

It would be ungrateful for the poor to get hungry within a year after their Christmas dinner

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## BIG BUSINESS USES DYNAMITE AND ARMED FORCE TO DESTROY COMPETITION

### Oetting Brothers, Ice Dealers, Fight Scheme to Drain Camp Lake and Destroy Value of Storage Houses

### DAMS WIPED OUT BY EXPLOSION AND PRIVATE ARMY DEFIES COURT

### Wall Street Greed for Dividends Threatens Business Ruin for Small Chicago Dealers—Military Force, Armed With Latest Rifles, Hold Dam Site for Knickerbocker Ice Company

[By a Staff Correspondent.]

Trevor, Wis., Jan. 3.—Dynamite, armed guards, court injunctions and ditches are being used here in a war between the Knickerbocker Ice Company and Oetting Brothers, a smaller concern.

The story of conflict supplies one of the most exciting chapters in the recent history of big business. In its quest for profits the Knickerbocker Ice Company has resorted to unlawful methods, violence, intimidation and to legal measures when convenient. Dams are blown up by dynamite and armed men guard the interests of the ice trust.

Its plan is to prevent Oetting Bros. from cutting ice on Camp lake. To bring this about and make useless the big 40,000-ton icehouse the Oettings have on Camp lake, the Knickerbocker and its lawless band of armed men have done violence more startling than any charged to labor unions.

**Murder May Result**

That men have not been killed is surprising. Murder may yet result from the civil war waged by a mighty force of capital against a small business concern.

The communities near Camp lake have been corrupted by money and drawn into the fight as each man's interests appear. Farmer boys, armed and drilled, now act as an army for the Knickerbocker company. They get \$1 a day and rations.

George Faulkner is chief in command of the Knickerbocker force. He has the latest style of repeating rifles, pistols and dynamite bombs. Their duty is to see that Oetting Bros. do not dam the big ditch the Knickerbocker company had excavated to drain Camp lake and make it useless as far as cutting ice is concerned.

**Fight for Business Life**

It is hard to believe that men can be hired by Wall street gamblers to fight with guns and dynamite for petty profits now taken by a small ice company. It is difficult to understand that Wall street gamblers will go to such an extent to put out of business a small ice company composed of hard working brothers. But such is the case.

Oetting Bros. have customers in Chicago. Unlike most of the smaller dealers they cut and store their own supply of ice in the winter and sell it in the summer.

This deprived the Knickerbocker company of a small profit. The big ice trust desires to control all ice sold in Chicago. Its plan is to make all small dealers buy their supplies of the Knickerbocker and thus the Wall street boys will get a profit on every cake.

**Oettings Determined**

Oetting Bros. continued to do business, however, in spite of all kinds of schemes to ruin them. This year they arranged as usual to cut ice on Camp lake, where their big ice houses are located.

Early this fall workmen began digging a ditch. It wormed its way across the country, and two weeks ago it connected Camp and Channel lakes. It is six feet wide and has about the same depth.

This canal was rapidly running all the Camp lake water into Channel lake, where the Knickerbocker cuts ice.

About this time dynamite destroyed the dam that Oetting Bros. had built at the mouth of the lake, by agreement with farmers whose land joined the water's edge.

**To Make Ice Houses Useless**

This scheme to ruin their business, deprive them of their means of getting a living and wiping out thousands of dol-

lars invested in ice houses on Camp lake caused Oetting Bros. to jump into the fight. Not being millionaires, they still have respect for the law.

They began suit in Kenosha and secured an injunction against further dynamiting and giving them authority to rebuild the dam at the natural outlet and also to dam the ditch.

This injunction fell flat, however. The Knickerbocker company at once stationed a detachment of its army at the dam site with orders to shoot, and shoot to kill, any man who attempted to rebuild the dam.

**Build New Dams**

Three-quarters of a mile below, Oetting Bros. succeeded in building a new dam, and about half way between Camp and Channel lake they dammed the ditch. The Knickerbocker army has not yet attacked the Oettings at these new points.

Neither of these steps has restored the lake to its old level, but they will enable Oetting Bros. to cut ice and be competitors of the Knickerbocker company again next summer, unless something is done to wipe out the dams again.

The Oetting ice houses are under constant guard. It is feared that they will accidentally be destroyed by fire before the ice-cutting season is well under way. Both sides are desperate; Oetting Bros. to defend their rights and the Knickerbocker company to get more profits.

Numerous other small ice dealers have been wiped out in the past. Mysterious fires destroyed their property. Ditches drained their lakes, and they found it impossible to get cars.

