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SCHOOL FUND LOOTERS WIN

Charter Convention Turns Down All Labor Petitions and Plays Into Hands of Big Business.

AN INSULT FOR TEACHERS

A. H. Revell, Who Uses Space Under Sidewalk for Store, Is Loud for Decent Board—Admits He Is Decent.

Just how much the charter convention cares for the opinion of labor was shown most strikingly yesterday.

This communication was read at the beginning of last night's session.

The Chairman: "The communication will be printed in the record and placed on file. Dr. Taylor will now proceed."

Then Dr. Taylor did "proceed." He proceeded to recommend the reverse of everything that the workmen of Chicago asked for.

In short, he presented a bill exactly embodying the things for which the Merchants' Club, the Union League Club, the book trust and the school lease grabbers have been asking.

Revell, Tribune School Board Member, Talks

On the question of the election of the board members, A. H. Revell, furniture dealer, pointed out the great need of extreme care in the selection of members of the school board.

Then the debate became warm. Raymond Robins invited him to go ahead with the treading, but he gracefully side-stepped and sat down.

That he was wise in so doing is shown by the fact that he was followed by Louis F. Post, who was unkind enough to remind Mr. Revell of the lease-stealing propensities of previous wisely selected boards.

Mr. Revell uses room under the sidewalk, for which he pays no rent.

Insults Teachers

Mr. Pendarvis then gave a sample of the sort of common decency that has recently been inculcated into the school fight by the Merchants' Club by an insulting sneer at the Teachers' Federation.

Trouble in Plenty

But the cat was now out of the bag. A reference to school leases had been dragged in, and the fact was crammed down Mr. Revell's throat that he had helped the Tribune to steal about \$50,000 a year while he was on his "well selected board."

This was getting on dangerous ground. So the debate was quickly switched to one side and the call for a vote followed. Here the Merchants' Club influence was seen to be paramount, and the convention decided by a vote of 11 to 39 that the school board should be appointed.

CRAWLS FOURTEEN MILES WITH RIGHT ARM GONE

Seeking Work a Chicago Man is Run Down by a Train

Racine, Wis., Dec. 21.—John Yench, a railroad laborer residing at 47 Ashland boulevard, Chicago, walked and crawled fourteen miles early yesterday morning with his right arm almost torn from its socket and his head and body bruised in an effort to secure medical aid.

Unable to gain entrance to tower houses to ask aid of the tenders, Yench fell unconscious alongside the railroad tracks at Truesdell, where he was picked up by the crew of a freight train and brought to Racine on a special train. His arm was amputated.

Yench, who is 26 years old, while walking along the tracks between Ranney and Truesdell on the Milwaukee road was struck by a passenger train.

PLAN TO TIE UP BIG LINES TOMORROW

Railroad Workers Hope to Show "Angel" Bear That Their Labor is of Value.

New York, Dec. 21.—Demands of the yardmen of seven railroads entering New York have been refused, and a general tie-up of traffic is expected to-morrow.

Announcement that the ultimatum of the union would not be considered further has just followed a conference of the general managers of the roads affected. The officials say the demands are "astounding and unfair."

An increase of 5 cents per hour is asked. The roads have offered 4 cents, but the men say they will strike for the extra cent. The railroads represented at the conference were the Erie, Lackawanna, Lehigh Valley, Jersey Central, Baltimore & Ohio, Long Island and Staten Island railroads. Three thousand men would be affected.

FEDERATION OF MINERS TO TAKE WAR TRAIL AGAIN

May Tie Up Work on Rich Goldfields to Get Something for Diggers

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 21.—A strike and lockout which threatens to demoralize the mining situation here are planned.

Committees of the Western Federation of Miners have presented demands to all mines for an increase of minimum wages from \$4 to \$5 a day.

The men also objected to the presence of deputies whose duty it was to see that no ore was stolen.

The Mohawk, Jumbo, Redtop and other big mines are closed. Mine owners say it is a repetition of the old fight that was waged at Cripple Creek and other camps. Much of the present trouble is due to the regulations established by the owners to prevent ore thefts.

"SQUATTERS" RAISE RED FLAG

They Must Pull it Down or Violate an Injunction

The Illinois Land & Loan Company has secured an injunction from Judge Dupuy restraining men from raising a red flag, building shanties or fences or entering upon an eighty-acre tract of valuable land south of Chicago.

The defendants were: George B. Quigg, George Quigg, Louis Quigg, Norman Quigg, Frank Lous, Joseph Lous, James Gavin and William Pettis.

The action follows a series of attempts in the last few years to dispossess the alleged trespassers or "squatters." George B. Quigg has been indicted twice in connection with the matter, but efforts to punish him have failed.

PORTABLE WIRELESS TELEGRAPH OUTFIT FOR SOLDIERS

Germany Has Latest Arrangement to Convey Information in Battle

A portable wireless telegraph instrument has recently been adopted for use in the German army. The metal pole, sixty feet in height, is transported in eight sections, and when erected is supported by steel guy ropes. The equipment includes a complete sending and receiving apparatus, folding tables and chair and dynamo, the latter driven by a bicycle arrangement operated by one man. Eight or ten men can transport the whole outfit, while two men are enough to operate the station after it is established in the field.

Fair and Colder Fair to-night and Saturday; colder Sunday. Minimum temperature about 20 degrees above zero.



A TRUE STORY OF SHOPPING TIMES Showing how a woman buys and how the husband buys Christmas presents

HITCHCOCK ENEMY OF LAND THIEVES

Only Man Who Ever Attacked Rich Law-Breakers on Public Domain to Be "Retired."

[Special Correspondence.]

Washington, Dec. 19.—The retirement of Ethan Allan Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior, from the president's cabinet, March 4, is a national calamity.

There have been secretaries and secretaries, but none like Mr. Hitchcock. Others have shone in society at the capital and done nothing. This man held office to do work in it. In the past the public land of the United States has been stolen and former secretaries of the interior have never lifted a finger to stop the thefts.

In spite of great opposition this man not only tried to stop thievery, but instituted prosecution of the thieves. He secured the indictment of one United States senator, two members of congress, one federal district attorney, and 486 other persons of more or less distinction. Of this number eighty-nine were convicted and 401 indictments are still pending. One of those convicted was a clergyman.

The Colossal Conspiracy

The enormity of the conspiracy he attacked is beyond all records. Some years ago the people thought so well of Benjamin H. Bristow for prosecuting the whisky thieves that many wanted to make him president. The whisky ring, however, was nothing compared to the land steal. In old days the public believed the Star Route th. It was a grave matter but all were infantile compared to this.

The swindling contracts of the Spanish-American war amazed, but this scandal and all the money stolen from the government in that war would not be a circumstance to the most incalculable loot of this conspiracy.

One man has fenced in 9,000,000 acres and another seized a territory one hundred miles in circumference. Another took possession of more land than that comprised in the state of New Jersey. One hundred men have stolen 17,000,000 acres. There has been stolen from the government more land than all the New England states comprise. The audacity, persistency and extent of these robberies has probably never been equalled in the annals of American history, and the amazing part of the story is that men sworn to uphold the laws of the United States have turned to and enthusiastically helped the thieves in the thieving.

Big Capital With the Thieves

It required no ordinary courage to attack this vast structure of fraud. Such pressure as was brought to bear upon Secretary Hitchcock has hardly been withstood by any other cabinet member

BRUTAL ATTACK ON YOUNG WOMAN

Tribune, Merchants' Club and Other Anti-Union Forces Do Not Have Common Chivalry.

[Special Correspondence.]

Under the pressure of the Merchants' Club, Superintendent Cooley, the superintendents and the trust newspapers, three teachers have at last been found who carry favor by telling how they are being "spiced" upon by "pickets" from the Teachers' Federation.

The horrible methods of the federation were shown to consist in sending some one to take the names of the members of the "yellow" union which the principals and the superintendent are trying to coerce the teachers into forming.

