

CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST

CONSPIRACY CAUSED TEAMSTERS' STRIKE

Plot Made in Philadelphia That Directly Caused Tie Up of Chicago.

RICH TAILORS' PLAN WORKS

Schemers Wreck Garment Makers Organization and Try to Ruin Teamsters—Sweatshop Conditions Again Prevail.

The teamsters' strike that is now being probed in Judge Ball's court was the direct result of conspiracy.

The scheme was laid in Philadelphia in open meeting, and its plan was carried out, not only in Chicago, but throughout the country.

The conspiracy was entered into by the National Wholesale Clothing Manufacturers' Association.

For years there was no union interference with the profits of these men. They waxed rich, taking newly arrived foreigners and working them all week and often paying less than \$1 for the labor.

Then the Unions Came

Then came the unionization of the clothing makers. The organization almost instantly was successful.

The rich manufacturers met in Philadelphia and decided to establish the "open shop," which means the sweat shop, exploitation of women and the degradation of children, women and men.

A great fund was formed for the purpose. War almost instantly broke out in Rochester, N. Y., and in New York city.

Manufacturers had the open shop and worked women and children again for a few cents a day. Their profits grew. Chicago, which rapidly was becoming a great clothing manufacturing center, manufacturers demanded the open shop.

Plot Carried Out Here

The local strike of garment workers was then called and a long and bitter struggle began. Thousands of girls and mothers of children struck to maintain the wage scale.

All organized labor knew of the great conflict and the Chicago Federation of Labor decided to help the garment workers.

The strike was called and thousands of drivers walked out to help the sweatshop children.

The newspapers were filled with falsehoods about everything connected with the struggle.

BIG STEAMER ASHORE

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—The steamer Beatrice is ashore on the treacherous rocks of Cranberry Head.

The crew were rescued early to-day. Nearing Sydney the Beatrice crashed on the rocks.

No issue of this paper will appear tomorrow, Christmas.

PROSPERITY PERISHES FOR A FEW

Brave 800 March Up the Profit Hill and Then March Down Again

Prosperity is over for eight hundred of the employes of Montgomery Ward & Company.

Saturday night they found a note in their pay envelopes informing them their services were no longer required.

It is the custom of the company to present each employe with a turkey Christmas, but none of the men discharged Saturday night will get turkeys.

Mail order employes have no union and have no established scale of wages.

Yes, we have prosperity, but it is for the men who buy labor, not for those who must sell it.

WRONGED AND HURT SEAMAN DIES

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 24.—Thrown into the brig in double irons because he had not accepted with good grace the refusal of the officer of the deck of the United States battleship Ohio to permit him to go to the entrance gate of Brooklyn navy yard to see his wife and children, who awaited him there, John J. Hickey of Norfolk, an enlisted man on the Ohio, died in less than thirty minutes after the handcuffs were snapped upon him.

His wife, ignorant of his fate, returned to Norfolk. The body arrived here to-day.

HICKS TELLS HIS STORY

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 24.—Through a volume of tobacco smoke thick enough to cut with a knife Lindsey B. Hicks today for the first time told his own story of fifteen days in a living tomb—a battle for a life that probably has no parallel in history.

It was the simple, heroic narrative of a simple, brave man, a modest recount of an event that kept the newspaper reading world on tiptoe for two weeks.

"Well, the whole wonder of it is that I didn't lose my mind during those first three days," began Hicks, knocking the tobacco ashes out of his beloved pipe.

"Somehow I didn't feel so frightened. I was more worried over how the thing happened than my own chance of getting out of there.

"I was so cramped up in there that I could not stretch my legs out. When I wanted to rest I would stick one of my legs down a crevice and stretch. You see the seat of my trousers is worn out from shifting about.

"When I wanted to sleep I just put my hat on a wheel of the car and rested my head on it.

"I will stay here a while and think over the offers I received. Of course, I know I am somewhat of a curiosity and I do not deny that I consider making some easy money."

LODGING HOUSES TO COME TO THE RESCUE

Tribune Referendum is Sweeping the First Ward—Gaining in Others

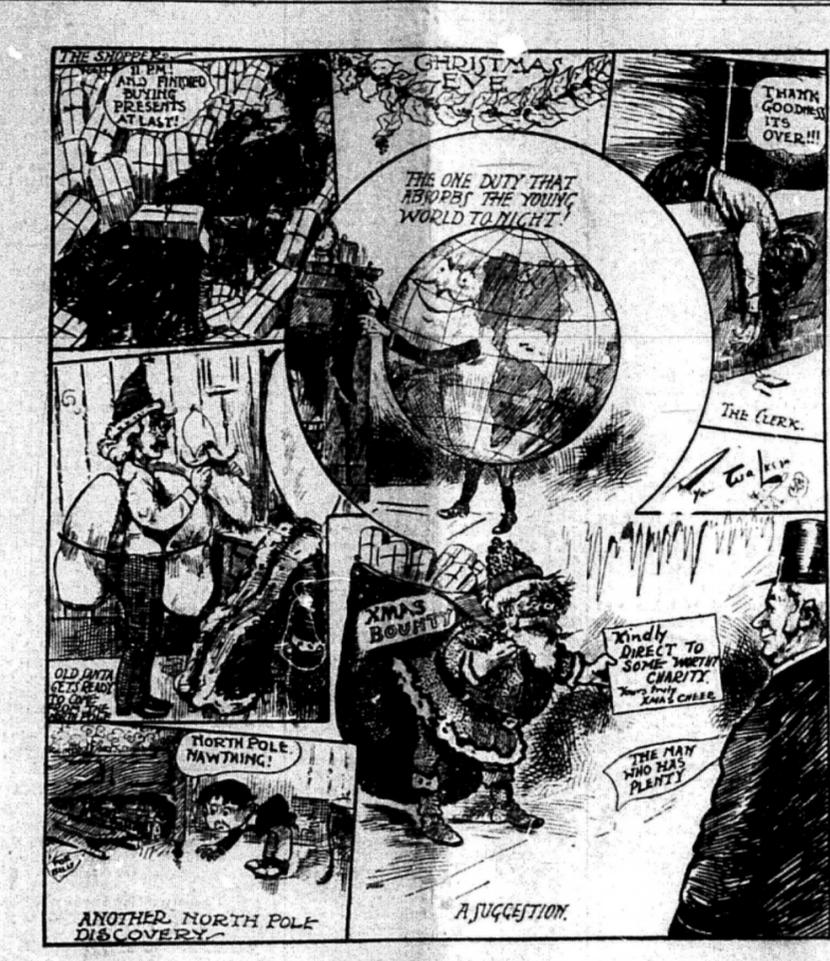
The votes of the Chicago Tribune's traction "referendum" show that the slums can still be depended upon when needed.

Up to the present the First ward has led all the rest by a goodly majority.

It is probable that tomorrow will, however, show the other wards creeping up. This will be necessary to make the story good.

