

EFFORTS OF N. Y. STRAP HANGERS

The Traction Gang Has Franchise There, but Lines Fail to Give Service

SAME CROWD DESIRES TO RUN CARS HERE

Governor Hughes Now Trying to "Force" Transportation Companies to Be Good

[Scripps-McRae Press Association] Albany, N. Y., March 26.—Senate and assembly committees having in charge Gov. Hughes' pet scheme, the public utilities commission bill, will give the first public hearing on the measure to-morrow.

REFUSE CHANGE TO THE JAILED MINERS

Revolt Feared Unless some means is devised to compel the carrying out of reform methods in transportation, a complete political upheaval is looked for.

The declaration of General Manager Theodore Shonts of the Interurban company, for the bill is alleged to have been a bluff. His lawyers are said to have told him that the contemplated measure was unconstitutional, and that he could make a grand stand play for public sympathy and support by declaring for it.

DRUM-HEAD COURTS MAY BE ABOLISHED

St. Petersburg, March 26.—Drumhead court-martial, the Russian government's most terrible weapon, was assailed yesterday in the duma in a manner that will probably cause its abolition.

Not alone the Socialists and constitutional democrats, but even a number of reactionaries turned against this form of legal murder. Mr. Maklakoff, constitutional democratic leader in the house, made a brilliant speech showing the inconsistency of the establishment, under the constitution, of martial law.

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DIVA CRUEL TO HUBBY

Reports That She Has Romantic Attachment for Another

New York, March 26.—Attempts made by Julian Story, the famous portrait painter, to effect a reconciliation with Mue, Eames Story, his wife, who has brought suit for divorce, failed utterly, and the prima donna made it plain to all inquirers that she intended to carry her suit to the end. Mue Eames declined to either see or talk over the phone to anyone, and it is said that her husband met with a cold rebuff.

Friends of the diva are today hinting at a mysterious romance which has crept in her life, and of which the divorce proceedings instituted are but an incident.

MONDAY "WASH" DAY FOR INTERSTATE "COM."

Will It Be Whitewash Time for Harriman, et al?

Washington, March 26.—On account of pressure of business under the new railroad rate law, the interstate commerce commission has set aside Monday as "decision day" after the fashion of the United States supreme court, which hands down its opinions on that day.

The seven members of the commission have been taking testimony singly, in twos, threes, etc., and it is now planned to devote Mondays exclusively to general board meetings, when the cases heard will be threshed over by all present, and at the conclusion decisions announced.

REFUSE CHANGE TO THE JAILED MINERS

Judge Wood Decides to Try Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone One at a Time.

[By a Special Correspondent.] Boise, Idaho, March 26.—Charles H. Moyer, William D. Haywood and George A. Pettibone, charged with the murder of former Governor Steunenberg, will be tried separately in the district court here.

Next Monday morning Judge Wood will announce the dates for the trials and it will be decided which defendant is to be put on trial first.

Both sides have signified their readiness for trial by the last of April or early in May. The defense's motion for a change of venue was denied by Judge Wood. If there were any assurances that after the case had been moved to another county the defense would not ask for a further change of venue he would not have hesitated to grant the motion.

AMATEURS IN TOURNAMENT

An amateur wrestling tournament will be given at Brook's Casino building on April 8, 9 and 10. The tournament will be given under auspices of the Casino Athletic Association. The watches for first, silver medals for second, and bronze for third. Entries for the contest will close on April 8. Y. M. C. A. and A. A. U. officials have sanctioned this tournament.

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TOO BAD! HE WAS SUCH A "NICE FELLOW."

HEARST'S 'CHARITY' IS FOR PROFIT

Great "Free Employment Bureau" Proved to Be Fake Game to "Skin" Daily News

You have heard of the Chicago Examiner's "free labor employment bureau"?

It is like a lot of other fake advertisements. It is intended to catch a few pennies from idle members of the working class and at the same time steal Victor Larson's Daily News want ad. mine.

This is the way the "free employment bureau" works. Hearst's morning paper publishes a lot of "blind advertisements"; that is, the call for machinists directs the idle craftsman to call at the Examiner office and get a job free.

Today three or four machinists answered such an advertisement. They filled out the application blanks, giving a full life's history. Then it was that Hearst's money-making "charity" disclosed itself.

"Fifty-five cents, please," said Hearst's clerk. "What is that for?" asked the machinists.

"That is the fee we ask of each applicant." "Where is the job?" was the next question.

"Pay the 45 cents and we will tell you." The machinists refused to put 45 cents into Hearst's blind advertisement and they still are looking for jobs.

It is great to be a millionaire publisher of a newspaper for the benefit of idle working people.

LAWYERS AGREE TO SEND JENNIE BURCH TO ASYLUM

Murder Trial Reveals Real Story Like Sinclair's "Captain of Industry"

Mt. Carmel, N. Y., March 26.—When the trial of Jennie Burch, the young girl charged with poisoning the three-year-old son of Herbert Winslow, was opened this morning for the second day of selecting jurors, it was found that the counsel for the state and for the defense were working in unison, with only one object in view. This remarkable state of affairs grows out of the general belief that the defendant is now and all her life has been a victim of adolescent emotional insanity.