The fact is that such a picket would have nothing to do in this line, as not more than a dozen teachers have ever been found cowardly enough to be coerced into attending the "scab" organization—press reports of hundreds present to the contrary, notwithstanding.

One of the school principals declares that his life has been made "unbearable" by the persecution of the Teachers' Federation. But all the details he could give of this terrible persecution was that he saw some one he thought was a member of the federation taking down names at a meeting held in Fullerton Hall.

So terrorized was the principal that he refused to permit his name to be used for publication, and it is understood that he will at once apply for police protection. Whether it will be necessary to call out the militia to protect Cooley and his persecuted principals against the "intimidation" practiced by the villainous school teachers has not yet been decided.

The Tribune is joining in this attack on young women teachers with great glee.

The banks were the First National, the Royal Trust and the bank of H. Claussenius in Dearborn street. The names under which the funds were kept in these institutions and the amount of the accounts were not given out.

Lawyers will have to determine whether the wills he made leaving his property to his wife are valid.

BRAVE MINER RESCUED

The Hardy Digger, Hicks, Buried for Thirteen Days, at Last is Saved

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 21.—Hicks, the entombed miner, was rescued this morning at 1 o'clock after being buried with the dead bodies of his fellows for thirteen days.

He kept up his spirits till the last, if it had not been for this, in all probability, would have succumbed long before rescue were possible.

The very dangerous nature of his position prevented his rescue sooner, great care being necessary before he could be reached because of the tons of material just above, which, with the slightest provocation, would have caved in upon the victim. It was necessary to take a course, slanting upwards in order to reach him.

He was in the best of spirits till the last. Now the thing that is feared by the doctors is that a relapse will set in and in that case his chances for life are not very good. His eyes were blindfolded so as to prevent his going blind after coming in contact with the light and air.

The town of Bakersfield celebrated the rescue with the blowing of whistles and the ringing of bells.

Hick's Record.

London, Ky., Dec. 21.—A. B. Hicks, the miner who was entombed in a mine near Bakersfield, Cal., is a native of Clay county, Kentucky. His home was on Horse Creek, where his son and daughter and many of his relatives still reside. During the Spanish-American war he joined the U. S. army, enlisting in Co. A, First regiment Kentucky cavalry volunteers. He served until the close of the war. Meanwhile his wife died. He re-enlisted in Co. D, 28th regiment, U. S. infantry, and was later transferred to Co. H, 13th infantry, where he served until he was discharged in Manila. He landed in California in 1903.

DUST TO FOOL PUBLIC.

Clever Game of Lawyers and Newspapers to Whipsaw Voters

The fiasco in the council has reached the stage where the Union Traction officials repudiate John Maynard Harlan's intimation before the local transportation committee, last Wednesday, that the Union Traction company desired to delay a "settlement" of the street car problem.

The storm raised in the council by the reported attitude of the Union Traction, was declared by W. W. Gurley, general counsel for the Union Traction company, "a tempest in a teapot." Mr. Gurley declared that it would be foolish for the company to desire a delay in the settlement in the street car problem.

It is hoped that the people will be

ROOSEVELT DENIES RIGHT OF PETITION

Privilege Granted Subjects by Despots Not for Union Printers.

MAKING FEDERAL OPEN SHOP

Employers' Association Using National Government in Fight on Typographical Organization.

[Special Correspondence.]

Washington, Dec. 20.—Until within very recent years the largest printing establishment in the world, that of the United States government, was a strictly union shop. Through the efforts of the Typographical union this office had become a model establishment, as far as such a thing is possible with the wage system.

Because of the large number of men employed there, and their staunch support of the union, local 101 of the I. T. U. was able to assist materially in maintaining a high rate of wages throughout the country. This naturally enraged the employing profit seeking class.

Then came Teddy, the strenuous, the great Friend of Labor, with the Miller decision, making the government printing office an "open shop."

Men Made Victims.

The result was the same as occurs in every privately owned plant.

The men began to be victimized. Public Printer Stillings became known as an enemy of union labor. Any "rat" who wished to avenge any personal grudge, had only to report that he had been "annoyed" because he was not a union man to secure the discharge of the "annoyer."

The road to preferment was seen to lie along the lines of anti-unionism. When Milo Shanks, a foreman in one of the departments, wrote a personal letter to Roosevelt telling him of the conditions which were being introduced into the printing office, the great "Friend of Labor" sent the letter to Public Printer Stillings, and Shanks was promptly discharged. Thus the right of petition, granted by despots, is wiped out.

The weak-kneed ones among the membership of the I. T. U. began to give way under this pressure, and a recent number of the Typographical Journal gives the names of fifty-six mem-



TEDDY BEAR LOOSES FUR

bers of the Washington local who have been expelled for non-payment of dues.

"Rats" Increase in Power.

Every day sees the number of "rats" increase and the number of union men grow less. This attack on the I. T. U. coming just at this time when that union is engaged in the greatest fight of its existence arouses more than a suspicion that it is being directed by the Typothetae (the employing printers' association).

When the fight began two years ago there was not a single non-union man in the establishment. Today there are more than 200, and they are increasing every day. Today an officer of the union is debarred from entering the office. A few weeks ago an order was issued forbidding the posting of notices of union meetings, something that had been permitted from the founding of the office. A chairman is not permitted to collect dues except after getting a personal permit from the Public Printer.

At every point it is made as difficult as possible for the union to continue and every encouragement is offered to the men to become "rats." The government printing rapidly is becoming a government "ratery."

WANTS TO CONVERT PREACHERS.

Rev. A. W. Haggitt, once a clergyman in New York, wants to meet Chicago ministers and priests who are "Christian" Socialists, and who want to know something about Socialism. Rev. Mr. Haggitt is in Chicago and letters addressed to him in care of this office will be delivered.

THE RECORDING ANGEL

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CHAPTER XIV.

"There are several ways to kill a cat." Old Sayer.

Being possessed of only the usual powers of created beings we cannot be in more than one place at a time, and so we must return to Robert Endy, who stood perfectly still for several moments...

The detective smiled as he curtly said, "My name is Arthur—he two members of the city police force are outside the door. You probably don't need any answer to the second question."

"I received the letter from the hands of your father on Friday afternoon. We must be going now. You will have plenty of time in jail to read it before the examining trial takes place."

"Who are you, Sir, and when did this happen, and where did you get this letter?"

"I have severed my connection with the Agency. This I did willingly at the request of Mr. Endy's father, as I am going after another simply because Mr. Craggie doesn't want it investigated."

"Then Robert said to him: 'You can serve my father better no other way than by hunting up his assailant, and when you find that man you will clear me. I have nothing to conceal from you—so you had better remain while I state my case to Mr. Bertram, as it will save you a lot of time and trouble to know exactly every move I made—and the reasons for them—since I left home.'"

"Certainly, if you are willing, nothing could suit me better," said Arthur; and after hearing him to the end without interruption, he continued, "It may be possible that she will be willing, for a good reason, to testify to the truth—but I doubt it. Moreover, the testimony of women of her class goes for very little with even the average jury."

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LABOR UNION NEWS

The Labor Congress, of Sterling, Ill., has started a fund for a city hospital.

Because the management of the Metropolitan hotel, of Duluth, Minn., replaced two union cooks by two Japanese cooks, the waiters of the hotel went on strike. The Federated Trades Assembly of Duluth at once placed the hotel on the unfair list and promised its support to the strikers.

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SOCIALIST MAYOR GETS BUSY

Brings Seventeen Charges Against Fire Chief and Will Suspend Him (Special Correspondence.)

Manitowish, Wis., Dec. 20.—Mayor Henry Stolze, Jr., of this city, one of the few Socialist mayors in the United States, is pursuing a policy that is meeting with the commendation of every resident of Manitowish who believes in justice and fair play.