This running your own ballot box is almost as good as having school lenses.

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ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

MAXIM GORKY TALKS WITH ROCKEFELLER

Interview With "King of the Republic" Comes Out in London—Creates Stir in Literary Circles.

London, Dec. 24.—Maxim Gorky has begun a series of imaginative interviews, the first of which, entitled "One of the kings of the republic," is plainly directed at John D. Rockefeller.

To a query as to what he does with his money, Gorky has his "king" reply, "I make more money with it."

"I make still more." "How do you make money?" "Oh, it's very simple. I possess railways. Farmers produce goods, I put these on the market. Now I must see how much money to leave the farmer so that he will not starve and will continue working, and I take the rest for my tariff for transportation."

Asked whether the government did not prevent this the "king" seemed surprised.

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TAILORS TO TAKE MORAL MEASURE OF PATRONS

Makers of Clothing for Merchant Club Members Will Get Facts on School Laws.

The Journeymen Tailors' Union of America, Local No. 5, who make clothes for the members of the Merchants' Club, and are accustomed to take their measure in one way, propose to take the moral measure of the club men.

The union will hold a meeting Wednesday night at 122 La Salle street to discuss the school question, and especially the relation of the Merchants' Club to the schools.

SENATOR LAND THIEF

Honorable Mr. Warren of Wyoming May Follow Mitchell to Dishonor

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Senator Warren, senior senator from Wyoming, is charged with different crimes against the government, one of which is the fencing in of thousands of acres of the public domain.

This charge the president will investigate before anything is done which might injure Warren without the actual proof of charges being given.

It is also alleged that he has kept up a fraud for years by having men on government pay rolls who are at work in his mercantile business in Cheyenne.

Secretary Hitchcock is the man who started the land-fraud exposure and now lie is to be retired, leaving these investigations to James A. Garfield, who will succeed Hitchcock as secretary of interior.

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"Hinky Dink" is determined to get even if he is forced to close up his saloon on Sunday. He will see that the law is enforced to such an extent that Chicago will be closed up as tight as a drum, not alone the saloons, but street cars, elevated trains, soda fountains, theaters, barbershops, candy stores, newspapers, and, in fact, the only place that will be permitted to run will be the drug stores and all they will be allowed to sell will be drugs.

There are clauses in the statutes, which, if enforced thoroughly, would take the town back to the puritanical days when it was considered a sin to look sideways on Sunday.

ANARCHIST OPENS PRINT SHOP

New York, Dec. 24.—Alexander Berkman, the anarchist who served fourteen years in prison for shooting H. C. Fries fifteen years ago, has established a little printing shop in East 27th street.

Berkman has not forsaken anarchy, but he has found that it does not pay very well. The printing shop is his hope of making a living in the future.

Berkman says he has known the trade of printer a long time, but everything, about his little shop is very slow.

"The cause of human liberty is glorious," said Berkman in explaining why he has set on the shop, "but a man must make a living."

MILK DEALERS WANT SOME OF THE PROSPERITY PIE

Toledo, O., Dec. 21.—Two of Toledo's largest dairy companies have posted prosperity notices in the shape of an advance in the price of milk to take effect Jan. 1.

Rumor has it that the price was dictated at a recent meeting of the Lucas County Liquor Dealers' Association. The trust busters are taking notice.

BROKER TRIES TO KILL NEWSBOY

Prominent Board of Trade Gambler Ends Christmas With Attack on Child.

With one of its members under sentence to the penitentiary for "taking wheat, scores of others on the verge of starvation and ruin, the board of trade faced another disgrace to-day.

David Schnell, 42 Throop street, a prominent member of the board, appeared in police court to answer the charge of assault to kill Robert Thiess, a 15-year-old newsboy who carried papers to help support his widowed mother.

Poverty and low wages produce crime, and so the board of trade, as its power of levying toll on the product of grain growers grows less, turns out criminals of low degree.

Schnell, it is said, had been enjoying a premature Christmas celebration Saturday night. He was going home about 6 a. m. Instead of seeing rats and ferrets, he saw "hold-up men."

"Stop and throw up your hands, or I'll shoot," was the command of the prominent board of trade man.

In the darkness the boy did not see the pistol trembling in the nervous hand of the broker, and, thinking the command was only the joke of a common drunkard, he paid no attention.

Bullets began to whistle past his head in a moment, and the second brought him to earth. He was taken to the county hospital, and it is thought he cannot recover.

TEAMSTERS MAY STRIKE IN SYMPATHY WITH HORSES

The report that team owners of Chicago are preparing to investigate the rumors that members of rival teamster unions are venting their spite against each other by injuring their rivals' horses, will probably result in the teamsters refusing to drive many of the crippled horses which the team owners use.

Many of the horses, the drivers claim, are unfit for use, and yet the police and the humane society officers, who would arrest any poor men they saw driving such horses, never stop a team when the name of a big firm is on the wagon.

The Johnson's express company is one of the worst offenders of humane laws in the city.

BEERERS AT WORK IN NEW STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—Clarence B. Douglas, former editor of the Muskogee Phoenix, created a sensation at the banquet of the Oklahoma and Indian Territory Bar Association last night when he charged that bribes were received by delegates to the constitutional convention for locating county seats.

He said he had been offered \$2,000 to lobby for a court house and knew he could have got it from the convention for \$1,500.

WANTS TO SELL BLOOD AND THEN IS ARRESTED

Desperate Man Calls on Roosevelt With Growsome Proposal

Washington, Dec. 24.—Thomas Morris, the young man who in New York a few days ago, offered to sell his blood or any part of his body, was arrested in Secretary Loeb's office at the White House to-day.

The man, who admits that Morris is a fictitious name, appeared at the office of Secretary Loeb and handed the following letter to the secretary:

"Secretary Loeb, Dear Sir:—I have come to Washington this morning in hopes that Dr. Wiley may use me for one of his experiments.

Dr. Wiley through his secretary informs me that he cannot accede to my request. My position is now so desperate that I am compelled as a last resort, to appeal to his excellency, President Roosevelt, through you, asking if there is any way of relieving my predicament.

I hope you will pardon the liberty I take in troubling you.

"THOMAS MORRIS."

The police searched Morris at the First Precinct station and found a clipping from a New York paper in which it was said that Morris had visited the paper's office and offered to sell his blood, limbs or flesh.

The story said that Morris had told how he was head-over-heels in debt and was using a fictitious name because his creditors would be panic-stricken to know that he was making such an offer.

He said that he owed \$800 to people who could not afford to lose it; that he had been in the stationery business.

HANDY WOULD WELCOME INDUSTRIAL DEPRESSION

General Manager of the Lake Shore Declares This Is Only Hope of Relief in Car Famine

Erie, Pa., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Manufacturers' Association called to discuss the present lack of shipping facilities, E. A. Handy, general manager of the Lake Shore railroad, declared that nothing but an industrial depression would improve conditions.

