which only an uninterrupted friendship of thirty-five years and over can give—and also—looking straight at Arndt—my fortune was honestly earned, and is not yet my own."

learning does not take this position—unless he becomes suddenly rich. We do not mind your having things we have not—coaching parties and so forth ad infinitum—it's the dust you fling on us as you pass (and the haughty, scornful looks of your fine gentlemen and beautiful women) which cause us to remember that if they were each of them doing—every day—the four hours of actual labor which belongs to them as their share of the world's work, and our wives and sweethearts might also be having a holiday.

"Let them take care—let them take care! Those haughty looks and words and tones may, some day, cost them dear; for they are never forgotten by the man or woman to whom they are addressed. We may think that other things have been partly our own fault; and God knows we ought never to have allowed things to come to this pass; but the humblest of us knows that he has done nothing to deserve the contempt of such as many of them are."

"Let me ask," said his hearer, "whether all workmen feel as you do in this matter?"

"Of course," said Arndt, "some of them have individual cases of complaint, which, for the time, overshadow everything else. Some, yes, many, are Socialists who take exception to the industrial system itself. But to my mind this is the one standing grievance which was and is never alleviated. And the numbering of the men is left to be an open expression of the contempt in which they are individually held."

"Oh, I think not," said Mr. Endy. "I wish I could agree with you," Arndt replied, "but as I look at it these things are attacks on our manhood and freedom, and must be resisted."

"I am not apprised," said Mr. Endy; "in fact, I expected something like this to be the case. Of course, it is not only the poor man who is studying this problem. There are plenty of rich men who feel as I do—which would suit you very well—only they act as I sometimes do, or worse—and that you do not like at all; and I do not blame you. Why, it makes my blood boil to hear Robert or Rollins around—though Rollins never resents it, and—"

Arndt interrupted him: "Maybe you had better say, Never appears to resent it. I imagine that is nearer the truth."

"I hadn't thought of that," replied his hearer, "perhaps you are right; but I must come to the point—as the train will soon be in and we may not have a chance to talk together immediately afterwards. I want your help, Mr. Arndt! I can neither control the conduct of my son nor prevent the consequences of his act. I foresee that what he does will cause great unhappiness and suffering—the former I cannot ward off: the latter I must do all in my power to lessen. These wicked people mistrust every man of a class; and there are also dishonest men among you, as well as among us, and they would get the money I intend for the worthy. Now, I expect that there will be a strike soon—on account of that order about numbering the men—and I want you to be my agent in the relief of suffering among the workers and their families."

"I had intended to ask Angus to undertake this work for me, but—his voice broke down and there was silence for some moments, and then he said, 'If it takes every cent of my income—only right! Only, of course, this is between us. I ask no credit from God or man for doing justice and right.'"

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GALA DAY PLANNED

Society Girls and Handsome Men to Dance for the Revolution.

Annual Ball of the Socialist Party Will Follow the "Streets of Paris" at the Coliseum.

The second annual Masque Ball and Mid-Winter Carnival to be given by the Socialist Party of Cook County, at the Coliseum, Dec. 15, promises to excel anything of the kind ever given in Chicago.

There has come to the committee a demand that it sell boxes at that occasion. Many desire to add to the propaganda of the party by this means, as well as secure for themselves permanent quarters for the evening.

After that hour no more boxes will be sold at any price, and, saving those reserved by prior sale, all the balance will be free, first come first served.

Unique Costumes. The low price of admission this year is sure to bring thousands. Purchase your tickets in advance, 25 cents each. The date is Saturday, Dec. 15.

Some decidedly unique costumes are now in the making, and "historical materialism" along with "economic determinism" will with the "class struggle" and "private profit" for favorable decision by the judges.

No social gathering in Chicago is graced by more beautiful and cultured women than the parties given by the working class politicians.

The women of the '400' who just now are enjoying themselves at the Coliseum would be defeated in a "beauty show" if the Socialist women were entered.

WHISKEY, MONEY, MURDER. "Business Instincts" Plus the Other Elements, Cause the Usual Result.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 6.—Tom White, Arthur Norton, Atkins Harmon, Sam Taylor and "Grip" Jones, sons of business men, were arrested for the alleged murder and robbery of William Ardley of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was reported to have been killed by falling down stairs in this city on Thanksgiving day.