Mayor Stolze is conducting the administration of the city in a manner that bids fair to show the methods employed by crooked office holders and bring the guilty ones to justice.

One of his moves for a clean city administration was the firing of charges against J. M. Kratz, head of the local fire department, with the police and fire commission. The charges are seventeen in number and range from incompetency to alleged thieving and threat to murder. It is stated that the mayor will issue an order of suspension on his own responsibility and bring it up for consideration of the city council at its next regular meeting.

Among the charges made by Mayor Stolze are the following: J. H. Kratz has never been duly or legally appointed chief of the fire department or chief engineer; was late twenty-three minutes to a fire Sept. 25, 1905; failed to execute orders to drill his men monthly; intimidated his men, using following or similar expressions: "If I discover any man in my department is seeking my position I will brain him with an ax at the first fire"; habitually abused his men; recommended for appointment applicants under 21 years of age; reported false time for his men; sold material belonging to the city; told his men of attempts of Standard Oil agents to bribe him; took men from stations to do private wiring; deceived council in reporting feed bills for horses, and managed the department extravagantly.

TRADE UNION MEETINGS. Keg Beer Wagon Drivers and Helpers' Local No. 748, U. T. of A.—Meeting Sunday afternoon at Horan's Hall, Harrison and Halsted streets.

Boot and Shoe Workers' Joint Council No. 14.—Meeting tonight at Bush Temple, F. W. Lee, Secretary.

Grocery and Market Drivers' Union, Local No. 702.—Meeting at 2 o'clock Sunday to nominate officers at 10 South Clark street. Also a smoker. All attend. A. J. Dean.

Water Pipe Extension Laborers' Union.—Important business meeting Saturday night at 248 South Halsted street. Election. Joseph Downey.

Brick, Sand and Terra Cotta Teamsters' Union, Local No. 176, U. T. of A.—Election officers at 2 o'clock Sunday at Halsted and Van Buren streets. E. F. Wischoff.

Street Cement Workers and Excavators' Union, Local No. 30.—Meeting Saturday night at 212 South Halsted street to elect officers. All attend. Charles Ivory.

Electricians' Union, Local No. 325.—Meeting Saturday night at Halsted and Harrison streets. Come and get Christmas greeting. D. J. Driscoll.

Express and Delivery Drivers' Union, Local No. 707 of the U. T. of A.—Meeting at 12 South Clark street at 2 o'clock Sunday to elect officers and for other very important business. James McBride.

Machinists' Union, Shop Chairmen's Council, District No. 8.—Meeting tonight at 175 West Madison street. Election. Important. All shop chairmen invited. G. Elliott.

Machinists' Union, Unity Lodge No. 124.—Meeting tonight at Madison and Jefferson streets. Important business. J. Bee.

Cattle Herbers' Union, Local No. 87.—Meeting tonight at Forty-eighth street and Center avenue to vote on a sick benefit. Fred Craigline.

Packing House Teamsters' Union, Local No. 710.—Important business meeting to nominate officers at 2 o'clock Sunday at 150 West Madison street. Election. Important. All attend. George P. Golder.

Hand Ironers and Laundry Workers' Union, Local No. 102.—Important business meeting Saturday night at 12 South Clark street. Election of officers. S. Kolyer.

Stable Employees' Union, Local No. 1.—Meeting 8 o'clock evening at 12 South Clark street. Truck Drivers' Union, Local No. 5.—Meeting Sunday at 2 o'clock at 10 South Clark street. Election of officers.

Ice Wagon Drivers and Helpers' Union, Local No. 702, U. T. of A.—Election of officers at 2 o'clock Sunday at Monroe and Peoria streets. C. G. Sagstrom.

Boiler Makers and Iron Shipbuilders' Union, Local No. 1.—Meeting tonight at Adams and Halsted streets. Election. Frank Condon.

Machinery and Safe Movers and Higgers' Union, Local No. 714.—Meeting at 2 o'clock Sunday at West Randolph street. Officers will be elected. Dance at Clark and Erie streets Saturday night. James Cahill.

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KEEP IT GOING; WE WILL HELP

Stockholders Hold Conference, Give Money and Whooper-Up for the Chicago Daily Socialist.

That the Daily Socialist must and should be preserved, continued and improved, was the unanimous enthusiastic sentiment of the stockholders who met last night to hear the reports of the board of directors and the officials of the company.

The hall was crowded and those present expressed themselves as more than satisfied with the progress made so far. It was felt that a crisis existed at the present moment which called for the most strenuous exertions of every one interested.

When the plan for loans to secure a plant was presented it was the unanimous opinion of the stockholders that the plan offered every reason to believe in its success, that the security for the loans was good and the urgency for a plant great.

They proved that these were their sentiments in the most effective manner possible by agreeing to loan the following sums as soon as they might be needed, and to take up an active campaign among their friends to show them the possibilities and the opportunities presented:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like 'Those Who Will Help the Board', 'Yesterday's total', 'Nels Anderson', 'J. A. Prout', 'G. W. Perry', 'Mrs. Roberts', 'R. Borkenhagen', 'A. K. Zerkind', 'Seymour Stedman', 'K. Hellenthal', 'Andrew Olson', 'J. W. Black, Joliet', 'Kaspar Thegan', 'B. O'Reilly', 'Paul E. Roe', 'John McPhail', 'N. G. Leinday', 'C. H. Goldzier', 'W. E. Rodriguez', 'E. Bergren'.

The Chicago Daily Socialist is here to stay and grow, was the opinion of every man present. A whirlwind campaign for subscribers is planned.

STARVING AMID CHRISTMAS PROSPERITY

Woman Tries in Vain to End Her Hard Battle for a Living

Wandering from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and half way back again, hungry, desperate, and made mad by the conditions around her, Mrs. Elizabeth Bellwood last night made the second attempt in two days to take her life.

Hungry for Thirty-Six Hours

"I had not eaten a bite for thirty-six hours previous to my attempt to jump into the river," told Sergeant Meehan, "and worse than that I could not see where I could get any for the coming thirty-six hours unless I stole or begged it. Then the contrast between my impoverished condition and that of the thousands of well-fed, happy, prosperous Christmas shoppers intent on making others happy prompted me to end it all. Oh, why didn't you let me die," she pleaded as she sank to the floor in a faint.

DESPERATE FIGHT WITH THIEVES: TWO WOUNDED

Two men were shot to-day as the result of a desperate daylight robbery and running revolver duel in the vicinity of Twenty-seventh and State streets, in which twenty shots were fired.

NICHOLAS KARETES, 360 Twenty-seventh street, proprietor of the restaurant that was held up.

BEN HOLMES, now at the Provident hospital with a bullet wound in his right hip.

KILLS A FREAK ANIMAL HALF DEER, HALF WOLF

Sault Ste. Marie, Wis., Dec. 21.—A strange animal was killed last night on the homestead of a settler named Hill, on Sugar Island, and was brought to this city to-day. The animal has a body shaped something like that of a deer, but its head is like that of a wolf. It has short, stubby horns. Hill says he has seen the animal several times.

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For the next 60 days we will sell our books at New Chivalry, 54-page pamphlet on the following rates to all locals: 25 copies to one address..... \$ 1.25 50 copies to one address..... 2.25 100 copies to one address..... 4.00 250 copies to one address..... 11.50

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EXPLOITER REACHES THE LIMIT

The George P. Ide Company Finds Warlike Spirit of Syracuse Girls Like That in Troy

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Seeking to escape labor troubles, the George P. Ide Company of Troy, N. Y., manufacturers of shirts and collars, moved their factory to this city some time ago. But here, too, they found that there is a limit to workingmen and especially to workingmen's patience.

The company employs more than fifty women, mostly girls, and pays them \$3 a week. A few days ago the company introduced a piecework system together with a new rule requiring all girls to pay 25 cents a week for the use of a machine and 36 cents for a spool of thread.