"The conditions you complain of are general, not local," said Mr. Handy. "They exist all over the country, and your question is one that is being asked with increasing frequency nowadays.

The business of the nation has outgrown the supply of cars. It is absolutely impossible for the railroads to buy enough cars to meet the demands made upon them. The shops are unable to turn them out fast enough.

In my opinion the only solution to the difficulty is an industrial depression for a couple of years, which will give the roads a chance to catch up."

JAPS TO MAKE STEEL

Machinery Bought Here to Put Orient Into Competition With Trust

New York, Dec. 24.—Large contracts for equipment for huge steel works which the Japanese government will build in the island of Moji are being awarded in the United States.

Three Japanese firms with offices in this city, who are acting for American manufacturers, are handling the contracts.

The plant which Japan proposes to establish will cost \$10,000,000. When specifications were issued three months ago it was feared American manufacturers could not compete against German makers, owing to the enormous demand for steel products at home.

Later it developed that conditions were very similar in Germany.

CREW STICK TO THE SHIP SAVE 380 PASSENGERS

Port Dufferin, N. S., Dec. 24.—Three hundred and eighty passengers of the steamer Strathcona owe their lives to the heroism of the twenty engineers and stokers of the ship, which burned after it was beached here, but not until after every person aboard had been taken ashore in safety.

The men stuck to their posts while the ship raced for shore with the flames steadily eating their way through the interior of the vessel and making the engine rooms and stoke hole veritable furnaces.

LAW CAN'T REACH STANDARD OIL

Ohio Case Against Rockefeller Turns Out to Be Usual Farce—Officials Will Appeal

Findlay, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Judge Duncan, in a decision rendered in the Standard Oil cases this morning, decided that the probate court has no jurisdiction to try criminal prosecutions under the Valentine anti-trust law.

The \$5,000 fine imposed upon the Standard Oil company is therefore invalid, as well as all the proceedings in the probate court.

The case will be carried to the circuit and supreme courts just as quickly as it is possible to do so, and a decision is expected from both of these courts within three months.

The decision as to the indictments against John D. Rockefeller and other Standard Oil officials has been deferred until some future time, no date being given by Judge Duncan.

A Learned Judge; A Moses

Judge Duncan holds that court statutes contain no provision whereby service may be had upon a corporation, the probate court has no jurisdiction to try either an individual or a corporation under the Valentine law.

Section 6472 revised statutes providing that the provision governing criminal proceedings in the court of common pleas shall, so far as applicable, govern the proceedings in the probate court was not intended as an addition to jurisdiction and therefore does not authorize the probate court to borrow from the common pleas criminal code the provisions therein contained providing a way to get a corporation into that court charged with a criminal offense, he holds.

The court of common pleas, Duane says, has exclusive original jurisdiction in all criminal prosecutions under the Valentine anti-trust act.

FIREMEN SPIES AT WORK FOR YEAR

Cleveland Man Hired to Do Detective Work Here By Bribing Members of Department

Officers of the Firemen's union are certain that spies have been in the union for over a year, employed by the Corporation Auxiliary Company.

A man who had been an officer in the firemen's union of Cleveland was bribed and finally brought here to undermine and break up the organization, if possible.

The meeting held by the yellow organization Saturday afternoon at 74 Adams street was not much of a success for the yellowists, as only about 150 men showed up, and a large portion of them were members of the bona fide organization.

City Fire Marshal Moran was the leader of the yellow faction, but he and other officers have no chance of damaging the interests of the men, as they are becoming too class conscious for even the wiles of Moran to have any effect on them, according to members of the union.

The executive committee of the bona fide organization has appointed a committee to call on the finance committee to present demands for the 10 per cent increase.

DELICATE INSTRUMENT TELLS OF DISTANT QUAKES

Berkley, Cal., Dec. 24.—A seismograph installed in the University of California by Professor Omori, the famous Japanese scientist and inventor, recorded an earthquake of great violence which occurred at a distance of about 4,000 miles. It lasted one and a half minutes.

BIG BANKS SEARCHED

Assets of Busted Lincoln Bank Sought by Law Officers

Records of the First National bank, the National Bank of the Republic, the Colonial Trust and Savings bank and other Chicago financial institutions are being searched to-day in an effort to reveal details of the transactions in which Edward I. Rosenfeld and William J. Altkinson figured in promotion of the Waukegan Water company.

The records are essential for the success of an effort to discover further assets of the Lincoln Bank of Morton Park and of Atkinson, its owner. The bank records are to be supplemented by records of stock transactions carried out in completion of the promotion of the water company.

Cloudy and Warmer

Partly cloudy tonight; slowly rising temperature, minimum about twenty-five above zero.

TRIBUNE BUTTS IN; GRAIN GAMBLERS MAD

Unfortunate Reporter Causes Riot in Wheat Pit—Called Spy for Armour.

Not content with its attempts to break up the teachers' and firemen's union, and to carry the First ward as represented by Hinky Dink's saloon for the traction companies, the Chicago Tribune has butted into the board of trade fight.

It is on the side of the Armour crowd. Its first onslaught was made Saturday. According to small fry grain gamblers who are trying to have competition restored, a reporter for the Chicago Tribune was smuggled into the sacred precincts of the grain pit Saturday to spy on the small fry.

How he got past the numerous uniformed guards that stand at every entrance is a mystery not yet solved. How he left the board floor, however, is known to all traders.

When the unfortunate reporter was discovered a hue and cry was raised by the small fry. Their "Hey, Rube" resounded throughout the old stone pile. They jumped on the trembling reporter who had taken such an unlucky assignment.

He was thrown down, the "boots thrown into him" and then his almost unconscious form was dragged to the door and tossed into the hall.

It is understood that he has been discharged by the Tribune for "falling down" on his job.

All the small fry grain gamblers are awfully angry with the Tribune. They say the "elevator trust," of which J. Ogden Armour, the soap grease king, is the keystone, has formed a "press bureau."

This news bureau has taken in the Chicago Tribune, and will endeavor to inform the world as to the facts in the war now going on in the board.

The little fellows who are eating box lunches and mortgaging their homes to pay for the carriage that meets them at the railway station when they return home, simply to keep up appearances, talk "radical." They say the "trust press" is against them because Armour, the soap grease king, advertises his soap, canned liver, pickled kidneys and granulated sheep hearts to the extent of many thousands a year.

The Chicago Daily Socialist has organized a board of trade news bureau. It will supply all the news of the pit that is fit to print.

BIG IMPROVEMENT ON PENN. Six Men Fail to Keep Ten Miles of Track in Repair and Six More Are Hired

[Special Correspondence.] Julianstown, N. J., Dec. 22.—One of the greatest improvements the great Pennsylvania railroad, operated by the greatest captains of industry in the world, ever has projected is under way on the line running through this town.