A great sensation was caused today by the statement that the father of Jennie Burch is a member of one of the proudest and most prominent families in southern New York, and that he is now a man of eminence in New York City. His wife and children, it is said, know nothing of his early associations with the mother of the girl who is now on trial for her life. With this story comes the denial that Jennie Burch has Indian blood in her veins.

THEATER FIRE CAUSES INJURIES TO FIFTY

Follows Explosion of Natural Gas at Greenfield, Ind.

Greenfield, Ind., March 26.—Almost fifty persons were injured, some seriously, and a two-story building was wrecked last night by an explosion of natural gas.

About two hundred persons were in the theater at the time, and in the panic that followed, men, women and children rushed for the doors, trampling on one another. The debris did not catch fire, and no lives were lost.

The explosion is thought to have been caused by a lighted match, which ignited escaping gas at a ventilator under a window of the building.

WOMEN VOTELESS; THERE IS NO HOPE

Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch Stunned by Correspondents Who Ask Questions.

Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, whose candidacy for justice of the peace in Evanston has startled the world and may result in her election and an interesting lawsuit, has asked the Chicago Daily Socialist to give her views on woman suffrage.

So many Socialists have written to Mrs. McCulloch, asking why she is not a Socialist, that she has decided to seek for a reason why she is not with the political party that stands for economic and political equality of the sexes.

ONE-HALF HELPLESS. "Some one who signs himself 'A Workman' asks me to publicly answer many questions he asks relating to various injustices in our present system of government as set forth in clippings from the Socialist," said Mrs. McCulloch. "His principal question. Why we women suffragists do not as a body join the Socialist Party, covers all his other questions. So I will answer that."

"The greatest governmental injustice at present is the disfranchisement of the woman-half of the race.

"Until women have the ballot men have no right to enact any sort of legislation which may affect woman. Then men and women together can begin to solve some of these other problems.

"We shall not guarantee that we will help the voters women, every evil will be at once eradicated, but we shall do no worse than men."

SCHOOL GIRL TIRES OF LIFE AND TAKES POISON

Philadelphia, March 26.—Anna Dragette, 16 years old, public school pupil, swallowed the contents of a bottle of strychnine during the school session, and there is little hope that she can recover. The act was a deliberate attempt at suicide which the police say came as a sequel to a quarrel. The girl had been chastised for remaining out too late. Before going to school this morning Anna took the poison from a closet and concealed it in her dress.

FAIR STORE CLERK KILLED BY DUTY

Forced to Stand Near Open Door Without Wraps--Consumption Develops.

Another clerk of the State street stores is dead. Edna Taylor, 532 Grand avenue, was a clerk at the Fair store.

Last winter this paper told the story of girls compelled to work on the main floor at the Fair with the doors open and the complaints that the girls had made of the cold they suffered.

Edna Taylor was one of the girls who suffered most from the cold drafts. She worked at a counter near the State street door. She was in a continual draft from the door, and asked to be allowed to wear a wrap.

The management of the Fair store denied her request, and informed her that no clerk would be allowed to wear a wrap while on duty.

She contracted a cold that rapidly developed into consumption, from which she died last Thursday. The girl was forced by necessity to remain at her work until a month ago.

HEADLESS HUSBAND IN DISSECTING ROOM

[By a Special Correspondent.] Kansas City, Mo., March 26.—"That is Will! Oh, my poor husband!" shrieked Mrs. W. B. Turner of this city yesterday when she recognized her dead husband in the butchered form on a dissecting table at the Hahnemann Medical college.

The students had been using the body for dissecting purposes. Part of the flesh was gone, and the head had been cut off and hidden.

Mrs. Turner is a trained nurse. Her husband died two days ago in the city hospital. Mrs. Turner was away from her home on a case at the time of his death, and knew nothing of it until told a day later. She went to the hospital, where she learned that such a body was in the dissecting room. After some trouble she gained entrance to the room and identified her husband's body by a dislocated ankle bone.

She is bringing every possible influence to bear on the local medical fraternity to have the stolen head of her husband returned. Local authorities believe, however, that the head is in such shape that to return it would be to bring on an attack of hysteria on the stricken widow.

The remains of the body were taken to an undertaker after their identification.

William Jennings Bryan endorsed Theodore Roosevelt's arraignment of the wicked rich, and delivered an uppercut on "Swollen Fortunes" last night at the annual banquet of the Agate club at the Auditorium.

SOLDIERS TO SAIL IN BIG BALLOON MAY 1

They Will Make Trip From Washington To Mississippi

Washington, March 26.—A balloon trip from Washington to the Mississippi valley is being planned by the signal corps.

The ascension will be made about May 1, and provisions will be taken for a three or four day trip. The balloon will be the largest the signal corps has ever used.