This was the limit. The girls figured that all they can make under this new system is from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a week, and went on strike.

LAW-BREAKING WHITE MEN LYNCH

Story of Mob Rule Today in Annapolis — Inhabitants Ruled by Guns.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 21.—Henry Davis, alias Henry Chambers, colored, who committed a felonious assault on Mrs. John Reid, of Brownsville, five miles from the state capital last Friday, and who had confessed his crime, was taken from the jail here about 3 o'clock this morning by a mob of about 60 masked men and lynched. He was swung up and his body riddled with bullets. In all there were about fifty shots fired.

The mob had no difficulty in securing the prisoner. Taking him from his cell they carried him along the road leading to the scene of the crime.

Deputy Sheriff Smallwood said that about 2 o'clock a man appeared outside the jail. When asked what he wanted he said that he had a prisoner. Deputy Smallwood saw that he had no prisoner and refused to admit him, whereupon he left. A few minutes later a mob of about sixty masked men appeared before the jail with a whipping post and endeavored to batter down the door. They were unsuccessful.

They left the scene and went to a blacksmith shop, where they procured a sledge and pick, and, returning to the jail, managed to dig a hole in the door.

Through this one of the men crawled and unlocked the door, then five or six men entered the building and mounted the steps to the warden's room.

Warden George Taylor, Deputies Smallwood and Crouse and Nightman Marcellus were in the room. One of the masked men took the keys from the warden at the point of a pistol. They took Davis from his cell and he made no resistance.

The officers in charge of the jail say they realized that it was of no use to resist the mob. Only one shot was fired by the mob near the jail. The negro was carried through the colored section of the city, but no one interfered with the mob. When people appeared at the windows they were warned to remain indoors if they did not want harm to come to them. The police permitted the mob to have its own way, none of the officers, apparently, interfering. Forty or fifty shots were heard after the mob left the city.

Annapolis is aroused over the affair. Governor Warfield is here, and it is more than possible that the shots were heard in the vicinity of the executive mansion.

Davis had confessed to assaulting Mrs. Reid, who is a woman 60 years old.

SAD FLIGHT OF AMERICANS SEEKING WORK IN URUGUAY

Seek Fortune in South America and Wind Up at Ninety Cents a Day.

Consul John W. O'Hara, of Montevideo, wishes to correct an impression prevailing in some parts of the United States that good public lands may be had in Uruguay and in the Argentine Republic for the asking, and that special opportunities are open to the young man who is familiar with farm work, and particularly with the care and management of live stock. The consul writes:

"This subject has been most forcibly called to my attention within the past few months by the appearance in this city of a number of young men, who come here from the United States without making themselves acquainted with local conditions in this country, in the hope of bettering their circumstances by securing profitable employment or acquiring public lands, and only realize when their small amount of cash is exhausted that they have been misled. Then they find themselves in a strange country, far from home and friends, penniless, and in many instances unable to make themselves understood when they ask for assistance. I have been fortunate enough, up to the present time, to secure employment for these young men at the meager wages of ninety cents per day until such time as they receive assistance from home or are able to work their way to an American port."

ARCHITECT SAYS BEAUTY WILL IMPROVE MORALS

"Keep the beauty of the lake front intact, improve its condition, and the health of Chicago will be improved," said Daniel H. Burnham, the architect, at the Architectural Club's annual Christmas banquet. "Improve the environment, and the morals will improve with it." was one of the statements made in the course of the evening.

BUSINESS TRIES TO STOP GRAFT PROBE

Council's Graft Hunters Gets Close to Sacred Lair of "Prominent Citizens."

Big business was running around today in a desperate effort to stop the city council's graft investigation. The loud demand for an investigation by Aldermen Bennett, Snow and others is heard no more.

Jake Kesner, the man who operates the Fair store, and who is one of the richest landlords in the loop district, is charged with making a bargain with the city which would give him in rent the entire value in six years of the building he is erecting in Michigan avenue for the new Municipal court.

Several years ago Kesner was charged with trying to bribe Alderman Mangler, but the case was not tried, or if it was it was done secretly.

The Kesner case to be looked into by the investigators promises startling developments, but the heroic efforts of big business to stop the thing right here may be successful.

Bartzen's Charges

The matter was presented to the commission in the form of an affidavit signed by Commissioner Bartzen, which sets forth that the annual rental of \$88,000 provided for would in six years pay for both building and grounds. The further fact is set forth that Mr. Kesner two years before agreed to erect a building of the same dimensions on this site to rent for \$18,000, a discrepancy of \$70,000 a year.

Commissioner Bartzen does not content himself with general assertions, but supports his allegations with figures as to land valuations in that portion of Michigan avenue and the cost of steel construction buildings of the same general design.

Witnesses Fail to Report

Witnesses summoned by the council committee have failed to appear in some cases, and as the committee has no power to force testimony the investigation of other graft charges may be handed over to the grand jury.

Alderman Snow, who has consistently defended traction and other corporate interests in the council, admitted yesterday that he was a stockholder in a concession at the White City. He gave 25 per cent of the gate receipts on the "air ship" to the White City Company. Other men holding concessions, not fortunate enough to be city councilmen and able to have the building laws eased up for the city, paid 35 per cent, it is said.

An effort will be made to have the White City bring in its books.

SHOOTS TO KILL JUDGE CUTTING

Man Thought to Be Insane, Attempts Assassination to Get Vengeance for Wrongs.

While the rotunda of the Criminal Court building was thronged with lawyers and court attaches to-day, a well-dressed man attempted to shoot and kill Judge Charles S. Cutting of the Probate court as he was about to step into an elevator. The jurist was not injured.

One shot was fired by the would-be murderer, who attempted to fire again, but his revolver would not work. The shot was heard throughout the building, and women stenographers and clerks employed in the big north side building were thrown into a panic.

Recognized by Judge

The man who did the shooting was recognized by Judge Cutting as a witness in a Probate court suit. He was taken to a cell at the Chicago avenue station.

The man later gave his name as Frank Ellerbrook. He said he lived at 810 North California avenue. Coroner Hoffman was about to step into his office on the second floor of the building when the shot sounded on the elevator arcaway. He rushed down the stairs in time to see a number of bailiffs and court attaches closing in on the assassin.

The prisoner was taken to the coroner's office. There he refused to give his name, but declared he had been defrauded in an estate of \$30,000. He was later taken to the Chicago avenue station by the police. Judge Cutting declared he did not know the man's name, though he had seen him in his courtroom.

FALSE ALARM OF VESUVIUS

Naples, Dec. 21.—A panic among the peasants was caused to-day by the apparent re-eruption of Vesuvius. A heavy rain of ashes hid the mountain for twenty minutes. People prayed that they should be delivered at Christmas from such a disaster as befell them on Easter. As the rain of ashes stopped, a report came from the observatory that a part of the crater had fallen in and had thrown up the ashes. There were no detonations or earth quakes.

NEWS AND COMMENT

The Stein robbery, which was committed yesterday, was traced to the two servants who left so mysteriously. They were captured in Syracuse, N. Y., and Mrs. Frank Heilberg were the robbers. They were on their way to Montreal, Canada. Judge Newcomer issued the warrants for their arrest.

Miss Catherine M. Olson, a school teacher living at 756 Washington boulevard, was knocked down last night and robbed of her purse. She was not hurt badly and only lost \$2.00. The robbery took place at the corner of Oakley and Washington boulevards.

A seer who has reached New York City claims he foretold Queen Victoria's death and the San Francisco earthquake, and declares that New York City will meet a fate like that of San Francisco within the next two years.

William J. Atkinson, president and sole owner of the Lincoln bank at Norton Park, which closed its doors, was placed under arrest last night, and was produced in court by Deputy United States Marshal Wainwright this morning. Depositors stand to lose \$120,000.