For several years six men have been kept constantly at work on ten miles of track. This mighty force was unable to keep the track in shape and numerous minor accidents occurred. Several times trains came near toppling over because the road bed was in such bad shape.

Now the captains of industry have put six more men on the job, making twelve, including the straw bosses. These twelve men are confidently expected to put the Kinkora branch, as the ten mile line is called, into fine condition.

FUNDS ROLLING IN

Watch the pledges pour in to secure that plant. Not a letter has as yet been sent out, but some will go to-day, yet nearly \$4,000 has already been pledged. We ought to have at least \$12,500 promised by Saturday night. This will make the whole loan more secure, make certain the installation of the plant as quick as workmen can perform the labor. If your name is not in the list below, and you have any funds to invest, notify us at once. You need not send the money. That will not be called for until the bargain for the plant is closed.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Total last report: \$2,675.00. J. T. Kelly: 100.00. A. B. C.: 700.00. Corrine S. Brown: 100.00. William Acker: 100.00. E. E. Palmer: 50.00. Abe Siegel: 50.00. Andrew Olson: 50.00. Chas. Toepper: 50.00. Rudolph Toepper: 50.00. Vaclav Vesceky: 50.00. H. J. De Muth: 50.00. Com. Lohse: 50.00. A. W. Harrack: 25.00. G. W. Sharp: 50.00. John Dobleman: 50.00. L. Kesman: 50.00.

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 25 cents extra.—Adv. 1f

ITALIANS CAUSE STRIKE

Not Race Prejudice, But Fight for Bread Brings On Industrial War Albion, Mich., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Over 100 molders and coremakers employed by the Albion Malleable Iron company went on strike because the company put several Italians into the molding room.

The molders declare that there is no race prejudice about the strike, but that it is simply a fight for bread. The company employs the Italians not for the love of the Italian people nor because there are not enough American molders, but because the Italians work cheap.

Another reason why the company employs Italians is that they work without regard to hours. Some of them work as high as eighteen hours a day and when, at the end of the week, they receive \$15 for it, they think this a magnificent sum, especially when they figure how much this will amount to in Italian money.

The molders in that plant are not union men and it is for this reason that the company turns a deaf ear to their clamor for the discharge of the Italians. The company believes that the men will not be able to carry on the strike long as they will receive no strike benefits and support from organized labor.

The men, however, declare that they will not return to work until the employment of cheap foreign labor is eliminated.

HILL ROAD KILLS AND MAIMS

Christmas Passengers Meet Death on Incompetently Managed Line.

Enderlin, N. D., Dec. 24.—Nine persons were killed and thirty-seven seriously injured in a collision between a south-bound Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie passenger train and a switch engine in the railroad yards here killed yesterday. Eight of the dead were killed outright; the other succumbed to injuries after removal to a hospital. Of the injured it is feared six are so badly hurt they cannot live.

Immediately after the collision the wrecked passenger cars caught fire, and it was only by the narrowest margin that scores were saved from death in the flames.

The train was loaded to its full capacity with Christmas travelers bound for their homes in the east. All of the fatalities occurred in the smoking car, which was completely telescoped by the baggage car.

Thought to Be Admiral's Cousin El Paso, Tex., Dec. 24.—It is believed here that D. J. Beresford of Medicine Hat, who was killed in the wreck at Enderlin, N. D., yesterday, is Delaval Lord Charles Beresford of the English navy. Delaval James Beresford owned large interests at Medicine Hat and in Mexico, where he made his home on his immense Ojanta ranch near Casagrates state of Chihuahua.

BIG ELECTRICAL STRIKE ENDS

All Strikers Reemployed, but Grievance is Not Adjusted Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The strike of the employes of the General Electric Company was terminated and the men went back to work this morning.

The company agreed to reemploy every one of its former employes. The men on the other hand yielded their demand for the reinstatement of the three draughtsmen, whose discharge will be held some time this week. This after long deliberation the members of the Industrial Workers of the World decided to accept the terms offered by the company and to call off the strike.

BETTER THAN 30c COFFEE Allie Lindsay-Lynch, whose name is familiar to readers of advanced thought literature, under date of December 3, writes:

"So far I have found no cereal coffee to replace the 'Guadara Blend' of coffee Siegel & Cooper handle." We sent the lady a sample of Nutreto. Ten days later she writes: "Your sample of Nutreto has, indeed, been a nut-ret-ol! Find it favor at once, so that each meal since Saturday lunch (December 8) has had for the family drink only this deliciously fragrant Nutreto. The two of us, as one, pronounce it as pleasant flavored as our favorite blend of coffee at 30c per pound, and we fearlessly drink the beverage with no headache from 'cutting out' the old beverage; in fact, we feel as the Socialist does who had dropped either of the old political parties—rejoiced to have found so great an improvement by the id of reason.

"I enclose \$1 and ask that you please hustle along some more of the nut-ret-o (Nutreto). In this cereal you have a good thing without doubt. Nutreto is perfect enough to make me good-natured, and Elmer says he could not have told it was not coffee.—Yours for Humanity, Allie Lindsay-Lynch."

GEORGE KOOP NEXT MAYORAL CANDIDATE

Working Class Caucus Selects Agitator and Printer for Chicago's Chief Executive.

Chicago Socialists at their caucus yesterday selected George Koop, the veteran propagandist and prominent member of the typographical union, as the Socialist candidate for mayor next spring.

At 3 o'clock, when the meeting was called to order by County Secretary J. S. Smith, Ulrich's hall was crowded with party members who had responded to the call.

T. J. Morgan was elected chairman, and A. W. Mance secretary of the meeting.

Chairman Morgan said he would show his appreciation of the honor conferred on him by proceeding at once with the business of receiving nominations for mayor.

After passing a rule that all nomination speeches be limited to five minutes the following persons were nominated: George Koop, Barney Berlyn, Seymour Steadman, J. M. Patterson, William Bross Lloyd, Jacob Wimmen, James S. Smith and Bernard McMahon.

The nomination was declined by all but George Koop, Barney Berlyn, Seymour Steadman and William Bross Lloyd. Some one raised the point that J. M. Patterson was not eligible for a party nomination because he had not been in the party twelve months. The point of order was sustained, and his name was withdrawn.

George Koop was nominated on the second ballot.

Mr. Koop, the choice of the Socialist caucus for mayor, is a prominent member of the Chicago Typographical Union, and one of the best known Socialist workers in the city. There hardly is a street corner or hall in Chicago where he has not preached the gospel of Socialism to large audiences. He is 46 years old, and is employed by the Chicago American. He also is a popular member of the German Turners.

The meeting adjourned with three cheers for Socialism and a working class mayor for Chicago after next April. A collection of \$16.40 was taken up to defray the expenses of the meeting.

After the caucus the meeting was turned into a mass meeting to discuss the daily.

Every one present favored supporting The Chicago Daily Socialist. That a daily paper must support Socialism before the city, state or nation can be taken for Socialism was the view of all.