Captain Charles DeF. Chandler will be in charge of the airship during the voyage. He will be accompanied by Leo Stevens and three signal corps men.

RAIL MEN MEET THEIR BOSSES

Vague Hope of Compromise but Strike of 50,000 Workers Is Impending

Representatives of the 50,000 railway employees and the forty-nine railways entering Chicago went into session at 10:30 o'clock this forenoon at the Auditorium to receive the ultimatum from the companies.

Most of the railway men went into session with vague hopes of an adjustment of the controversy and strongly in favor of a strike on all the railroads west of Chicago.

Grand Chief Morrissey and Grand Master Garretson said that unless the railroads grant the demands of the companies would have to give in far more than what they seem to be bent on conceding to their employees.

The increase of 8 per cent offered by the companies is not taken seriously by either of the chiefs as well as by the rest of the men.

The representatives of the Railway Trainmen and Conductors say that they base their demands for an increase in wages not so much on the increased cost of living, which is by no means small, but on the increased service which is exacted from them.

They claim that in the last ten years the railroads have more than quadrupled the carrying capacity of trains. The cars have been enlarged and the engines improved. The railroads are carrying more than four times as much freight on a car now than they did ten years ago, yet they have not increased their forces in proportion and the men must work more now than they ever did before.

The wages have been raised during the last ten years only 15 per cent, which is far below the rise in the cost of living.

OAKLAND DAILY WORLD WILL BE OUT MAY 1

Hearst Yellow and the Working Class Red to Mix on the Pacific Coast

Oakland, Cal., March 26.—The Socialists of Oakland have organized a newspaper for the purpose of publishing a daily paper. The company is capitalized for \$50,000 and incorporated under the laws of the state of California.

The name of the new daily is to be "The World," and its first appearance will be made on May 1. California rebels have already subscribed \$4,700 of the necessary amount of stock. As it is necessary to dispose of \$10,000 worth of stock by April 15, Socialists everywhere are asked to subscribe for as many shares as they can.

Stock is \$5 a share and the Socialist organization will control 51 per cent of the total.

All stock subscriptions, money orders, checks, etc., should at once be sent to Owen H. Philbrick, 525 Telegraph avenue, Oakland, Cal.

SAME GAME IN CLASSIC BOSTON

Boston, Mass., March 26.—A bitter struggle is being waged here between the street car employees and the street car companies. The men demand a nine hour workday within a period of eleven hours.

A bill that effect has been introduced in the legislature and the street car companies are now fighting it. The roads have hired able lawyers and sent them to the legislature to prevent the passage of this bill or any other that will give to the workers any greater share of the wealth that they garner from the public to enrich the treasury of their masters.

VOTE WATCHERS IN 20TH WARD

Five Hundred Men May Be Necessary to Secure an Honest Count of Ballots

Five hundred men are wanted to vote as watchers in the Twenty-first ward, ward 11, on the Tuesday next. An attempt will be made by Republican and Democratic politicians to count out the Socialist candidates.

All desiring to act as watchers should report to Daniel Donohue, 49 Station street, and should not fail to attend the meeting tonight at 8 o'clock, held at 783 Armitage avenue.

The Socialist campaign wagon was out all day today advertising the Socialist Party. The wagon carries a big display sign. "Union men don't scab on election day. Vote for George Koop for mayor."

Miss Agnes Gahan, 18 years old, 3659 Michigan avenue, yesterday begged to be allowed to take entire charge of the nursing of Charles Stewart, seven years old, 198 Green street, who she had seriously injured while driving her automobile on a Jackson boulevard. Her request was denied her by the officials of the county hospital, and she has now made the lady ward a bower of flowers.

TENTS FOR SCABS NONE FOR SICK

New Mexico Law Requires Consumptives Homes to Be Taken Down

STRIKE BREAKERS CAMP--ACT REPEALED

Cry of Ill and Poverty Stricken Not Heard but Santa Fe's Desire Is Supreme--A Startling Contrast

(Special to Chicago Daily Socialist.) Albuquerque, N. M., March 25.—The city council here recently passed an ordinance compelling all tenants occupying either tents or tent houses to move outside of the city limits.

This measure passed in the interests of landlords worked special hardship on poor consumptives, most of whom occupied tents and were unable to walk to town to get food and other necessities of life.

SICK PLEAD. Despite the pleadings of these unfortunate, however, the city officials were going to pull down all the tent houses, when things took a queer turn.

This is what happened. The machinists of the Santa Fe Railroad went on strike and the company imported strike-breakers to take their places.

These scabs for some reason couldn't get board in town and the company began to put up tents.

But this was against the law and the Santa Fe Railroad officials went to the board of aldermen and asked them to repeal the ordinance, which the aldermen most obligingly did.

"Who dares now say that the railroad companies are the enemies of the people?" remarked one consumptive.

SANTA FE ORDERS. "The scabs must have tents and so the poor consumptives are again granted the privilege.

In Denver, Colo., a similar law was passed and is being enforced, even though it is causing much suffering among the "hungers."