NOT BEING RICH, AGGIE MEYERS WILL HANG. No Hope for Pardon for Husband-Slayer and Her Accomplice.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 5.—Pardon Attorney Mosby today announced that Gov. Folk will not give Aggie Meyers further stay of execution of her death sentence unless Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court requests it.

THEY WANT IT ON BROADWAY. To the Editor.—We notice in the Chicago Daily News a quotation from your paper relating to the Financial World. As you are anxious to carry on the work of making war on all enemies, we have taken the liberty to place your paper on the Financial World's exchange list, and trust to have the pleasure of receiving your paper regularly. Very truly yours, THE FINANCIAL WORLD. (Louis Guenther.)

ENGLISH GIRL

LURED TO RUIN

Promised "High Wages" and "Pleasant Work" in Southern Cotton Mills.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 6 (Special).—The investigation carried on by Commissioner Rodgers of the Philadelphia Immigration Office of reported violation of the alien contract labor law by the owners of cotton mills in Charlotte, S. C., brought to light horrible details of the treatment of English women in those mills.

A few months ago forty young girls came over from England on the American liner Noordland. They were all consigned to Charlotte, S. C.

A man who claimed to be the secretary of the Mercantile Club of Charlotte took charge of them, and the immigration authorities let them enter the country. It turned out that all these girls were lured to come to this country to work in Southern cotton mills.

A week's stay in the South is said to have proved sufficient for many of the girls, they having found conditions there utterly devoid of the agreeable features that they were led to believe existed, and some of them were returned to their homes by the immigration authorities, who took them in charge.

It also is charged that the passage money of the young women was paid by the mill owners' agent and sufficient funds furnished them to meet the legal requirements of landing and to enable them to reach their destination.

Orders have been sent to the various ports from Washington to prohibit the landing of all persons who intend going into the Southern mill districts, and one of the local inspectors yesterday declared that no more girls destined for mills of the South will pass through the Philadelphia port.

It is reported that hundreds of other girls have been imported by the companies in the same manner and are employed under similar conditions.

NON-UNION DIRECTORY DON'T DIRECT WELL. Donnelly's Post Force Turns Out a Book the Post-Office Can't Use.

Twenty sub-postal stations have returned their city directories to the publishers, R. R. Donnelly & Sons, as the books were unfit for use.

FROM WAYLAND OF GIRARD. Publisher of Greatest Weekly in the World Takes Stock in the Chicago Daily Socialist.

J. A. Wayland, editor of the Appeal to Reason, has subscribed and paid for shares of stock in The Chicago Daily Socialist. Subscriptions from advertisements in his paper are coming in rapidly.

SOCIALIST NEWS. The financial report of National Secretary Barnes for the month of November shows Illinois at the head of the list in consumption of "du stamps."

Socialists of Stockholm, Sweden, have elected Charles Lindsey, secretary of the Transportation Workers' Union, to parliament from the Second District of Stockholm.

WHERE TO GO. Miss Louise Blake Kaehler, superintendent of the oratorical medal contest work of the Cook County Women's Christian Temperance Union, will present a free programme of dramatic readings and character sketches in Willard Hall on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The first of a series of popular exhibitions of paintings and drawings by local artists will be opened this evening in the Art Institute.

"The Threat of Socialism" will be the subject of the lecture to be given this evening by Frank Dixon at Central Y. M. C. A.

Labor Union News

The pitiful attempt by the Chicago Journal to connect striking lithographers with the fire at the Gov. Lithographic plant at Fifty-first and Clark streets, which burned down last Sunday night, is denounced by the members of the lithographers' union as an inexcusable and cowardly act on the part of that organ.

"The various labor unions of this city, as well as of the country at large, are assisting us liberally," said President Tighe. "We are getting daily contributions for our striking members, and what is still more valuable, the moral support and sympathy of every labor organization. Our men have settled down with the intention to stay out all winter, realizing that as soon as they agree to the open shop wages in the lithographic trade will be cut in two."