In a few minutes \$825 was subscribed for the \$10,000 loan with which to buy a press and \$190 in stock pledged. Officers of the Workers' Publishing Society who were present say that the loyalty of party workers assures the success of the daily and 100,000 subscribers.

DRIVERS WANT CRUICE FOR NEXT MAYOR

Denounce Poor Mayor Dunne, But Want to Try Another Lawyer

Resolutions condemning Mayor Dunne and warning the republican and democratic parties of the city that teamsters will not support any candidate like the present mayor, were adopted at a meeting of Commission Drivers' Local No. 73 of the United Teamsters of America yesterday.

Daniel L. Cruice was suggested as a candidate who might be satisfactory to labor and a committee of twenty-five was appointed to wait upon Mr. Cruice. Teamsters appear always to propose a union man.

Mayor Dunne was especially denounced for his conduct in the teamsters' strike and for his attempt at "Russianizing" the city by introducing "a mounted Cossack police force to be used in all future strikes against workmen."

CRUICE CARES NOTHING FOR POLITICAL PAY OR GLORY

"I would not cross the street for the highest political office ever put before man in the history of time," said Daniel L. Cruice when asked if it were correct that he was seeking the nomination on a labor or democratic ticket. He said that he might get the Democratic nomination, but if he did, it would not be of his seeking.

AN OPENING FOR CAPITAL

Low Wages and No "Labor Union Anarchy"—Building Laborers for 10 Cents a Day

Harry L. Paddeck, counsel at Amoy, gives the following report on farmers and scale of wages paid in China: "The farmer is up before daybreak and at work in his sterile fields—fields whose productivity has been exhausted except under high fertilization—and he returns to his little shanty after nightfall. To the view of the foreigner he never rests, and for this never-ending labor he raises a crop of rice or corn that does not support his family for the year.

"His clothing consists of a loin cloth in summer and a coarse cotton suit in the winter. He is simply an example of all the laborers and artisans of China. "All work hard to live and all receive a compensation commensurate with that of the farmer. "The following scale of wages will give some idea of the daily returns received for labor in China (in United States gold): Laborer, 10 cents; mason, 15 cents; artisan, 10 to 20 cents; and clerk, 40 to 50 cents."

JEWISH POPULATION TO BE AROUSED

Striking Bakers Will Organize Civic Demonstration Against Open Shop

A demonstration of striking Jewish bakers throughout the ghetto to arouse the sympathy of the Jewish population against the baker bosses, who still refuse to come to terms with the men on the basis of a closed shop, healthful and in many places simply was determined upon at a meeting of the United Hebrew Trades yesterday.

Tonight a mass meeting will be held at 540 Jefferson street, where arrangements for this demonstration will be made. Six of the twenty-four baker bosses have already settled with the union and are now running as closed shops.

The strike deeply stirred a great portion of the ghetto population, as the conditions under which the Jewish bakers work are known to be unhealthy and in many places simply abominable. They have to work in cellars, which are not a third as large as a properly ventilated bakery shop should be. Many of the bakers claim that a number of these shops are simply traps for consumption.

DE RAYLAN WAS AGENT OF THE "BUND"

Woman's Wives Confirm Report That Russian Official Was a Spy.

The secret of Nicolai De Raylan's double life has at last been revealed. He was connected with the revolutionary parties of Russia, chiefly the Russian "Bund," the first revolutionary body of a girl caused her to change her attire and assume the role of a man. Trouble from this source and the revolutionary side caused her to leave Russia and come to the United States.

After coming here she kept up a correspondence with her lover in Russia. De Raylan refers to her as "my angel girl" and from the start kept his angel girl supplied with money through a regular remittance.

The solution of the mystery has been accomplished through the two women who were married to De Raylan.

GO AFTER LOAN SHARKS

Toledo Man's Experience a Common One Among Wage Earners

[Special Correspondence.] Toledo, O., Dec. 24.—Edward Re ide, an employe of the Lake Shore railway company, has brought suit for an injunction restraining the Railway Discount company from proceeding to garnish his salary. City Solicitor Northup is conducting this case in his campaign against the loan sharks.

Radde alleges that he borrowed \$25 of the company, paid back \$34.70, and still owes the company, according to the figures, \$17.70, since Feb. 10, the date of the "loan."

SCIENTIST WORKS FOR \$1 A MONTH

Other Poorly Paid Millionaire Laborers in the Public Service

The world's greatest authority on fishes works for \$1 a month. By a strange coincidence, his name is Gill—Dr. Theodore Gill—and he seems supremely content in his work at 3 cents per day. He occupies a room in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington and collects his pay regularly from Uncle Sam. His private fortune of one quarter of a million helps to defray personal expenses not covered by his monthly wage of \$1.

He is a Harvard graduate worth several million dollars, a partner of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., and is satisfied to serve the people for \$4,500 a year. He is satisfied with his work for the pleasure and reputation it gives, and subscribes himself Robert Bacon, Assistant Secretary of War, U. S. A.

Many rich men are employed in the scientific bureaus of the United States government. It is notoriously a fact that science pays poor wages, yet Dr. Harrison G. Dyer, one of the greatest "lepidopterists" living, toils for long hours every day for the modest sum of \$25 a month. He can fall back upon a large personal fortune to "make both ends meet," however.

These are a few instances out of many giving the lie to the oft-repeated assertion that gold is the sole incentive to toil.

COAST LABOR DISCUSS JAPS

[Special Correspondence.] San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—A mass meeting attended by over 2,500 people passed resolutions denouncing President Roosevelt for interfering with San Francisco's local school affairs. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Japanese and Korean Exclusion League.

The meeting was presided over by A. Iviotmo, president of the state Building Trades Council.

Among the speakers who addressed the meeting were Ma, or Schmitz, Peace Commissioner W. R. Hogarty, who is also president of the San Francisco Labor Council, and Walter McArthur, editor of the Coast Seaman's Journal.

Mayor Schmitz said that he was "willing to lay down his life by the side of his fellow men in fighting the Japanese hordes." He said that it was a question of self-preservation for the merchant and business man as well as for the laborer, and declared that the Japanese were more of a menace than the Chinese. If naturalized, as proposed by President Roosevelt, he said, they would come to California in such numbers that they would not only control the state by their votes but would make inroads into the prosperity of the country.

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 25 cents extra.—Adv. 1f

MAN HACKED TO DEATH IN STREET

Christmas Causes Quarrel That Brings on Awful Duel in State Street.

One man was hacked to death and another lies fatally injured as a result of a desperate duel with knives fought early to-day in front of a theater at State, near Harrison street.

The fight was the result of a quarrel over a woman.

Robert Mering, 2505 West Twenty-fifth street, was killed, and John Connors is in Mercy hospital in a dangerous condition.

The duel was witnessed by a crowd that thronged the street, having been drawn from the adjacent lodging houses by the shrieks of the fighters as new wounds were inflicted.