Dorothy Eastman, the 11 year old daughter of Charles A. Eastman, manager of the Susquehanna Coal company, who had been missing from her home since Wednesday, was found at the Hampden restaurant, 12 State street, last night. She was clad as a boy and refused to tell where she had been all that time. She said that she had gone to collect material for a novel which she intended to write.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, and Marvin Huggitt, president of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, together with the chief justice of the Supreme court, the secretary of Agriculture and the secretary of commerce and labor, will act as trustees for the \$40,000 Nobel prize money which President Roosevelt donated to "make lasting peace between capital and labor."

Upon instructions from the pope, Dr. Thomas A. Emmet of New York City was created a knight commander of the Order of St. George the Great. This decoration permits him to stand with the pope in public functions.

Zimmer Sheets, a farmer ten miles from Frankfort, Ind., gave his son Walter and wife a peck of coins on their wedding day. The Elder Sheets has been saving the coins for twenty years for his son's wedding present.

Obedient to the command of the proprietor, the janitor of the Northwestern University building refused to admit twelve jurors to the room where they were to deliberate. The janitor explained to the court that he had orders from the owner not to let anybody into that room until the rent is paid. The jurors had to make up their minds on the case while standing outside in the cold.

Suit was brought by Attorneys Rosenthal, Kurz & Hirsch against the German Insurance Company of Freeport, Ill., for transferring to the Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool, England, more than \$3,000,000 in cash and securities, while a large number of policy holders of the company, who sustained losses in the San Francisco fire, had to accept less than fifty cents on the dollar.

Insane from constant brooding over being childless, Mrs. Esther Selene, 29 years old, 460 Forty-fourth street, hurled her two-year-old niece, Gladys Hirsch, from the third story window of a flat building at 4023 Vincennes avenue. She then tried to hurl a seven-months-old baby through the same window, but was caught in time to prevent her doing this. Mrs. Selene was taken to the detention hospital where the physicians declare she is violently insane. The two-year-old girl will recover, although she fell forty feet and struck a concrete pavement.

President Roosevelt's action in the matter of the Japanese and the San Francisco schools is defied by the school board of that city.

Mrs. George Middleton was granted a divorce from her husband George Middleton, a wealthy theatrical man, because he broke up a Thanksgiving dinner party she gave at the point of a revolver. She was given \$50,000 alimony.

At the trial of licorice paste firms in New York yesterday, testimony was introduced that the MacAndrews & Forbes company controlled 85 per cent of the business in the country.

Congress adjourned yesterday for the Christmas holidays. It will meet again Jan. 3, 1907.

Judge Richard S. Tutbill in a lecture before the Men's Club of St. Martin's church, Austin, advised young men to marry young. He said getting married young provides men with plenty of wholesome occupation. He said the children of the rich are to be pitied because they are denied the joy of striving for success.

The federal grand jury which is to investigate the causes that led to the failure of the Chicago National bank, of which John R. Walsh was president, will probably be completed late to-day. Fifteen men have been secured.

IN BUSINESS CIRCLES

Bartlett Richards, W. G. Comstock, Charles C. Jameson and Aquilla Triplett were found guilty yesterday in an Omaha court of extensive and systematic land frauds in Sheridan and Cherry counties, Nebraska. The men were connected with the Nebraska Land and Feeding company. The trial lasted thirty-one days and thirty-two witnesses were examined.

William C. Anderson, who is wanted in Kansas City for embezzling \$9,000 from the First National Bank of Kansas City, was arrested in Austin, Texas, by Chief of Police Morris of Austin.

HOLIDAY BOOKS

Full supply of Socialist literature at office of Chicago Daily Socialist. Bargains in pamphlets. Choice books for Christmas presents. Marx Capital, new edition, \$2.00; by mail \$2.50 extra.

UNION FIREMEN RISK LIVES TO SAVE

Bold Blaze Fighters Rescue Four From Death in Burning Flat Building.

Two union firemen connected with fire patrol No. 6 and wrapped in tarpaulins dared flame and smoke early today and through their heroic efforts rescued a woman and her child from death in a fierce blaze which caused panic among occupants in a four-story brick apartment building at the northeast corner of West Adams street and Francisco avenue. The woman and her baby, 10 months old, lay unconscious on a burning bed on the first floor. The flames had reached them and were burning at the side of the infant.

Risk Lives to Save the Two

Fireman Joseph Casserly and Jack Cossin dashed through the flames into the room. A moment later they had thrown open their fire-proof protection. Casserly lifted the unconscious woman from the bed while Cossin seized the child. Both were wrapped in the tarpaulins and stumbling through the dense smoke and flames the two choking men finally reached the street. Then they sank almost unconscious in the street.

Those rescued included Mrs. W. D. Hederman and her little child. Mrs. Hederman was aware that the fire was slowly approaching her, but she was so ill she was unable to arise. Her weak screams for help failed to be heard, and not until her absence was discovered were the firemen notified that she was supposed to be in the building.

Effect Second Daring Rescue

The flames by this time were raging fiercely through the first floor, but Cossin and Casserly were not to be stopped and seizing the fireproof sheets from the insurance patrol wagon, they went to the rescue again.

In the meantime other occupants of the building had been assisted to the street, some down ladders, and others by means of rear stairways. Mrs. J. Brown, 60 years old, was discovered groping about aimlessly by Policeman Henry McAlezy of the Warren avenue station, and was taken to a place of safety.

The fire burned for nearly an hour before it was extinguished. The loss is estimated at \$5,000.

SEA CAPTAIN SHOOTS SAILOR TO MAKE HIM WORK

Worker Says He Is Sick and Gets Serious Wound

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 18.—Captain C. M. Forrest of the schooner Annie Larsen, loading lumber at McGregor's mill for San Francisco, shot at and killed a sailor named George Fisher yesterday afternoon. The cause of the affray, as told by Captain Forrest, was that Fisher refused to do duty when called upon by the mate, saying he was sick and unable to work.

The mate notified the captain that Fisher was shamming and shirking. The captain went to see the man and told him to go and see the marine doctor, which he refused to do, and immediately struck the captain on the head with his fist.

Captain Forrest drew his revolver to scare Fisher, as he says, and intending to shoot over his head, but, through accident or excitement, shot too low.

Captain Forrest was at once arrested and is now in the county jail without bail.

MAN IS MADE OF SOAP

New York, Dec. 21.—Man is made of soap and not dust, according to a statement of Prof. J. D. Adams. Man is not entirely made of soap, of course, but there are scattered through his body an unknown number of tiny globules, called "myelins," which are now believed to be a primitive form of true soap. It is the only pure type of soap on earth and scientists say it may be that man was originally constructed on a self-cleansing principle. All he had to do was to exercise his will power—think hard—and set his myriads of soap globules in motion. The soapy nature of human beings has been discovered by means of the polarizing microscope.

WHERE TO GO

Mr. Curzon will speak on "The Rise of Capitalism" in room 7, 423 East Forty-seventh street, next Monday night at 8 p. m., taking the place on the programme of Mrs. Simons, who will be unable to be present. Everybody is invited to attend.

Ladies of the Arbeiter Ring, Branch 103, will give a grand concert Saturday evening at Metropolitan Hall, Jefferson and Ogden streets. Mrs. Lillian Forberg will deliver a lecture and the International Singing Chorus will sing. The admission fee will be 15 cents.

All members of the Socialist party are requested to attend the mass meeting at Ulich's Hall at 2:30 p. m. Sunday. The selection of a candidate for mayor and other important business will be transacted.

There will be a special meeting of the Twelfth Ward Branch of the Socialist party, Dec. 27, at 8 p. m., in Mittelstedt's Hall, Twenty-fourth street and Western avenue.