Cigarmakers' Union, Local No. 14, will hold election of officers next Friday evening. The union is one of the strongest in the country, not only in members and finances, but also in intelligence. The most of the old members were renominated and will be cleared, it is believed, with opposition.

Meetings of labor unions held this week give impression that labor is determined to have the school of Chicago controlled by the people and for the people. In accordance with a resolution adopted at the federation last Sunday, a half hour of each meeting is taken with a discussion of the school question.

Waddell & Mahon, New York, special agents for scabs and strikebreakers of all description, are sending letters to corporations, soliciting business and claiming to be the most reliable agents for such articles.

TRADE UNION MEETINGS. Ice Cream Drivers' Union, Local No. 717—Meeting Friday night at 10 South Clark street. C. H. Janke.

Chicago Ice Wagon Drivers and Helpers' Union, Local No. 702, U. T. of A., will hold a meeting for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year at 2 o'clock Sunday, December 9, at Bricklayers' Hall. All members should be present. C. G. Sagerstrom.

Chicago Typographical Union, "are printed by cheap non-union labor and are fit only for junk. I have found at least in a dozen places that pages were either missing entirely or misplaced so that it would take hours to find them."

"This is the result of the greed of the publishers, who seek non-union men, who work cheaper than union men, but whose work is also cheaper. Most of the men employed in the Donnelly plant are incompetent printers."

Express and Delivery Drivers' Union, Local No. 707, I. B. of T.—Meeting at 2 o'clock Sunday at 12 Clark street to nominate officers for the ensuing year, and other important business. James McBride.

Clear Makers' Union No. 14 will hold election of officers Friday night at Bricklayers' Hall, Peoria and Monroe streets. Bricklayers and Plumbers' Union will hold nomination of officers at Bricklayers' Hall, Sunday afternoon.

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War With Japan?

Let us coolly look at the forces behind the turmoil which has just started on the Japanese question, and which bids fair to be fanned into a blaze that will attract public attention for some time to come.

Who are interested in a war?

First, The great capitalists of the world who are seeking for new markets for the surplus produced by the workers. The growing power of Japan is putting new energy into all Oriental peoples and promises to shut out western products from these countries.

Second, All the manufacturers of military supplies, war-ships, embalmed meat, etc., to whom a war means more profits.

Third, The whole capitalist class of the world, who see in the possibility of a gigantic international war the chance to arouse jingo patriotism in the working class and thereby sidetrack the upheaval of the workers which threatens to end the whole profit system.

Such a war would also offer an excuse for a great strengthening of military forces in every country. These military forces would be immediately valuable as a source of profits for the sale of military supplies, and ultimately for use against any "uprising" of the disinherited.

WHO WOULD BE INJURED BY SUCH A WAR?

FIRST, LAST AND ALL THE TIME, THE WORKING CLASS.

It is they who would have to provide the living targets for the engines of murder. It is they who would be compelled to bear the added burdens of misery and suffering of every kind that war brings in its wake.

The workers have no markets to lose. They need that "surplus product" which they create themselves, and are not searching the islands of the sea to find a user of it.

Workers must fight all wars as they produce all wealth. It is about time they stopped fighting and working for rulers and began to fight and work for themselves.

In his speech before the Charter Convention yesterday, Raymond Robbins, radical reform delegate, said that the First ward would be the first to elect Socialists. He is mistaken. The Socialists' vote in the First ward has been the smallest of any ward in the city. The next lowest is the silk stocking districts. The ignorance that comes from poverty and drunkenness and the ignorance that comes from well-fed content is expressed and finds the same political expression.

Capitalist Morality

Material interests determine the morals of individuals as a rule and always determine the moral standards of a people. On almost every page of history is found evidence to support this theory.

We see that ministers support chattel slavery when the interests of their church members are on that side.

There are many other examples but it is seldom that evidence of the soundness of the theory is found in the same individual's life in such glaring fashion as to be surprising.

Victor Lawson, millionaire owner of the Daily News, makes a fortune every year from classified advertising. He decides as owner of that paper that fraudulent mining advertisements are an evil thing and excludes them. He can do this because other advertising makes a profit for him.