Mering fell dead at last with twenty-five knife wounds in his body, being literally hacked to pieces.

Connors has eight knife stabs in the neck and lungs.

The men were employed as teamsters and had recently quarreled several times. The immediate quarrel was precipitated by a remark of Mering that it would not be a very merry Christmas for him this year.

Connors replied that he would have as merry a one as was coming to him. Then knives were drawn and they clinched.

The fight was short and furious. Each antagonist held an arm of the other and slashed and stabbed with the other.

STRIKE PARALYZES TRAFFIC

Walkout of Engine Men Causes Southern Pacific Tieup

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—New Orleans is paralyzed by the strike of firemen and locomotive engineers. Traffic throughout Texas, Louisiana and other southern states is already affected.

Negroes have taken the places made vacant by the firemen and nonunion engineers have been found to act as strikebreakers. But in spite of this, the strikers expect victory.

Conferences are being held in Wall street. Harriman, the railway king, has it in his power to adjust the grievances of the men.

The strike is the result of the Southern Pacific signing an exclusive agreement with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The firemen's organization controls eighty-five of the engineers and is determined to be recognized.

MILLIONAIRE BISHOP POTTER TO "SAVE" JEWS

Will Begin Systematic Scheme to "Uplift" East Side Hebrews

New York, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Plans to attack the enemy from behind laid by the Diocese of the Episcopal church some time ago, failed. The ministers of that church, and Millionaire Bishop Potter, who have long been watching the Jewish residents of the East side with alarm, because the majority of them are Socialists, and are sure to become a vital political power in the near future, have decided to begin a process of "uplifting" them.

The church dignitaries at a convention held recently, declared that an active campaign must be carried on among the Jews of the East side to save them from agnosticism—the dignitaries were afraid to say Socialist.

Rev. W. R. Huntington declared that religion is in the great part lost among the Jews of the East side and that there is a distinct call for the Episcopal church to go and save them.

By substituting the word agnosticism when it really meant to say Socialist, it at once arrayed against itself the entire Jewish clergy of the United States, while, if it had openly stated that it intends to carry on a propaganda against Socialism it would probably have had their support.

BRYAN AND MCKINLEY HAVE DELINQUENT FATHER

Toledo, O., Dec. 21.—Sylvanus Dixon was arrested here on a warrant charging him with non-support of his twin sons, Bryan and McKinley.

MOVED UP

Si Oateake.—"Hav yew heard anything 'vur son lately that went 'ev' th' city last spring?" Hi Hariz.—"Gosh, yes! He's made his way th' front, all right." Si Oateake.—"Yew don't tell me!" Hi Hariz.—"It's er fact. He started in ez conductor on a street car, an' now he's a motorman."

German compositors have arranged a new agreement with the master printers, which is to be in force for five years. The claim of the men was a 15 per cent increase of tariff rates. They have obtained 10 per cent increase a week, a reduction of hours from nine a day to eight and a half; they have obtained only half an hour off on Saturdays.

The Boston trolley and elevated railway men will receive a voluntary advance in wages Jan. 1. The increase will amount to \$160,000 annually, and 5,300 men are benefited.

CHRISTMAS AND THE CHILDREN

Tiny Tim at Yuletide is the type of child we long to see happy. He appeals to our hearts. Yet the most of us do nothing to make him enjoy himself then or afterward. A little giving does the user good, especially if it is something useful and needed, and hence apt to be permanently appreciated by the recipient.

But this does not make for the permanent betterment of either if it is followed throughout the balance of the bitter winter and the year with acts of selfish greed and labor cruelties on the part of the donor and consequent suffering and poverty on the part of the donee.

The thought and teaching of to-day is to do good by rare spells and "do 'em good" right along steadily. At Christmas let the heart expand and the better nature come to the surface. Make the children (particularly your own) happy. Be a true Santa Claus. But the rest of the year be a bear, ripping and tearing, squeezing and clawing, until profits drip perforce out of dead bodies. Turn the Christmas spirit inside out and put Tiny Tim to work down deep in the bowels of the earth, where he will act as monkey to a pair of intelligent mules, or, better yet, breaker boy to a beer-soaked boss for the rest of the year. But, of course, do not forget him on the Glad Yuletide!

Isn't it really ridiculous when you stop to think of it all? "Be iron" is the command of the present day regime, but seem the pliant wood!

Well, it is hard for a skeptical optimist to enter into the deceits of our capitalistic society with any zest even at this season of the year. The beautiful story of a real Santa Claus coming down the truly chimney may be revived for the very young children, who are yet believ-

ers, and in so far as this drama is played Christmas becomes one of pleasure and joy to adults and tots. Outside of this it is but a sad reminder of the methods of capitalism. Gloss over Golgothas with a sickly sentimentality and on with the march of death and destruction!

May we not take a peep into the future and imagine how Christmas will be observed by the new order?

Santa Claus will still be the good saint of the little ones—the old poetry will not be allowed to die. But instead of the carnival of reckless buying, extravagant giving and cruel neglects, there will be sympathetic attention given where it is needed, affecting whole classes as well as individual cases. For a concrete example, some slight reduction might be made at Christmas time in the hours of labor of every one—all being workers. This would then give leisure to up-build the home, preserve the family, educate the child and to experiment in aerial navigation or write elegies on capitalism.

No individual gifts to suborn universities would be announced to strike terror into the hearts of the people—the possibility of their being offered or accepted would have passed away. But some new idea involving the brotherhood of men, women and children would be worked out into detail and announced as glad tidings and received as such.

"Love one another," black, white, yellow or tanned, Maori or Filipino—child, woman or decrepit valetudinarian—this at Yuletide as well as during the balance of the year would be the keynote of the song of the new age—the age of Socialism—of social ideals realized in the institutions of the day!

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

REPORT OF EVENTS REDUCED TO PARAGRAPHS FOR EASY READING AFTER SUPPER

During the past year 500,000 people were killed and maimed in the industrial field of the United States. War could not be much worse.

E. V. Brake, labor commissioner of Colorado, is now drafting a bill which provides for the inspection of factories and other places where boys, girls and young women are employed. This bill will demand that all factories shall be sanitary, and that the greatest care shall be exercised in the protection of human life.

W. E. Smith, president of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, is dead from pneumonia at his home in Coal City, Ill.

The parliament of South Australia has adopted a law authorizing the purchase of all tramways by the government. The lines will be electrified immediately and managed by a joint commission representing the federal government and the municipalities. Sentiment favoring the public ownership of all public utilities is growing fast.

Samuel P. Bowler, 2619 Calumet avenue, Sunday school teacher, was arrested last night on a charge of stealing Christmas packages while in the employ of the Wells-Fargo Express company.

After being legally dead for forty-five years, Charles Joseph Glover has risen from the grave to claim part of the estate of his sister Nancy Glover. He arrived the day before the will was to have been probated in favor of his sister's niece and will contest in court at Kenosha, Wis.