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COLLEGE BOY KIDNAPED BY PRETTY COEDS

His Presence Necessary to Kill the "13" Jonah—He Does Not Make a Hit

There is at least one man in Evansville who is ready to make an affidavit that the number 13 is a Jonah. He is a student in Northwestern university and yesterday was made to attend a plank tea given by the thirteen girl students in the botany class in order that the unlucky number might be broken.

The study of the vegetable kingdom is varied at Northwestern by the professor in charge with a little party at which tea, wafers, and a lemon are served. The lemon was handed to the man. When the girls gathered they discovered the "unlucky" number and sent out for another guest. The man was nabbed as he was crossing the campus and hauled into the room where he was given a chair.

For the first few minutes everything went well. The mere man began to flatter himself over the attentions bestowed by his hostesses. Finally it dawned upon him that he was merely a filler, and he began to get wrathful, but chivalry demanded he make the most of it.

Dimities, lawns, appliques, fullnesses, chollies, foulards, Panama cloths, and the like soon became the chief topic of conversation and the mere man sought to make a good impression by suggesting that "Mabel's chiffon was very chiffonier." The girls didn't get this one, but when he said that a party dress should be made with leg-o-mutton sleeves, plaited skirt, with a ruche at the bottom and a binding about the neck of the waist, there was almost a hair-pulling fit, and two of the students had to sit beside him to keep him from running away.

After the tea the girls said the party was "too cute for anything" and "delightful." What the mere man said isn't printable.

CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY BREAK DOWN

Failure of Private Railroads to Take Care of Business Brings Many Suits.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 21.—The recent decision holding the railroads responsible for damages on account of unwarranted delay of freight is responsible for the filing of many suits against the Texas roads. The damages aggregate over \$4,000,000, so far, and the claims are based upon the traffic congestions over the state.

Evidence has been introduced showing that cars of freight from the north and east have been delayed in railroads in Texas eight and nine weeks.

Cotton shipments from north Texas have been three and four weeks en route a distance of less than 300 miles, while over 40 vessels have been in port at Galveston from 20 to 45 days waiting for cargoes consigned and contracted for.

The steamship companies claim an additional \$3,000,000 damages by reason of having to hold their vessels for cargo delayed by the roads.

The railroads are now refusing shipments beyond the capacity of their equipment to handle within five days.

SUNDAY SOCIALIST SCIENCE SERIES

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Advertisement for King's Restaurant. 'FOR THE HOLIDAYS Buy Him a Collins Gift Certificate'. 'GIFT CERTIFICATE No. 946'. 'This certificate entitles bearer to ONE COLLINS NAT'. 'JOHN F. COLLINS A.W. Soc. La Salle and Madison St., CHICAGO'. 'King's Restaurant 112-14-16-18 FIFTH AVENUE OPEN DAY AND NIGHT HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME'

Why This Secrecy?

A few months ago Chicago was startled day after day by stories of the destruction, by the health department, of adulterated and poisonous goods. Names standing high in the rolls of the Commercial Club and Union League, and the sacred pages of the Blue Book were shown to belong to wholesale poisoners of Chicago's food supply.

Then, suddenly, these stories stopped. There were dim rumors that such stuff was still being discovered, but the office of the food inspector was shrouded in mystery.

"Business interests" had insisted that the commission be muzzled. Otherwise "business would be injured." This is the literal explanation given out by Dr. Whalen, commissioner of health, for the refusal to permit the inspection of public documents.

What kind of business is this that would be injured by such publicity?

THE BUSINESS OF POISONING THE FOOD OF CHICAGO, and no other.

Would it not be a good idea to injure this business, Dr. Whalen? Is the commissioner of health appointed for the purpose of defending, maintaining and protecting public poisoners? If so, the sooner the fact is made known, the better.

The dispensers of adulterated, rotten and injurious foodstuffs do not mind the destruction of an occasional lot that happens to be discovered by the inspector. Such a trifling loss can easily be made up by putting a little more adulteration in the next lot.

But publicity drives away purchasers. It makes it difficult to dispose of the next lot. IT REDUCES PROFITS, and that is the only thing that will make a capitalist cry for help.

The men who are thus tampering with the food supply of a people are MURDERERS. Every physician will agree that the death rate of children in this city is greatly increased by the adulterated food with which these little ones must be fed.

DR. WHALEN, BY HIS SECRECY, IS PROTECTING THESE MURDERERS OF THE CHILDREN.

MAKE PUBLIC THAT LIST, DR. WHALEN, AND LET THE PEOPLE KNOW WHO ARE POISONING THEIR CHILDREN.

Christmas Charity

This is a time of prosperity. Everyone agrees on that fact. It is a season of perhaps the greatest prosperity of which capitalism is capable.

Yet, on every corner of the business district of Chicago are seen grotesque figures engaged in a competitive begging contest for funds with which to give four, five or six thousand "poor families a Christmas dinner."

Granting that all the money thus obtained proceeds beyond the organization for which it is gathered (and no reports are ever presented on this point) what sort of charity is it that begs from exploiters in a time of "prosperity," to give to those whom the exploiters have shut out from the abundance around them?

We do not pretend to know "what Christ would do if he came to Chicago," but if our reading of the New Testament is correct, we cannot believe that He would be found standing in front of Marshall Field's store, garbed in a masquerade costume, swinging a big kettle before the fashionably dressed patrons of that institution.

Neither do we believe that He would be collecting contributions with which to advertise a newspaper by sending baskets to people made hungry by a system which that newspaper dare not attack.

It may not be orthodox, but we do not believe He would be doing any of these things if He were in Chicago to-day.

Out of Bondage

The sign of the serf, oh, worker,
Is not in the yoke or chain
That fastens your strength with sorrow,
That poisons your longings vain.
It isn't in rags or hunger,
Nor yet in the grit and grime
That burden your life and stain it
With the shame of oppression's crime.

The brand of the slave, oh, plodder,
Is not in the cog-like skill
That grinds you, as you grind profit
The purse of your lord to fill.
It isn't in shirtless sweating,
Where molten destruction glares,
And never true service knows it,
And never a duty cares.

But, oh, there are coils about you
That fasten your trembling heart,
That strangle your hope with iron,
And laugh when the teardrops start.
The forces of ancient Power,
The hate and the pride and might
That ride on your broken courage
To strengthen their vaunted right.

And this is your task, oh, toiler—
To shatter the nameless Thing
That crushes your sense of reason,
Your vision of truth to sting.
And you never can stay the monster
Until, as it rushes near,
Your manhood shall rise above it
—All laugh at the thing called Fear.

—GEO. E. BOWEN.

RESPECTABILITY AND REVOLUTION

By ROBERT WHITAKER

When polite people object to Socialism because some Socialists are extremists and do not talk drawing-room English, they ought to fortify their criticism with a list prepared beforehand and of those revolutions in the past which have been carried through with the assistance of only the "safe and sound" men and women of their day. Of course everybody knows that when Moses cracked the skull of the Egyptian oppressor and fled the court of Egypt, he was a moderate and conservative man. At least he had settled down to steady ways when Pharaoh said to him forty years afterward, "Wherefore do ye let the people from their works get unto your burdens?" Nobody ever thought Moses an extremist of course.

And we all know how respectable Jesus was, and how entirely discreet were all His references to the ruling classes of His time. If you have any doubt about it read the twenty-third of Matthew, which is at least as much inspired as the twenty-third Psalm.