Oetting Bros., however, are made of different stuff. They do not propose to sell out or be driven out. They will fight the devil with fire if the law officers prove incompetent.

Herman Oetting is vice-president of the company, composed of four stalwart brothers. He is on the firing line, and in active charge of the guards that watch the Oetting ice houses day and night.

So far the Knickerbocker company has failed to destroy Camp lake, and its next line of attack is not known. That it will attack seems certain.

**Countryside Against Trust**

The countryside is against them, although a large number of adventurous country boys have enlisted in the Knickerbocker Ice Company army which is in winter quarters on Camp lake and along the ditch.

The dynamiting of the dam took place on the night of Dec. 21. A federal injunction now restrains the Knickerbocker company from using any more dynamite. Oetting Bros. have offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the man who blew up the dam.

John Mutz deputy sheriff of Kenosha county, is working on the case. "Evidence shows a conspiracy to ruin the business of Oetting Bros.," he said today.

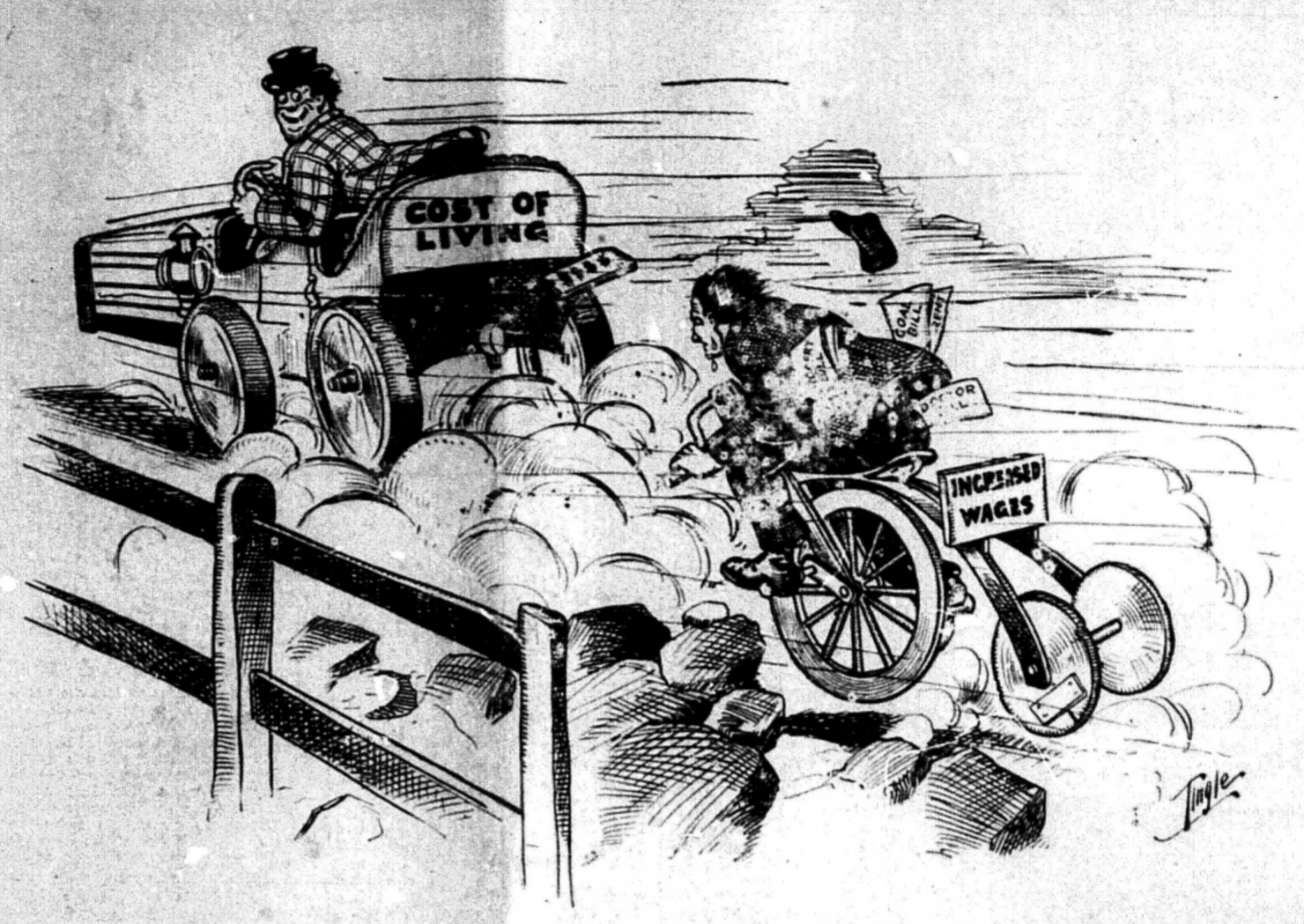
Threats are made by angry citizens who gain a livelihood by entertaining summer resorters. If the lake is destroyed their means of gaining a living will be destroyed.