BIG CHIEF KNOWS PALEFACE MEDICINE

Quannah Parke Takes His Three Wives to Fort Worth--Once Blew Out the Gas

Fort Worth, Tex., March 26.—Quannah Parke, head big chief of the Comanches, accompanied by his harem of three squaws, his ponies, and a number of Comanche braves, were the guests of the Knights of Bivonia at the annual convention of the Texas cattlemen, which was held here recently. Upon the occasion of a former visit to Fort Worth many years ago the Comanche chief came near to going to the happy hunting ground by reason of blowing out the gas at a local hotel.

Chief Yellow Bear, who accompanied him, was asphyxiated and Parke narrowly escaped with his life.

For years the chief avoided the city, but he has become conversant with the medicine of the palefaces and has accepted the invitation of the cattlemen.

LITTLE WRIT FROM JUDGE NECESSARY

Cripple Creek, March 26.—Attorney Eugene Engley, formerly attorney general and the Socialist nominee for mayor of Cripple Creek, presented the Socialist list of nominations to the city clerk for filing.

The clerk refused to accept the list and a writ of mandamus was applied for in the district court to compel the clerk to place on the list of nominations. The writ was issued by Judge Owen.

WESTERN ELECTRIC EXPLAINS "LAY-OFF" OF MEN

Decrease in "Demand" For Luxuries Is Given as the Cause

Twelve hundred more men were laid off by the Western Electric company last week, reducing the present working force of that concern by more than half. Within the last three weeks the company has continually been discharging hundreds of its employes without giving any reason for it.

Yesterday Arthur D. Wheeler, president of the Chicago Telephone company and a member of the executive board of the Western Electric company, for the first time attempted to give a reason for this discharge. Mr. Wheeler says that this is due to decline in business since last year, and adds that last year the business of the company was abnormal.

Advises from New York commenting on the reduction of the working force of the corporation, say that the decreased demand in luxuries is responsible for this wholesale lay-off.

What the company means by luxuries is a mystery. Close to 4,000 men will, however, now be not only luxuries but necessities through this lay-off.

FEAR MISTRIAL IN THAW CASE

New York, March 26.—With the trial of Harry K. Thaw for the killing of Stanford White now in its tenth week, and with the jurors for over six weeks having been allowed to separate with no suspicion of attempts having been made to influence their verdict, there is a possibility today of a mistrial resulting because of the remark attributed to one of the jurors, declaring that not one in the box has any doubt but that Thaw is sane today.



DENEEN LEAVES BUSSE BOOSTERS

Governor Wants to Be President and is Afraid of Republican Candidates' Dirt

LAWSON'S FEARFUL DILEMMA DISCUSSED

Lorimer on One Side With Busse and Dunne After His School Land Lease on the Other Side

Unrest and uncertainty mark the political situation in Chicago today—as far as Busse and Dunne men are concerned.

At the Democratic headquarters the view is expressed that something has happened in the Republican camp.

It is an open fact that the Republican machine has two factions that do not pull together too well—the Lorimer faction and the Deneen.

Where is Deneen?

In political circles it is generally conceded that Deneen wants the next governorship of the state, and that in order to get the Lorimer support in his coming campaign, Deneen assented to unite with the Lorimer faction on Fred Busse.

There, apparently, his support has ended.

Traction interests, say city hall politicians, nominated Busse as the best man they could find in the Republican machine to put over the traction deal.

Deneen failed to open the Republican campaign and there is no announcement that he will take any part in the campaign.

Another uncertain element in the election has been the Victor Lawson papers. They are Deneen organs. Up to the present time they have been decidedly for Busse.

Politicians in all camps claim that there is a change in the attitude of the Lawson papers, and that while they are not openly attacking Dunne, they are no longer warmly supporting Busse.

Is the Machine Broken?

Everywhere the question is being asked what has happened to the Republican machine? Have the Lawson papers and Deneen decided to take a nonpartisan position?

It is talked at Springfield that Deneen is ambitious to be president, and the opinion is heard generally that he will hesitate about giving his open support to Busse or taking any part in his campaign for fear of having some of the Busse dirt rubbed off upon his immaculate reputation.

At the city hall members of the council expressed themselves as considerably perplexed as to what the Lawson papers will do in this campaign if they withdraw from the active support of Busse. They will not go in to support Dunne, as the Dunne school board is now attacking the school leases held by the Daily News, and attempting to secure their reputation in the law courts.

"The Lawson papers will have to come in and support the Socialist party

candidates," said George Koop. "There is nothing else left for them."

Much surprise has been expressed at the attitude of the Hearst papers in this campaign. It has been evident to every reader of the Hearst papers that they have not given Dunne their undivided support and that Dunne has been practically without an organ in this campaign.

Hearst a Factor

Last week Hearst and Brisbane came to Chicago. Since then the Hearst papers have swung into line and are carrying on a Dunne campaign.