The Pope says that if his presence would accomplish anything in France he would immediately go to the scene of conflict.

Eli Slifer, former saloon keeper, now a plum worker and champion of Sunday closing, spoke at the Wesley Methodist church last night. He told his audience that Hinky Dink's free lunch was not fit to eat. He said that Alderman Kenna's so-called charity is nothing but a cheap method of advertising.

Senator Thomas C. Platt is planning to resign at the end of the present congress. It is said that plans are being laid to have Governor Hughes appoint Elihu Root to succeed him as United States senator from New York state. Dewey will hold on until Roosevelt is ready to take his place.

The county board is discussing plans for a \$225,000 poorhouse. They say it will be removed from the city a considerable distance and also far from Dunning.

Mayor Schmitz said that he was "willing to lay down his life by the side of his fellow men in fighting the Japanese hordes" at a meeting of 2,300 San Francisco residents. A resolution was passed condemning the president for his attitude on this question.

The Pacific Garden mission will give its annual dinner to the poor Christmas morning at 10:30 o'clock. Trustees and prominent business men will speak.

Urban Laska, 45 years old, 642 West Seventeenth place, died yesterday at the West Side hospital from injuries caused by being run over by a switch engine on the Chicago Terminal Transfer railroad tracks at Sixteenth and Wood streets. He was crossing the track on his way home from work Sunday night when the accident happened.

John Alexander Dowie has once again risen from the dead and expects to revive and regain Zion.

CONCERT AND DANCE

Given by the N. W. Jewish Speaking Branch of the S. P. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST Saturday Evening, December 29th, 1906, at Columbia Hall, 311 West Division Street TICKETS, 15c ENTREE, 5 P. M.

King's Restaurant 112-14-16-18 FIFTH AVENUE OPEN DAY AND NIGHT HAS STOOD THE TEST FOR 20 YEARS

We Must Have a Printing Plant

There never was such a need, never such an opportunity for a daily Socialist paper as at the present moment in Chicago.

The new Charter, the traction and telephone question, the education struggle, the whole battle of labor is approaching a white heat.

On the capitalist side of this battle are the most perfect press facilities in the whole world. On the labor side there is the Daily Socialist.

To secure the permanence of this paper, your paper, our paper, the worker's paper, WE MUST HAVE OUR OWN PLANT.

We can secure that plant when we can obtain the loan of ten thousand dollars.

There are certainly more than one hundred readers of this paper who have more than a hundred dollars each to loan for such a purpose.

The security is better than that of the average industrial undertaking. Every person who has investigated the situation agrees on that point.

We do not exaggerate things because we would simply be cheating ourselves if we did. No one connected with the publication of the paper will profit by the success of this paper to any greater extent than any worker who circulates it, reads it, works for it.

But we want it to succeed, for the same reasons that you do—because we cannot get free until all are free, AND THIS PAPER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM.

What we wish to impress upon the minds of every reader is that whatever is done must be done QUICK.

We have no capital on which to maintain the paper while the matter is being debated.

We must have two things and have them at once.

We must have stock subscriptions to carry the paper until the plant is secured. These should come from individuals and locals of the Socialist party, and will be needed principally WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS.

In the second place we need the loan for the plant. This must necessarily come from a few individuals. This need not be sent at once. In fact no money will be asked for unless the whole loan is subscribed for, and not until it is so subscribed.

This loan will bear six per cent. interest and will be repaid in eighteen months from the date it is made.

LET US HEAR FROM EVERYONE WHO WISHES TO SEE A SOCIALIST DAILY IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

A Living Wage

Several investigators have recently made careful estimates of what is the lowest sum that will maintain a healthy animal existence for the average family. Among those who have contributed to this discussion are Albion W. Small of the University of Chicago, Simon N. Patten, of the University of Pennsylvania, and John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers.

The results of all these investigations have been summed up in a recent book by Prof. John A. Ryan, of the Roman Catholic Seminary of St. Paul, Minn. Not one of these men, it will be noted, is a Socialist.

They all roughly agree that \$600.00 is the minimum living wage. Professor Ryan concludes that this sum is below the living point in the great cities, but is approximately as accurate as can be stated. He lays down the following propositions as the final conclusions of his book on "The Living Wage."

First, anything LESS than \$600.00 a year is NOT a living wage in any of the cities of the United States.

Second, this sum is PROBABLY a living wage in those cities of the southern states in which fuel, clothing, food and some other items of expenditure are cheaper than in the north.

Third, it is POSSIBLY a living wage in the moderately sized cities of the West, North, and East.

Fourth, in some of the largest cities of the last-named regions it is certainly NOT a living wage.

The Massachusetts Bureau of Labor has just completed an investigation into the wages paid in that state and gives the following as the result:

The gross number of persons employed in the 90 industries or branches of industry was 520,295. But 26,009, or 5.02 per cent. of those employed received \$600 or more as average yearly earnings.

The report shows that even this percentage is too high and finally concludes that only 4.73 per cent. of those employed received \$600 a year.

THIS WAS IN THE PROSPEROUS YEAR OF 1905.

If in this year of PROSPERITY LESS THAN FIVE PER CENT. of the workers received a living wage, what per cent. of them receive it in an AVERAGE YEAR?

Remember that this standard was not set by Socialists. Remember that these figures were not gathered or published by Socialists.

Remember that they were gathered at a time when industry was almost, if not quite, at its flood tide.

THEN NEVER SAY AGAIN THAT THE SOCIALIST IS EXAGGERATING WHEN HE SPEAKS OF "STARVATION" WAGES.

Turn these figures over in your mind until their terrible significance sinks home.

These figures tell us THAT NINETY-FIVE PER CENT. OF THE WORKERS RECEIVE LESS THAN ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN THEM AS HEALTHY ANIMALS.

It is not a case of a "submerged tenth," but of a SUBMERGED NINE-TENTHS.

The best Christmas present you can make a friend is a subscription to the Daily Socialist. It will carry a reminder of you every day in the year. It will help to make possible the day when all shall be free and will, by adding one more fighter to the ranks of freedom, bring you back a richer Christmas present before the end of the year.

WHO IS GETTING PROSPERITY?

Wage increases in this country have become epidemic. Farm wages have risen in all parts of the country, so that they will probably average ten per cent more than a year ago. The wages of domestic help, in both city and country, have risen materially and will probably average ten per cent more than a year ago and twenty or twenty-five per cent more than six or eight years ago.

Probably the best test of the general rise in the money wage level in this country is furnished by the statistics of railroads, made yearly to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Unfortunately these are usually more than a year old before they are tabulated and published. These, in 1904, showed an increase in wages over 1896 or 1897 of less than ten per cent. Since then, until November of this year, average railroad wages have scarcely risen more than four or five per cent. Apparently nearly all of the roads have either recently raised, or will soon raise, the wages of all getting \$200 a month or less.