**Inordinate Greed**

All this fight is the result of the inordinate greed of the Knickerbocker Ice Company for profits. It soon will become a part of the Western Ice Company, a \$25,000,000 concern which confidently expects to control the ice business in Chicago and other cities. If the Camp lake war is an indication of its policy, it is determined to control even if dynamite and armed men are necessary.

**Cold Wave To-Morrow**

Light snow carries to-night. Cold wave Friday. Temperature Friday about 10 degrees above zero.



A RACE FOR LIFE

### MRS. PALMER IS NOT A RADICAL

### She Says August Belmont Concealed Scheme to Stop "Unrest" by Pink Tea to Labor

### PALMERS COST MORE THAN DUNNING PAUPERS

### Wages and Hours to Have No Place in "Social Labor" Conference—New York's Greatest Union Buster to be Present

Mrs. Potter Palmer is not radical nor "socialistic." She says so herself, and denies that she ever entertained an idea of assisting in overthrowing the capitalist system which enables her incompetent sons to live off the labor of thousands of competent and useful workers.

The Palmers, who do not work, cost the people who do work more than all the paupers at Dunning.

If the pauper suddenly inherits the Palmer money they still could live in idleness, but the burden on those who work would not be less.

### Mrs. Palmer Talks

"The stories printed are foolish," said Mrs. Palmer today. "I am interested in the work of the federation and have been for years. I received a telegram asking if I would give my house for one session, and was informed that Cyrus McCormick and Franklin MacVeagh were among those managing the affairs of the meeting."

"I called them up, and finding that the statements in the message were correct, I gave consent that my house should be used, stipulating, however, that I would not take any of the work upon myself—the sending out of invitations or any of the planning for the meeting."

"There is nothing radical about the federation and its work, so far as I understand them, although I do not wish to speak for the organization. The aims are worthy ones, and it seems to me, should be of interest to all men and women."

### Glad to Assist

"I am glad if I can be of assistance to the federation in its coming meeting, and I am glad at all times to allow the use of my house; but it is foolish to argue from that, as some of the morning papers did, that I am becoming socialistic. That word is so often misconstrued that it is not always safe to use it. I have any sociological propensities to advance simple because I have consented that the federation, in the work of which I am interested, should meet in my house."

### Prune Dealer Interviewed

Franklin MacVeagh, when asked the reason for the federation desiring to hold the session at Mrs. Palmer's residence, instead of in a public hall, said: "A meeting such as this will be appropriate to be held in a private residence, it seems to me. I can't say just why the federation requested the use of Mrs. Palmer's residence, but I see nothing strange in it. The conference will not be a large but that it can be held in a residence."

"Many interesting matters will be dis-

### RUSS REBELS JOIN AMERICAN WORKERS

**Bund Delegates Decide to Join With Trade Unions and Socialist Party**

New York, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Members of the Russian Bund in the United States will henceforward affiliate with the Socialist party of America.

This was the sense of the fourth annual convention of the Bund in this city.

The indifference which existed on the part of many of the members of the Bund to the Socialist and trade unionist movements of this country was censured at the convention, and all were agreed to affiliate themselves with the Socialist party.

The convention was one of the most successful that was held so far. Delegates were present from over eighty branches of the Bund throughout the United States.

### REICHSTAG DISSOLVED TO INJURE SOCIALIST

Berlin, Jan. 3.—Chancellor von Bulow has announced that the purpose of the government, in dissolving the Reichstag, was to strengthen the minor Liberal parties and to fight, and if possible weaken, both the Social Democrats and the Clerical Center.

Seeing the ever-growing cleanness of the class struggle, he hoped to create a confused buffer party that should prevent the victory of the revolutionary forces.

He declares that he places the Social Democrats first as the most hated and claims that the Socialists have so undermined the popular conceptions of authority, property, religion and patriotism, that the nation is in danger.