Throughout the Democratic forces today there was much surprise and annoyance expressed that the Hearst papers have an editorial in question the fitness of Busse for the office of mayor of Chicago.

At Democratic and Republican headquarters it was acknowledged that the Socialists are taking a tremendous part in this campaign, and that the vote of the Socialists will be larger than ever before.

HEAR ELECTION FACTS ON PHONE

Erring Husbands Who Go After Old Party "Booze" Can Not Fool Wives This Year

Saloonkeepers throughout Chicago are complaining today over the action of the Chicago Telephone Company, which on election night will, they say, beat them out of hundreds of dollars.

And it goes, too, because the wife thinks that the only possible way for hubby to get the returns is to go "to town."

The Chicago Telephone Company enters slowly just here to soft, slow music.

Any subscriber of the telephone company can by calling up his central next Tuesday get what will be known as the "election service," which will be in operation from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until all the returns are in—probably about 10:30 Tuesday night.

TO TALK TO 3,000. All a subscriber has to do is to call up, and with his ear glued to the phone hear the very latest reports of the returns. These will be read at five minute intervals. After one is read the subscriber can be placed on his regular circuit again.

This service is being tried out in Chicago for the first time. The "readers" of Budapest are known the world over. In this place one can get in communication with the telephone company and hear the "readers" read of all the news of the world.

The telephone company "reader" will at one time talk to 3,000 subscribers, and each will hear perfectly. By a clever manipulation of the electrical current it will be impossible, however, for any one of the 3,000 to "talk back" to the reader.

Th service will keep hundreds of people from the downtown district Tuesday night, it is said.

NO, THANKS; I SHALL STICK TO CIGARS

Ed Cullerton Declines, by Silence, to Meet on Platform, His Political Opponent

W. C. Benton, Socialist candidate in the eleventh ward, sent a challenge to debate to the Democratic candidate, Ed Cullerton, on the questions at issue.

"Resolved, That the Socialist Party alone represents the interests of the working class," was the proposed question.

The challenge was not accepted by the Democratic candidate, W. C. Benton will speak on the above subject at Jussawich Hall, Twenty-first and Paulina streets, on Thursday evening, March 28. Thomas J. Morgan will draw from his experience as craftsman and lawyer to support the affirmative side of the question.

TWO DIE IN DOUBLE ATTEMPT AT RESCUE

(Scripps-McEae Press Association.) Huntington, W. Va., March 26.—Each trying to warn the other of approaching trains, Mrs. Emma Rousey, of Central City, and Terry Meadows, of Harvetsown, were killed at Central City Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Rousey started to cross a bridge and just behind her was a passenger train. Meadows, seeing the woman's danger, ran toward her on another track, but behind him was a freight train. Each was attempting to give the other warning when they were run down.

Mrs. Rousey's body was mangled beyond recognition. Meadows was knocked from the bridge fifty feet below. His neck was broken.

CLOTHING MAKERS STRIKE

Boston, March 26.—A strike was called by 2,000 skirt, cloak and suit makers employed in about 100 shops to enforce their demand for recognition of the union. At a meeting of the strikers it was decided that no one will return to work until the bosses sign the agreement of the union giving it full recognition.

PARASITES NINE TIMES REMOVED

Corporations' Lawyers Play Both Ends Against the Middle and Thrive

PAD BRIBE EXPENSES AND STEAL FROM BOSS

"Regulators" and "Fetchers" in Illinois Legislature Mark Lowest Degraded of "Statesmanship"

(Special to The Chicago Daily Socialist.) Springfield, Ill., March 26.—Nothing better shows the parasitic character of the present economic system than a study of the conditions existing at a state capitol like Springfield.

Graft thrives upon graft, and because of it, grafting begets more grafting. The little grafter thrives on the big grafter, and the big grafter in turn thrives because of the preliminary inclinations of the little grafter.

Entering both of them and being fattened in turn by their grafting efforts and tendencies, is big, corporate graft with its fingers not only deep in the public purse, but dipping into the very larders of the individual citizens, whose interests the legislative parasites are sworn to protect.

Corporation lawyers, the kingbees among the parasites, do not desire to lose, if not their jobs, at least many of the soft prerequisites and rich side-pickings which they now enjoy.

A "regulator" or "fetcher" is a bill ostensibly drawn for the purpose of restricting corporate greed in some form or other. It is the sting, or better, the proboscis of the lowest form of legislative parasite which sucks sustenance from the corporate pachyderm.

This Is the Way

Early every session these gnats buzz about the ears of the correspondents of the great capitalistic dailies telling of their wonderful "anti-trust" laws, and bills for the relief of the sweatshop and department store evils, and for regulation of railroad rates and an hundred and one other "reforms."

But that is all the bills are smothered to death in committees and, if necessary, subcommittees.

To hear the corporations' legal talent talk you would think that these little parasites with their fetchers, would not be tolerated another minute; that the corporations would show that they were playing on the square, and appeal to public opinion against these disgraceful practices. They always beg not to be quoted "just yet," however, because—well, because "you never can tell, you know."