But why bother with ancient agitators, who, whether respectable or not in their own day, are become eminently safe and sane in the hands of most of their modern followers? Doesn't everybody know that Christianity was popular at once in all the "higher walks of life" and that only the poor and the unlearned and the slaves despised it? Was not every modern denomination born of some polite gentleman who occupied some prominent pulpit or some university chair, and parted his hair in the middle? Were not "the factory laws in England welcomed with courteous acclamation by all the nice, refined people of the established church and the great schools, and did

not the Corn Law agitation succeed without any help from any man or woman who had less than a Ph. D. degree? And in our own country was not Garrison a gentleman of the old school, and did not Wendell Phillips win the instantaneous recognition of those fashionable circles in which he was born. We all know that no man ever said a word on behalf of the black slave who could not read both Latin and Greek fluently, and that Abraham Lincoln was a very Chesterfieldian in manner and reputation before he so much as thought of public office. Nor did anybody vote for him or espouse his cause who did not belong to one of the first families, or dote on Browning's poetry and the essays of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Of course not. Never until Socialism came has any great cause ever begun without being instantly popular among all the nice members of society, nor has any revolution ever won its way except by the use of nicely balanced phrases and pretty words and by appealing to the refinement of My Lady in satin or My Lord in kid gloves. Of course not.

So would our safe and sane people have us believe. Yet, unhappily for their fastidiousness, setting all sarcasm aside, this is the very unrefined truth, that every revolution in society, however much helped by individual champions from among the "better classes" has been chiefly helped by the common people, and has been opposed by the great majority of the religious, intellectual and political leaders of that generation in which it was born. When a reform becomes respectable some other reform is already on the way. It will be a long time yet before Socialism is the "correct thing."

LEGALIZED PEONAGE

We are now hearing much of peonage in the Southern states, many cases having been tried in United States courts during the past three years. Perhaps it has occurred to some to ask why we do not hear of such cases in the state courts. The answer is easy. In most of the Southern states peonage is legalized by the statutes of the state. This is not because the capitalists of the south are any worse than the capitalists of the North. It is necessary under the present inefficient and shiftless mode of production, and is possible because most of the laborers are disfranchised. Unskilled and agricultural laborers are scarce in the South and in order to keep down wages and retain the laborer it is necessary to give the employer absolute power over him.

I quote you from the statutes of Louisiana: Act No. 54, session of 1906 (omitting title):

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of Louisiana; that whoever shall wilfully violate a hire, tenant or share contract, conditioned on the cultivation of land in this state, upon the faith of which contract money or goods have been advanced, by leaving the employ of the person or abandoning the land, the subject of the contract, without first tendering to the person by whom said money or goods was advanced, the amount of money or the value of the goods obtained, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more than two (\$200) hundred dollars, and in default of the payment of the fine shall be imprisoned in the parish jail for not more than ninety days at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc.: That whoever shall wilfully interfere with, entice away, intimidate or induce a hired person, tenant or share-hand to leave the service of the employer or to abandon the land the subject of the contract, or who shall knowingly take into his employ any such person before the expiration of the contract, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more

than two (\$200) hundred dollars for each offense, and shall be liable in a civil action for damages to double the amount of any debt due by said hired person, tenant or share-hand to the person, who had made the advances.

In a subsequent section there is a provision that these contracts cannot be made for more than one year. Now, since they are for one year or less, an oral contract is binding, and if any question arises it is the word of the employer against the word of the worker. In such cases it is not difficult to tell which will prevail. Then, too, the slightest change in the terms of the contract makes a new contract, which will hold one year from date of this change. It will be seen at once that it is to the interest of the employer to get the laborer indebted to him and 'his he proceeds to do. When this is accomplished the laborer cannot leave without becoming a criminal. The employer may heap all sorts of indignities and injustices upon him, he may even assault him and beat him, and yet he must continue to serve him or go to prison. Like that mythical man of patience, he must say, "Though thou slayest me, yet will I serve thee." I leave the reader to picture the further practical possibilities of this statute.

Section 2 backs up section 1 in a most effective manner. If any other employer, by offering higher wages, shorter hours, better food, or more comforts, entices away any of "my laborers" he is liable to a fine of two hundred dollars (nothing said about imprisonment in the parish jail). Thus it becomes a criminal act for one employer to offer higher wages or better conditions than his neighbor offers. When a laborer is driven by cruelty or injustice to leave an employer, no other capitalist is permitted to employ him, under penalty of the law. This is backlisting with a vengeance.

Most of the laborers of the South are disfranchised and I appeal to you workers who yet possess the ballot, to make it effective by voting for members of your class who are class conscious and members of the Socialist party.

R. W. S.

THE REFERENDUM

Mayor E. F. Dunne, who was elected on a platform for immediate municipal ownership, has got tired, and, in spite of the fact that the voters of this city have three times given their voice for municipal ownership, this I. M. C. mayor crawls behind the referendum to get out of his dilemma. He said the palpable swindle which the capitalists are trying to foist upon the city of Chicago as a settlement of the traction question is a good thing, and this I. M. O. mayor says he will advocate its acceptance by the people.

Now, the Chicago Federation of Labor is on record, and has not as yet been swayed from its position, on municipal ownership, and if the referendum is granted the advanced element in organized labor will show to the people of Chicago the fraud that is clumsily concealed in the proposed traction ordinance.

The Tribune and the Journal are trying to coax the I. M. O. mayor to forego the referendum. The Journal challenges the mayor to also put the school question to a referendum. Amen. By all means let us have a referendum on the school question. Let it be made

plain what the issues in the school question contain. The capitalists are ever eager to exploit the children. It is in their creed, "Suffer little children to come unto me,"—they yield big profits.

The I. M. O. mayor, if he insists on the referendum, which we hope he will if he does not want to stand everlastingly damned as a fraud, will give the working class in the city of Chicago a chance to open the eyes of the capitalist class, by their developed intellect, and with the Chicago Daily Socialist to blaze the way with the truth when the votes are counted.

By all means let us have a referendum on the school and traction questions.

B. B.

A QUAIN EPITAPH.

The following epitaph is copied from a tombstone in Braintree, Vt., marking the grave of a child who died at the age of a few days:

Sweet maid, she glanced into our world to see
A sample of our misery.
She turned away her languid eye
To drop a tear or two and sigh.

Sweet maid, she tasted of life's bitter cup.
Refused to drink her portion up.
She turned her little head aside
Disgusted with the taste, and died.

A Laugh or A Smile

By P. B.

Quite Correct

"Do you remember the name of that Russian pianist who was here last winter, Mr. Ramsey?"

Just then, however, Mr. Ramsey sneezed loudly.

"I do believe that's right; thank you ever so much."

Wonder if President Roosevelt meant Poulney Bigelow when he talked so bitterly in his message about the critics of the Panama canal?

Anyway, didn't the word "thoro" look too weak and emaciated to stand the strain?

The man who, instead of buying some inappropriate present for his wife for Christmas, simply hands the money over to her, always makes a safe bet.

The best way for the people of the Northwest to legislate against car families would be to make their coal dealers lay in their supplies early in the fall.

Competition

"Dr. Oldboy, the antiquarian, brought back with him an egg which was dug up in the tombs of ancient Egypt."

"Is it possible? That must make the cold storage men green with envy."

It will be an easy matter for Senator Bailey to vindicate himself if there are enough votes instructed for him in the Texas legislature.

If you owned a department store, what would you give your wife for a Christmas present? A steam yacht or a house and lot?

Roosevelt spent three days on the Isthmus of Panama, but it must have taken him a great deal longer than that to prepare that voluminous message on the subject.

Farmers in the northwest, because they could buy no coal, burned up their fences and outbuildings. This was a good thing for the lumber trust.

The old man at Medicine Hat heard that Christmas was coming and decided to wake up.

He Found Out

"Is it impolite to ask a girl her age?"
"I should say it is. I asked a girl that one day and she answered, 'twenty-three.'"

August Belmont is going to build a \$10,000,000 canal across Cape Cod. He should put Poulney Bigelow in charge of the work.

Colonel Mann's whiskers are on trial in New York, bringing back to mind all those stories about Town Topics.

Commissioner Garfield is going to swing that axe and bring the lumber trust to the ground with a resounding crash—if the lumber trust's lawyers don't get too busy.

After spending three days in Panama Mr. Roosevelt writes 15,000 words. What would happen if he should take a leisurely trip around the world as Mr. Bryan did?