### HOW IS THIS FOR ROMANCE?

Petersburg, Ind., Jan. 3.—Footsore and weary Miss Ida White, aged eighteen, of Washington, Ind., arrived in this city late yesterday evening from Highlands, Ind., where she had gone to be married on New Year's day to Roy Jackson, aged twenty-one, a young farmer. After the girl arrived the would-be groom decided he did not want to marry and so informed the girl. Through the mud and rain she walked twelve miles to this city, haunted by lawyers, and fled just for breach of promise against Jackson in the sum of \$1,000. She claims to have met Jackson in Washington several months ago, and it was there that he proposed marriage to her.

### ENGINEERS AUTOCRATS

That the board of supervising engineers, as proposed, would be an arbitrary body usurping the power both of city council and courts.

That the ordinance obligates the city to pay, in event of purchase, for millions of dollars worth of property it would not need.

That the ordinance is not at all in accord with the Wernio plan.

That the subway provision is dangerous and ambiguous.

The Tribune, Evening Post, the Daily News and other capitalist newspapers favor the deal.

### ONE MORE FOR TRACTION CO.

Patrik Donegan was injured, probably fatally, when he fell off an overcrowded Chicago City railway car at Eighty-fourth street and Superior avenue. Donegan was taken to St. Bernard's hospital.

### CHILD LABOR AND SALOONS

Suppression of bucket shops. Rigid child labor laws. Compulsory education law. Liberal appropriation law for Missouri building at Jamestown exposition. Law creating a state excise commission to regulate liquor traffic. Thinkers that breweries should not be permitted to own saloons. Increase in number of Supreme court justices. Adoption of resolution calling on congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the national constitution. Passage of pure food law. Commission to revise the laws.

### A GAY LOUCHARIO

Elyria, Ohio, Jan. 3.—J. W. Morgan, who is wanted in Grand county, Michigan, on a charge of deserting his wife and eloping with a fourteen-year-old girl, was arrested Tuesday at Oberlin as he was calling for his mail.

### LAWYER EXPOSES TRACTION STEAL

### Big Car Line Graft Boosted by All Newspapers Except this and the Hearst Papers, Proved Crooked

### KNEAD BREAD WITH FEET

**No Law to Prevent "Foot Power" in Baks Shops**

(Scripps-McRae Press Association.)

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 3.—New York city still eats considerable bread that is kneaded with the feet. This is the startling statement contained in the report of P. Tecumseh Sherman, state commissioner of labor.

In numerous Italian shops in the metropolis, he states, most of the dough is foot kneaded and the custom continues despite all efforts of the department to stamp it out.

It is difficult to end the practice, Mr. Sherman points out, for the reason that there is nothing positively illegal or necessarily insanitary about it.

### NO ONE TO ENFORCE PURE FOOD LAW

**Political-Business Men Apparently Put Crimp in Uncle Sam's Good Resolutions**

Anxious food manufacturers, wholesale chemists and liquor dealers found themselves balked yesterday in their efforts to avoid violations of the federal pure food and drug law which went into effect on the first of the year. For this the government itself was more than half responsible.

In the whole of Chicago there could be found no single official who was charged with the responsibility of prosecuting violators or of supplying desired information.

Throughout the day the telephone in the office of the district attorney was kept ringing and the federal prosecutors were plying with questions which they were unable to answer. Manufacturers of drugs and of liquors impounded Chief Clerk Small for information to the provisions of the new law. Mr. Small referred some of the calls to District Attorney Sims, but neither was able to throw any light upon the complicated situation which has been brought about.

### HOW ORPHANS ARE "PLACED OUT" BY AGENTS

(Scripps-McRae Press Association.)

Tasarkana, Ark., Jan. 3.—H. A. Brinkerhoff, a farmer at Fulton, 20 miles east of here, was bound over to the grand jury here to-day on a charge of criminal assault. Brinkerhoff was released on \$3,000 bonds. Recently he applied to an orphanage at St. Louis for a girl for nurse and companion for his wife. Effie Hines, 14 years old, was sent a week ago. It is charged that Brinkerhoff took her to a hotel, where they spent the night. He denies any wrong-doing, but the girl on the stand swore that he had debauched her. Brinkerhoff's father resides at Upper Sandusky, O., and is reported wealthy.

### WILL COMSTOCK BE POSTMASTER GENERAL?

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—The report that Anthony Comstock will be appointed postmaster general of the United States is given no credence in well-informed circles here.