The truth of the matter is that these lawyers have no desire to stir public opinion, fearing least the stockholders whose interests they are paid to serve, might join in and make the fight on the grafting legislators successful—temporarily. Counsel and sometimes presidents and other officials prefer to go before their directorates and say:

"It cost \$18,000 to maintain our lobby this year. 'Entertainment' comes high."

Graft From Grafters

When as a matter of fact the "entertainment" actually came to \$9,000 or \$100,000 and the balance was velvet for the gentleman who did the "entertaining" and who, incidentally, drew a high salary.

Owing to the death of Representative McDonough the session of the house yesterday was exceedingly perfunctory. Speaker Shurteliff being in Chicago to attend the funeral, John O'Leary called the house to order, and Captain Bradford offered the customary \$3 prayer to which "Charley" Allen of Vermillion gave heartfelt approval in the unctuous "amen."

Considering that this is the week before election the sessions tomorrow and Thursday will probably be fairly lively and marked by the passage of a number of bills to be added to the collection of laws to be kept by the poor and broken by the fellow with money and a "pull."

Labor Bills Labor leaders express conviction that only one of the fourteen bills before the Illinois legislature that are being pushed by the union labor and reform forces will be made laws. This is the bill providing that temporary floors be laid in new buildings to protect the workmen. Internal warfare within the Republican machine is responsible for this condition, labor men yesterday declared.

The reason given for the defeat of the other bills is that they would, if passed, permit the state factory inspector to build up the greatest political machine of any individual in the state. If so, it require at least 6,000 men to enforce the entire fourteen laws if all were enacted.

Fear Deneen It is not exactly the state factory inspector that the legislators are after. It is Governor Deneen. The bills are backed by the governor, and it is feared by his enemies in his own party that if the bills are passed he will get the credit. At the same time an apparent effort is being made to hurry the bills through. Several will be reported out of committees in both houses probably this week. This will be done to influence the labor vote for Busse. As soon as the election is over the bills will be killed by Busse's friends.

Kill Them Later "We cannot permit these bills to pass," said a member of the house committee on labor yesterday. "Why, if we passed all the bills the state factory inspector is pushing with the assistance of labor, we would make him a monarch of politics. Besides, you know, the inspector represents the Deneen administration. We may report out a few bills this week. Next week we will lose them."

EASTER EGGS

A wonderful variety of European and American Easter Novelties, suitable for a present, at one cent up to ten dollars.

GUTHRIE'S CONFECTIONERY 312 LEXINGTON STREET

The Hustlers' Column Words From the Field At Home and Abroad

Here is just a sample of the way the workers throughout the country are going to that special edition. Peoria, Ill., says send \$7.90, and sends the money to pay for them. Moline goes the same for 3.00. Glenwood and Rockford call for a thousand each and Cincinnati, O., sends for 500. The Chicago branches are grabbing up the orders at a rate that will take the whole edition before the 30th, that has been reserved for those living at a considerable distance. The Twelfth Ward leads off with 5,000. The Thirty-third is close behind with 4,500. The Twenty-second takes 2,000. While orders for a thousand are coming thick all fast.

The orders for the special edition for next Friday are pouring in from all directions. Additional articles of especial effectiveness in making Socialists have been received from several contributors. Every house in the city of Chicago should have a copy of this issue to read next Sunday. If this is done it will mean it has been voted for the Socialist party ever polled in any American city.

Unless some one of the hundred things that always afflict machinery happens, tomorrow's Daily Socialist will be printed entirely on the new plant. The battle is coming close to the finish. One good quick lift from all hands and the paper will be forever out of danger and in a position to go on from good to better and best.

Remember the hezar tonight.

Only a few more days of the prize contest. Now is the time for the dark horses to slide in and capture the money.

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There is still plenty of opportunity for anyone to enter and capture the twenty dollars.

Campaign News

By G. T. FRAENCKEL

Meetings Tonight

Wheeler Park hall, North avenue and 26th street, 8 o'clock. The 15th, 16th and 20th wards have a political campaign rally. Speakers: Thos. J. Morgan, Joe Medill Patterson and George Koop, who will speak at 9:30, and the candidates of the wards.

Phoenix hall, Sedwick and Division streets, 8 p. m. Speakers: A. Henry, Chas. Schlicker and others.

The campaign committee of the 10th, 11th and 12th Bohemian branches will meet tonight at 8 p. m. in Koutek hall, 15th place and Latin street.

Lawdale avenue and Twenty-sixth street open air meeting. Speakers: Albert Holdtke and others.

Other Events

A meeting has been arranged for the 1st ward for Friday evening, 8 o'clock, in headquarters. All Socialists and sympathizers are requested to be present. Some very necessary work has to be done in the 1st ward and the co-operation of everyone is absolutely necessary.

As a rule, the Republican and Democratic parties have been very successful in artificially producing campaign issues that had a semblance of being contradictory. In this campaign, however, they have the average voter confused beyond measure. Any voter that can be pulled in to vote either the Democratic or Republican ticket is disturbed by a political brain storm.