Rejoice now, while you may, for this time next week you will be broke.

He Knew the Sex

"We are going to organize a ladies' secret society," says Mrs. Kafoozlum.
"What a funny name for a ladies' society!"

The Oklahoma constitutional convention has called Bryan into consultation. After the many bouquets which Roosevelt has thrown at Oklahoma!

Cheer up! President Roosevelt has four or five more hot messages to deal out when matters become dull.

The House voted to increase the salary of the vice-president. This ought to cause Mr. Fairbanks to warm up a bit.



The Missouri labor commissioner has just issued his report, from which it appears that there are 609 labor unions in that state, with 76,784 members. This is 5,249 less than last year. The members of these unions were employed an average of 284 days during the last year. They paid out in benefit funds \$305,985, and worked on an average 9.05 hours per day.

Forty-one thousand six hundred and thirteen unionists are in the city of St. Louis. They were employed an average of 297 days during the year, control 75 per cent of the persons engaged in the trades represented, and expended \$218,932 in benefits.

Point out to your union brother that this is the only paper in Chicago that supports the Teachers' Federation against the attacks of the Merchants' Club and Law Breaker Theodore W. Robinson, vice-president of the Illinois Steel Company. The Chicago Daily Socialist must take the teachers' side because it is owned by the working class and the political party that gives it its name and life is the working class party.

THE STORY OF THE CHICAGO SCHOOL FIGHT

By MAY WOOD SIMONS

Chicago schools are bankrupt. The chairman of the finance committee declares that not only can the salaries of teachers entitled to it not be raised but that they must stand a horizontal cut. If this cut must be made, why should the teachers be the only victims? Why should not the supervising and business force be reduced in salaries also? The worst fears of the friends of education are realized. The plundering of the sources of the school fund proceeded to a point that threatens the existence of the public schools. In a city of tremendously increasing wealth and billion dollar businesses the "business school boards" must go on record as having ruined the schools.

They threw away a square mile of the richest land in Chicago instead of retaining it for its increase in value. They turned over the most valuable wharfage privileges in the city for a trifle. Finally they made out leases for the remainder of the land that belonged to the schools on terms that would yield for eighty years an income but half what it should be, and that, as stated by the representative of the Tribune company, that appeared before the board in 1895, amounted to a virtual sale of the land. Aside from the business interests holding revaluation leases that are now carrying on litigation to secure for themselves also straight leases on low terms, there are no leases of school property that are paying a reasonable rental. Present children will grow old, and unborn children turn gray haired men and women and still the yearly robbery of the children is to go on.

This despoiling of the schools has reached a point where there is little more for the business interests to grab. The systematic exploitation of public trust funds strikes no class so much as the laboring class of Chicago. It is their children that through insufficient and ill instruction are to become so much the more abject slaves to their industrial masters.

Mayor Dunne, when elected to office, had the right to appoint a certain number of members of the school board. Great pressure was brought to bear on him at this time to persuade him to appoint a business men's board. He happened to appoint a group of men and women who represented no business interests and that could never be depended on to serve corporate interests. Socialists have no sympathy with the political attitude of Mayor Dunne or of the members of the school board. Socialists have gone into the struggle because it is a part of the great class struggle of the centuries; because it is one of the best illustrations in modern times of the battle that is waged by the ruling against the ruled; because the things that are demanded by these members of the school board are the principles the Socialists have demanded in their platforms for over fifty years, and because they propose to combat vested power when it oppresses the people in any form. We are with the teachers in this struggle because they are a part of the great army of workers. We are fighting for the children because they are the children of the laborers. We believe that there are legal means that can be used to bring back into the school treasury the money that is now withheld through leases made on extraordinary terms. If these facts are put before the workers of Chicago, we believe that they will make the demand that every legal means be used to restore to the people the property that was handed over by incompetent business men to propertied interests. The selling of leases immediately after the revaluation clause was waived for \$235,000 to \$275,000 is proof evident that these leases are not paying full rental.

The result of Mayor Dunne's appointment has been to arouse a storm of attack on the board and the teachers from the Chicago papers. The attack began by calling the new members freaks, cranks and unamerican. The object was to make the board appear ridiculous and irresponsible to the reading public.

The plan of promoting teachers was the first thing taken up by the new board. Mr. Cooley's plan assured the promotion of a minimum number of teachers at a minimum wage. A new promotional plan was suggested that would secure open marking of the teachers. This plan became an object of ridicule. Back of the attack on the new promotional plan was the fear that such a plan would increase the expenses of the schools and would give the teachers a voice in the system. Chicago stands as the one great city that boasts of the economies practiced in its schools and that raises a cry of dismay when any new expenditure is to be made. The last report of the London city council lauds the school board for its liberal expenditure of money. Conservative members of the Chicago board announce that a thing cannot be done because there is no money. Why are the schools without money? Because men like themselves have been criminally incompetent. The attitude that must be taken by the workers of Chicago is that the expenses of the schools must be increased when the welfare of the children demand it, and that if there is not enough money the sources of the school fund must be investigated and legal means used to increase that fund.

These resolutions are now before the school board. Will the workers support this move, or will they allow the present robbery of their children to continue?

These resolutions, after reciting the facts already stated to our readers, conclude:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, First, that the special committee on revenues be, and the same is hereby, instructed promptly to investigate and report upon the good faith and legal and equitable validity of all modifications of school land leases whereby school trustees have struck out of said leases the clauses for periodical revaluations of ground rent; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Second, that said special committee be, and it is hereby, empowered to employ such professional and clerical assistance for that purpose as may be necessary, provided it shall first obtain from the attorney for the board of education an opinion that the board has legal authority to incur expense for that purpose.

Objections to Socialism

All animals (and man is no exception) become fat and lazy with abundance of food with little work. It is conceded by all advocates of Socialism that under the collective regime, labor would be reduced to the minimum. The average work-day not exceeding two hours, while products of all kinds would be many fold multiplied. Automatic machines doing most of the work, thus giving the working class a surfeit of leisure. The result that must inevitably follow is before us today in the wealthy leisure class. Gluttony, dissipation, drunkenness, with the natural and inevitable consequences of physical and moral degeneracy. So the result of too much leisure with large income, now confined to a small number or class of people, will under the Socialist regime become universal, and ruin the whole race. The masses, relieved from the natural and healthy strife of competition, which develops the strong and capable, will sink into the degenerate state of the natives of equatorial regions, where nature provides so bountifully that man can subsist on her spontaneous growth fruits with little or no exertion on his part. He has but to reach forth and pluck the ripe fruits and retire into the shade, use lazy and indolent to do anything to better his condition or to develop his manhood. Remove the spur to the chase, the average man quickly falls into laziness. If not vice, Socialism will remove this spur and hence

it will produce a race of lazy, good-for-nothings. Thus, Socialism practically writing man free from labor and at the same time, by means of perfected machines, producing wealth in undreamed of abundance, would convert man into a race of well-fed hogs—men without incentive or ambition to attain anything higher than the hog state of existence. ANTI-SOCIALIST.

Socialism—a "Utopia."

Some time ago, in a conversation with a fellow-student who was studying Socialism, and had been for a year, I asked him his opinion of Socialism. He smiled ironically and said: "Well, I think Socialism can exist only in one place." "Yes," I said, "in heaven."

According to this man's view, Socialism was to quote a prominent bishop, "an intangible Utopia."

Apparently, the sweet-shop or foundry is the place to study practical Socialism.

J. B. B.

I have five friends who say I am wasting my time to work and give my money to help make Socialists. They say Socialism is so impracticable, as the majority of the world is so ignorant that you can't expect to have that they are like a lot of animals—they follow the one who is the biggest fighter or has the most force. They say for his own sake, they all believe in Socialism. Now, what books or books can I get to give them to read? If you can be short, or they won't read it.