Victor Lawson, the same man, also owns the Chicago Record-Herald, particularly distinguished for the magnitude of its deficit. It loses money almost every day. In this paper Lawson publishes the same advertisements he excludes as immoral in the Daily News.

Thus we have an example of the economic determination of morals that is clear to every one. If all of the Chicago Tribune's classified advertisers would place their wants in the Record-Herald and make it a good profit machine, then perhaps Lawson, as owner of the Record-Herald could also make that publication "moral" as far as fraudulent advertising goes.

Where Can They Get the Money?

The school board passed the much discussed "Post plan" of promoting the teachers last night. This paper has consistently supported this plan, although at no time of the opinion that it is of the importance that both parties have maintained. It has been only a rallying cry of the divergent class interests involved.

One of the effects of this action, however, is to raise the wages of a number of teachers. It is claimed that this will require an expenditure of \$150,000 a year, and the cry has been raised that if it is impossible to get this money.

The Daily Socialist pointed out the other day that half of this sum could be saved by eliminating the graft on the present coal contract. As soon as this is done we will try to hunt up the other half.

This is a public spirited paper and is willing to help out any deserving cause by finding the funds, especially if the problems presented are no harder than this one.

Getting Better All the Time

This paper is going to get better every week.

We now have a regular correspondent in Washington, London and several other cities. We are arranging for them in every other news center.

We have just completed arrangements to publish several of Ryan Walker's cartoons every week in addition to those of our regular cartoonist.

We have been promised articles by Eugene Wood and half a dozen other world-famous Socialist authors.

These are just a few of the improvements we are willing to tell you about now. There are a whole lot more being planned. If any other daily had as many new features in view as these they would have hired all the bill boards in the country to tell about them. We have never spent a cent to advertise for circulation. Our friends advertise for us. Are you one of our friends? If so, have you done your share of advertising?

Saving the Suffrage

There had not been a single objection raised to the proposition to make election day the first week in May until the editorial appeared in this paper pointing out the consequences of such an action.

As a result of this exposure there was no one so poor as to defend the scheme when it came up in the Charter convention, and the whole plot fell through.

If a workingman who deserts his class is called a hero, why is a capitalist who deserts his class called a degenerate?



WHY THOSE BALMY WINTER RESORTS ARE POPULAR

THE EXISTING ORDER

By L. C. GRUBB

The time is rapidly approaching when the people of the civilized world will have to choose between the "existing order" and the "new order"—Socialism.

In every age existing order has had its friends and foes.

The foes of existing order have ever been the champions of the new, hence the real movers of the world. Had it not been for a few brave, courageous souls in every age, who were grand enough to fight existing conditions and struggle for something better, the world would yet be peopled with naked savages, groping in the wilderness.

Abraham Lincoln once said: "This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember and overthrow it." (First inaugural, March 4, 1861.)

We have in this country more than 2,000,000 women, taken from their homes and loved ones and forced to battle on the field of industry for their livelihood.

This condition exists because there are millions of men working like slaves for wages on which a family could not live.

There are 4,500,000 children in this country who do not attend school at any time of the year. It is estimated that at least half of these are at work in the factories and dirty, dingy sweat-shops.

These four and a half million children are taken from the home, the school and the playground and put

in these dens of slavery and their very lives coined into dollars.

There are more than five million persons of ten years and over, born and raised in America, who can neither read or write.

There are more than a half a million fallen women in the red-light districts of our American cities—driven through economic necessity to sell their bodies and souls for bread.

There are about a thousand murders committed each month in the United States. We have about 100,000 criminals in our prisons today, and the number is increasing at an alarming rate.

Of 1,319 convicts in the Joliet penitentiary, only 216 were without religious belief and only 286 were intemperate. It thus appears that neither intemperance nor lack of religious training was the cause of their crimes.

We have about 200,000 paupers in the almshouses and charitable institutions of this country, most of whom are old and infirm persons, who have toiled early and late for a lifetime, their only recompense being a mere subsistence wage. Now, when too old to work, we place them in the almshouse—poor, unfortunate creatures.

In the year 1850, there was but one criminal out of each 3,500 citizens of the United States. Today there is one criminal out of each 750 people.