The Moyer-Haywood and Pettibone conference will hold its regular meeting tomorrow evening, March 27, at 55 North Clark street. All delegates should be there in good time. All unions having sent their delegates are to fall in line.

A big protest meeting has been arranged for Friday at 7:30 p. m. in Social Traders hall, Paulina street and Belmont avenue. J. Edward Morgan, representing the Western Federation of Miners, and other able men in English and German, will speak.

As the trial draws near, the interest becomes more intense. Probably for the first time in the history of the labor movement the news of a labor trial will be flashed across the continent by representatives of labor itself.

Local No. 5 of the Journeymen Tailors' union will meet today, at 4:30 p. m. in Haines hall, 40 East Randolph street. This is the quarterly meeting, and election of officers takes place. Seymour Stedman, the well known speaker, will address the local.

ATTENTION A MASS MEETING will be held at WICKER PARK HALL, March 28th, at 8 P. M.

Speakers: George Koop, Joseph Medill Patterson, Allen, Adolph Christman, S. Olsky, Aug. Miller and Thomas J. Morgan.

BARNEY BIRCH AS CHIEF OF POLICE

Busse, It Is Said, Had Ex-Convict for Job—Expose Causes Change of His Plans

It was unofficially announced a few days ago that, if he were elected, Fred Busse would make Barney Birch chief of police of the city of Chicago.

It is now said by politicians that the expose of Busse's connections, both business and private, with the ex-convict would be chief of police may change Busse's plans a little.

Barney Birch, criminal, ex-thief and ex-convict, with a long police record, not only in cities in the United States but in Paris, might have been police chief of Chicago.

He is now Fred Busse's private secretary, and transacts all his "business" for him. Busse lays claim to reforming the ex-convict.

But Busse, so it is reported from somewhere in Australia, may not even get the chance of giving Chicago a thug for a police head.

CORTELYOU AND TEDDY HELP MARKET

Washington, D. C., March 26.—In an endeavor to restore public confidence in the financial situation and a railroad bonds, Secretary Cortelyou has issued a statement to the effect that the treasury will accept in substitution for United States 4 per cent bonds, which mature July 1, Philippine bonds and certificates, City of Manila, Porto Rico and District of Columbia bonds at par and Hawaiian bonds at 90 per cent. State, municipal and "high grade" railroad bonds will be accepted on a basis of 90 per cent of their market value.

This action was taken after a conference between Secretary Cortelyou and the president. The conference was brought about by the receipt in the treasury of an urgent request to do something to strengthen public confidence in the market.

It is said, however, in Wall street, that the offer of Secretary Cortelyou to accept savings bank collateral has come too late to do much good. The market so far has failed to respond.

LABOR CALLED TO CRIME CONFERENCE

Workers to Form Central Body to Save Fundamental Law

TO THE ORGANIZED WORKERS OF CHICAGO AND COOK COUNTY:

Fellow Workers—One year ago our brothers—Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone of the Western Federation of Miners—were taken from their homes in Colorado without process of law, and hurried into the state of Idaho by trespassing officials of the latter state—there to be tried for their lives by a court already resolved upon their death.

In response to the appeal which was promptly instituted against this outrage, the majority members of the United States Supreme court have recently shown their inherent class prejudice by setting aside the writ of habeas corpus, on the execrable argument that an act forbidden by the law is made lawful by the mere fact of being perpetrated by officers of the law, whether on their own legal ground or not. Cynical disregard was paid to the directly opposite minority opinion of Justice McKenna, to the effect that the law is doubly outraged when violated by its own sworn defenders.

This infamous decision—comparable July to the Dred Scott pro-slavery decision, which year ago was overturned by the people at the cost of four years of civil war—is a direct attack upon the constitution of the United States and a menace to the life and liberty of every man and woman of the working class.

As such, it should be protested against with a promptness and vigor which shall convey to all conspirators against organized labor unmistakable warning that labor's vitality and watchfulness have no longer been impaired by the assaults of its enemies.

To demonstrate this solidarity, and to effect this protest, conferences of unorganized working people are being organized in every county in the United States. In this good work Chicago should be neither a laggard nor a coward. We have just demonstrated our local solidarity by our rally to the defense of Stone and our brothers of the local field. Let us be equally loyal and equally determined in the national field.

To this end, every trade union and every progressive civic body generally, located in Cook county, is urgently requested to send delegates to the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone defense conference—the basis of representation being, three delegates from first 500 members or less, and one additional delegate for each succeeding 250 members or majority fraction of 250.

Until further notice the conference will meet at North Side Trade Union hall, 55 North Clark street, at 8:30 p. m. of each Wednesday. Send names and addresses of delegates as soon as elected, together with any financial help which you may be able to extend, to the secretary-treasurer.