### TRIBUNE IS FOR WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

That is If the Notorious Jake Kesner is Their Employer and "Political Boss"

### NEWSPAPER THAT STOLE BUSTER BROWN IN NEW CRAFT

People Give "Want Ads" to Editor and He Uses the Money to Hire Bright Retainers to Fool Public

### RADICALISM IN FOLK'S MESSAGE

(Scripps-McRae Press Association.)

Jefferson, Mo., Jan. 3.—Gov. Folk's message, read to the legislature to-day, contains the following recommendations:

Placing "get-rich-quick" concerns and fake mining companies under the building and loan department for proper restraint.

Prohibition of rebating between insurance agents and policy holders; a standard act for use of life insurance companies; an act requiring life insurance companies to distribute dividends annually; an act prohibiting insurance companies from making political contributions; an act prohibiting insurance companies from paying any official more than \$30,000 annually; and an act requiring foreign companies to keep at least 70 per cent of premiums invested in state.

### INSURANCE REVENUES

The report of the insurance commissioner says that for all forms of insurance the people of Missouri paid during the year of 1905 \$30,553,680. For life insurance premiums alone there was paid to companies domiciled in other states \$14,636,486.01; the amount paid back to Missouri policy holders during that period was \$4,977,726.65.

Abolishment of railroad passes and the enactment of a two-cent rate law.

### OTHER REFORMS

Enactment of a state primary law as tending to deprive political bosses of their power.

Tax of 1-15 per cent on the capital stock of each corporation in the state, which would bring in \$500,000.

Prison punishment as a penalty for violation of anti-trust laws.

Maximum freight law and state railroad rebate law.

Law preventing one corporation from owning stock in another, driving holding companies from state.

Law making it a felony to register a bet on a horse race, either on a blackboard or any other substance or by telephone.

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THE RECORDING ANGEL

By EDWIN ARNOLD BRENHOLTZ

Nothing whatever was said by Arndt about the check which he held in his hand...

A lonely old man; but from this day I shall be lonely no more...

My Dear Father: The letters you have sent me since your partial recovery have almost reconciled me to the enforced loneliness which would otherwise have eaten out my life...

So Arndt read: In prison, Clyde, January 13, 19--

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LABOR UNION NEWS

At the Moyer-Haywood conference held in New York Saturday night nearly every important union was represented...

A strike of long standing was won by the carpenters of Monongahela, Pa. The men struck for an eight-hour day last May...

Ten million dollars were lost by the farmers of this country on the corn crop of last year...

William Lonergan and seven other members of the Electrotypes' Union of Brooklyn, N. Y., defendants in an action by the Star Exchange Company...

The Bavarian Brewing Company, a recently formed concern that bought the plant of the old Gambrinus Brewing Company...

Striking lithographers expect a marked change in the situation of the strike in which they have been engaged for over four months...

The Associated Building Trades have moved into their new headquarters at 128-130 La Salle street...

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The Teamsters' Joint Council will hold election of officers on Jan. 22. Unusual interest is taken in this election by the teamsters of this city...

The Boston Newsboys, a protective union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, voted to send one of its members to Harvard University...

The Swedish Trade Union Congress was held recently at Stockholm, with 475 delegates present...

An insult will be added to injury in the case of Kid Herman, the Chicago prizefighter, who was defeated by Joe Gans at Tonopah, Nev., on New Year's day...

A neat concrete example of the benefits of production for profit-to the profit-scissors—comes from Germany in the form of the annual report and statement of accounts of one of the largest electrical concerns in the country...

Employment for the discharged colored troops of the 24th Inf. (regulars) has been secured for 100 men...

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

London, Dec. 24.—Our labor members in the House of Commons are, as many American friends are aware, at present separated into two factions...

One of the strongest arguments against the present form of government is to be found in the Balkans...

What could be worse? Either of the great nations of Europe or the great American democracy could create and maintain order there with but little trouble...

Another striking evidence that everything is well in this best possible of worlds is afforded by a letter from a Russian journalistic colleague...

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And here is a little bit of Socialism in practice that compares well with the foreign one...

Socialism in Switzerland has scored some. Congratulations to the Zurich comrades. An election has occurred to fill a position corresponding to chief magistrate or minor judge for that district...

The Italian maritime trouble, of which you had some particulars a few days ago, has now gripped the whole of the country's ports...

After a short intermission, the Christian Socialist, a weekly, again appeared Jan. 1. The publication promises to be a decided success...

Walter Thomas Mills, the old-time Socialist campaigner, is now settled in Seattle, Wash., and has set to work with a vengeance...

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