It is estimated that we have 30,000 suicides in the United States annually.

It is also estimated that there are 1,000 murders a month, and 60,000 divorces each year.

These suicides, murders, divorces, etc., are but the legitimate products of the competitive system and wage slavery.

France, Russia, gave aid and comfort to Russia's foe and rejoiced at her downfall. Yet England realizes that the crushing of Russia in the throes of a revolution means a complete disorganization of a vast trade which is profitable to British shipowners and manufacturers.

If the Romanoff dynasty is overthrown and the commune rules, Russia England understands that the effect of the smash will be to kill Russian industry for the better part of a generation. Commercial England, which rules political England, insists that this calamity shall be averted.

Consequently Great Britain joins hands with Germany and France in an engagement to save a government which none of them loves and which all of them know to be a stupid despotism that does not deserve to live. But if politics makes strange bedfellows commercialism makes stranger.

If the rumored secret alliance be a reality Russian absolutism will get a lease of life at the hands of nations which have no sympathy with it.

Y. M. C. A. BARS THE DAILY.

To the Editor: I canvassed the town yesterday, calling at the barber shops to get permission to place a copy of the Daily Socialist on their table for one month. I also called at the Y. M. C. A. for the same purpose; was referred to the chairman of the news committee, who very curtly told me "we have no use for Socialists or their papers, and positively will not allow a copy of one on our table."

SHEP. H. ZIMMERMAN, Freeport, Ill.

A Laugh or A Smile

By P. B.

No Basis in Fact.

"Why don't you practice economy?" says the busybody to the poor cuss. "I can't. I don't get enough money."

Nobody abuses the weather man when he fails to make good on a cold wave prediction.

Government reports show that the American people spend \$536,000,000 annually on tobacco. Prosperity or no prosperity, the people always have money to burn.

A scientist says that 200,000 years from now the north pole will have shifted to a point near Indianapolis. Lets see, Fairbanks lives at Indianapolis, doesn't he?

Christmas is coming. If you don't believe it look at the book advertisements in the newspapers.

Autograph dealers quote a page of President Roosevelt's writing at \$5. The quotation, however, was made before the executive espoused reformed spelling.

Up-to-Date.

"You seem to be hustling a good deal of late, Bill," says the hold-up man to the burglar.

"Yes. I've been reading those articles in the newspapers about buying your Christmas presents early."

Governor Magoon has discharged the members of the Cuban parliament. It is now up to the Cuban people to see if they can do worse than before.

Rockefeller boasts that he ate mince pie for Thanksgiving and it didn't hurt him. If he did that surely he can swallow all the things that are being said about him.

Senators Platt and Dewey carefully refrained from entering the capitol building arm in arm.

A memorial was dedicated to the late Secretary Hay in Philadelphia and Secretary Root spoke. Why all this continued silence from Secretary Taft?

You haven't neglected the regular daily report from the San Francisco grand jury today, have you?

Plagiarism.

"I read some of Shakespeare's stuff today. He was a fraud, wasn't he?" "How's that?" "On nearly every page I ran across something that sounded familiar."

Men representing more than a third of the nation's wealth attended President Spewer's funeral. If those men get sincerely stirred up over the railway wreck problem something will be done—for a time.

Chicago ministers are still preaching against Senator Tillman. The hubbub he raised must be extremely flattering to the South Carolinian.

The French newspapers are still discussing the "coming war" between Japan and America. The way those Paris newspaper men take dope is a disgrace to the profession all over the world.

OWNERSHIP OF GOVERNMENT

By F. DUNDAS TODD

The march towards civilization began many thousands of years ago when some man discovered that fire could be controlled and used to cook fish. But the fire had to be watched and fed to keep it alive. Some one was therefore appointed to look after it for the good of all.

That moment when human beings organized to preserve their first property—something to be used for the satisfaction of future needs—is the most important in the world's history, for then was laid the foundation of government, religion, morals and laws. Up to that time each individual's property consisted solely of his own life, and that he himself had to protect against all enemies.

But he needed help from his fellow creatures to protect his fire, his first material property and all shared its benefits in common. Private ownership of capital did not develop until many thousands of years later.