As about half of the employes of railroads consist of skilled and half of unskilled labor, and also about half of or-

ganized and half of unorganized labor, it is safe to assume that the average rise of money wages of railroad employes is a fair average for the whole country. This being true, it would appear that money wages will not now average more than twenty per cent higher than they averaged ten years ago.

As there are about 30,000,000 workers in this country, receiving an average of about \$600 each per year, the total wage bill amounts to about \$18,000,000,000. If this is 120 per cent of what the same earners would have received in 1896, they would then have received \$15,000,000,000. But to buy what they could then have bought with \$15,000,000,000 wage earners today would have to have \$21,000,000,000. Hence the difference between what our wage earners actually get and what they should get, on the 1896 basis, is \$3,000,000,000 a year.

The Firemen Like It

Every fireman in Chicago should read the Chicago Daily Socialist. It is another of the papers that makes an honest fight for the fireman, and reckons not whether, by so doing, it displeases those who sit in the seats of the mighty.

If your company is not a subscriber, bring the matter up and insist that a vote be taken on the subject. With very few exceptions, every house in the department subscribes regularly for the American and Examiner. We have in the Socialist another friend that should receive our hearty aid and support.

The Socialist did not have to be asked to help the firemen in their fight for the platoon system. The management, ever on the alert for news beneficial to the working classes, found what we were doing, and after a thorough study of the situation, took up our fight and with right good will has exposed the trickery that is going on every day in the fire department, as well as showing up fraud, trickery and dishonesty everywhere it can find it.

Read the Socialist, "The Story of the Chicago School Fight," and learn something about a condition which is depriving you and your children and your children's children of millions of dollars that should be used for educational purposes.

Wake up, get some ginger into your system and imbibe some moral courage from the ringing editorials of this truly wonderful paper, which ignores the powers which ordinarily choke a daily paper and blue pencils every news item which it does not like, or which, if published, might awaken the dormant nature of our easy going populace.

It is an inherent right of man to think and act for himself. To do as he pleases, as long as he does not impose on the rights of his fellow man. Most of us, however, form our opinions from the columns of the daily papers, as a result we look at things from a biased standpoint and unintentionally do ourselves a vast amount of injury.

ESPERANTO

Esperanto should be hailed by all Socialists and Internationalists, for it will facilitate correspondence between the workers of all countries. Esperanto is the new language invented by Dr. Zamenhof, a Polish professor. It is offered as an auxiliary language to the great primary language of the world as an easy medium of international exchange.



The recently published annual report of the Glasgow Corporation Tramways shows that during the past year the total income from the municipal street car service was £20,938 14s. 7d., or a little over \$4,104,693.

The working expenses, not counting depreciation, were £456,268 19s. 2d., or a little over \$2,281,340, leaving a gross balance of £364,669 15s. 5d., to which should be added the interest on surplus revenue, making in all £369,415 2s. 2d., or a little over \$1,847,075.

Of this amount a little over half a million dollars was paid into the sinking fund and for interest. Over sixty thousand dollars was paid for taxes; over four hundred and twenty thousand dollars was credited for depreciation. Over three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars was credited to the permanent wage renewals fund; over one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars was paid into the common good fund for city improvements that will benefit the individuals of the community, raising the standard of living and fostering the happiness and development of all the people; and over one hundred and eighty thousand dollars was carried over to the general reserve fund.

CHRISTMAS

On that long expected morn.— To a world benighted, forlorn, (In a lowly manger born), Came Christ, the Son of God. Vain did selfish powers assail—

Childhood pure and sweet He knew— Youth's rich promise blessed He true; Manhood's power o'er all proved true; The incarnate Son of God. Taught how sin and wrong to quell—

Through Love and Brotherhood— Christian Brotherhood. This belated Christmas morn— World with strife and sorrow torn; Let the Christ anew be born. Let all be sons of God.

There is five dollars waiting for the man that writes the best objection to Socialism, and he gets it out of the Socialist, too.

A Laugh or A Smile

By P. B.

Better Trained "Do you ever go through your husband's pockets after he is asleep?" "No, I don't have to. I always make my husband give me his money, as soon as he gets paid."

Better Method "Opportunity knocks at every man's door but once." "It does nothing of the kind. Opportunity in the twentieth century has to push an electric door bell."

The Reason "I suppose you like to live in the suburbs on account of the fresh vegetables you can eat." "Yes, one can buy them very cheaply in the suburbs."

The United States senate is doubtless deeply interested in the fight for the abolition of the house of lords, now being waged in England.

He Knew "And now," said the hold-up man to his friend, the shop-lifter, "I guess I will take my annual vacation." "How is that?"

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Capitalist Christmas Spirit

The Christmas season has always been held up as a sort of break in the horrors of capitalism. During all the rest of the year the economists agree that the ruling social force is grab and greed.

But during these few blessed weeks, the novelists, the preachers, the editors, the sermonizers of all kinds would have us believe that capitalism suspends its struggle, becomes charitable, loving, brotherly.

AND MOST PEOPLE THINK THEY BELIEVE THIS. They think they believe it because they want to believe it,—because man is naturally good, and humane and fraternal.

LET US NOT BE AFRAID OF THE TRUTH, EVEN IF IT DOES HURT. The fact is that nowhere is the imprint of capitalism more black and destructive than on the Christmas season.

The Christmas season is synonymous with increased toil, with feverish, unpaid exertion, with fierce burning up of the stuff of which life is made, for millions of the working class.

This season means that child lives are blighted in the manufacture of tawdry emblems of peace and love and fraternity.

The very gift-giving that is supposed to be emblematic of the exchange of human service, an expression of mutual love, has become but another phase of bargaining between individuals, where it is not but a means of advertising, or bribing rebellious wage-slaves into quietness.

Everywhere the black blight of capitalism has spread over the face of the Christmas season, as it has been spread over everything else in our society.

Like the Santa Claus myth of our childhood, so the Christmas myth of love, fraternity and good cheer to all has disappeared with the manhood of commercialism.

But just as the Santa Claus myth has behind it the reality of parental love, so there lies behind the awful caricature of the Christmas spirit which exists today the reality of man's desire to serve his fellow man.

When all shall be engaged in fraternal, productive, happy labor, and each may work only as his desires remain unfulfilled, with the full knowledge that his product shall be his own to use, to give or to exchange, then there will arise the possibility of the realization of what we try to deceive ourselves now exists, and which we call the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

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Objections to Socialism

Socialists how they would manage the railroad, for example, and they will destroy only avoid this vital discussion. In fact, I have not yet received two answers alike. How could they be managed so as to satisfy the people engaged in other industries, we well as those in that industry itself? How and who, would deal out the product according to what each produces? If there are one million employees the management would have at least one million problems to settle each day. The fact that the same man will produce more one day than another is generally known. For Mr. Socialist, you will have to keep busy and show no favoritism, there is lots of trouble ahead.

A SERGEANT OF POLICE.