Government we thus see originated to protect property not life. Notwithstanding all that is said to the opposite the principal function of government today, no matter what its form, is to protect property. When the interests of property and an individual's life conflict, the life is instantly sacrificed.

The most depraved murderer cannot legally be hung until a judge, prosecuting and defending attorneys, jurymen, bailiffs and a host of witnesses at enormous expenses have decided him to be guilty. But in Chicago we have frequently seen during a strike men shot down when they attempted to destroy property. An ignorant lout empowered by the law to act as judge, jury, attorney, witnesses and executioner, to try the striker, finds him guilty, sentences him to death and executes the sentence all in a few seconds.

Government, you see, is a function of property. Without property human beings have no society, no government.

WHOEVER OWNS THE CAPITAL OF A NATION CONTROLS THE GOVERNMENT.

Round the primitive fire all were equal as all had equal property interest in it. The Russian Grand Dukes control the Russian government and make the poor Czar a weak puppet, because they own all the land, Russia's only capital.

The multi-millionaires are the grand dukes of this country, and as they are the virtual possessors of ninety per cent of the capital they necessarily dictate the policy of the government. That is why laws are always passed to protect the rich from the poor.

Who dictates the policy of our cities? The millionaires. Who determines whether streets shall be improved, sewerage and water systems laid, or not. The lot owners; always the capitalists.

The worker has no capital, hence his vote is practically worthless. It will never count for anything much until he is directly or indirectly an owner of capital. If he is ambitious to help run the government—he mistakenly calls it his government—he must secure a share of the nation's capital.

Socialism proposes to revert back to first principles, very first principles, and make every member of the huge society we call a country an equal partner of its capital, just as in the little group we call a tribe man's first capital, fire, was equally owned by all who sat around it.

When Congress meets next week just watch it get busy with labor legislation. (This paragraph should have appeared in the joke column).

My Country

By KIICHI KANEKO.

My country is not where beautiful Fuji stands; It is not where you find the Geisha girl pretty; My country is not where I was born; It is not where my old memories remain.

My country is where humanity is uplifted; It is where men and women enjoy their rights; My country is where Mazzinis might live; It is where Bakunins could preach.

Let kings be proud of their sacred blood; Let nobles insist on their privileges inherited; Let patriots die for their country's sake; But my country is far from such trifles.

My country is where no one man can rule; No throne, no title, no indolent nobles; It is where man stands as man, simple and pure, As the blue skies that stretch wide and free.

Let nations talk of their flags; Let races think of themselves as "God-chosen," For their own and each other's sake; But my country can never be there.

In the geography of human progress No one nation stands isolated; All people are striving for one goal, And there, too, my country I find.

The Smell of Death is on Them

Dost know these shining dames Who toil not, neither do they spin? Their names Spell gold—yet tears I see on every thread I smell who died to weave that cloth; Can't tell Them from the lilies of the field. 'Tis well! Or in the still hours of the night can't tell The sobs of children from the dreadful noise Machines make, when deprived of childhood's toys— The little ones in factories tall stand guard O'er flying wheels, and thru the night work hard, Robbed of their sleep and play?

—Caroline Pemberton in The Worker.

HE WINS THE PRIZE

The Daily Socialist asked Comrade Daniel Hoan, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and a well known Socialist speaker in Chicago, to act as judge of the letters on "How I became a Socialist." He decided that, taking into consideration the interesting presentation, style of writing, and general make up, the prize belongs to Comrade William Lee Wilson, of Allegheny, Pa., and if he will send his street address a check for two dollars will be mailed him at once.

In making his examination of the articles Comrade Hoan compiled the following statistics of the manner in which the different writers became Socialists: There were sixty-one letters published. Of these sixteen were converted by industrial conditions, nine by hearing Socialist speakers, five by personal conversation, fifteen by reading various Socialist books and eleven by Socialist papers. Of the papers the Appeal to Reason heads the list with six converts to its credit. It is probable that these experiences are fairly typical and afford information which should be heeded by Socialist propagandists. The moral would seem to be to put more trust in literature and less in speakers.