G. T. FRAENCKEL, Secretary-Treasurer. Room 15, 163 Randolph St. HONORE L. JAXON, Chairman Call Committee.

WHERE TO GO

Socialists of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-sixth wards will hold a street corner meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at Belmont and Hoyne avenues. The speakers are Richard Cpe, Robert Magisen, L. W. Hardy, and others.

Socialists of the Twenty-sixth Ward will hold a mass meeting at Clody's Hall, North Clark street and Byron avenue, tomorrow night, at 8 o'clock. The speakers are T. J. Morgan, Robert Magisen, L. W. Hardy and others.

J. Edward Morgan, representing the Western Federation of Miners, will tonight will address the Woodworkers, No. 7, at 19 South Clark street, at 8 p. m. At 8:30 p. m. he will address the teamsters at 145 East Randolph street and at 9:30 p. m. he will be before the Painters at Harlem avenue and South boulevard.

NEWS AND COMMENT

A meeting for the inauguration of a pure milk supply campaign will be held tonight in Belmont hall, 1682 North Clark street, under the auspices of the north branch of the Milk Dealers' Association of Chicago.

Ora G. Kellogg, 46 years old, died yesterday while addressing envelopes in the office of County Surveyor Lewis. Unsuccessful operations on the board of trade and the death of his son are believed to be responsible for Mr. Kellogg's death.

J. Pierpont Morgan will tear down the old half-million dollar Dodge mansion, situated next to his art museum, in New York, in order to make the museum absolutely safe from fire. The museum is bounded by Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets, Park and Madison avenues, and is a magnificent building, erected at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Prof. Van Bergmann, the famous surgeon, died yesterday morning at Wiesbaden, Germany, where he had been operated, without anesthetic, for appendicitis.

Peter Clark, a victim of unrequited love, yesterday morning shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Ollie Hill of Girard, Ill. The shooting occurred near Virden on a north bound interurban car of the Illinois Traction company. "It had to be done," said Clark, as he surrendered himself to the authorities.

A coroner's jury is investigating the case of Mrs. Dora Swan, who, died Saturday night as the result of an alleged illegal operation, for which Mrs. Louise Achtenberg, 315-1/2, 4349 Dearborn street, is being held.

A well dressed negro entered the residence of George Castle, the theatrical manager, 470 North State street, yesterday afternoon, and got away with nearly \$9,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry.

A horse in Washington, D. C., is said to have secured aid for his injured driver by mounting the steps of a doctor's residence and ringing the door bell.

DAILY WRECK RECORD

Cincinnati, O., March 26.—In answer to queries directed to him by the grand jury, Judge Bromwell answered that the grand jury cannot indict either the traction company or any of its employees for manslaughter or on any other charge in connection with the Warsaw line accident in which two men were killed. The court holds that there is no "common law" in Ohio, and as there are no statutes making a traction wreck a criminal action, there can be no criminal action under the law.

British Preacher to Get Into Politics

Lands in Chicago and Will Stir Ewing St. Congregationalist Church Easter Sunday

Rev. Henry William Rose, from Oxford, England, will preach at Ewing Street Congregational Church, East of South, every evening in connection with the majority campaign. His subject will be "The Axe to the Root."

Mr. Rose has been called a brilliant orator and never misses his words. On this occasion he will play the part of a modern Elijah rebuking the Chicago Ahab. Those who attend the meeting may be sure that he will distribute a few "theological" tomatoes," to use one of his own expressions.

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EXCELL HAD A CORNER IN HYMNS! WHAT NEXT?

When You Sing "Rock of Ages" You Must Pay Tribute to Newest Trust

"Lead, Kindly Light," "Rock of Ages," and a few other hymns are the only songs that may be sung by American Christians without paying tribute to the hymn book trust.

The trust was organized by the Rev. E. O. Excell, a music publisher in the Fine Arts Building, who is trying hard to get a corner on all the hymns.

The Lord forbid, says Henry Date, an independent publisher and president of the Hops Publishing Company, 149 Michigan avenue.

Henry Date wants to crush the octopus. He has issued a call to hymn writers to stand back of him and his hymn concern.

But Excell is getting there and it is probable that one by one all the little fellows will be forced out of business, Date included.

The trust has succeeded in carrying many hymns, among which are "O, Peaceful Day," "A Light Above," and "My Guide Is He."

The hymn trust naturally follows the Bible trust.

Simon Drescher fell ten stories down the elevator shaft in the building at 14 West Tenth street, today. He complains that he caught cold on the way down. He sustained slight internal injuries.

Twenty idols from the Kouzo district of Africa have recently been presented to the American Museum of Natural History, New York.

AMUSEMENTS

THE DAILY SOCIALIST BAZAAR

Capitalist Morality

Ruling classes have always had two standards of morality—one to preach to the subject class, and one for their own guidance.

To the subject class they preach sobriety, humility, honesty, and all the virtues which tend to make subservient, valuable slaves. Some of these "virtues" are really of race interest and insofar as this is true class morality accomplishes a valuable purpose.

FOR THE RULERS THEMSELVES, HOWEVER, THESE MORAL LAWS DO NOT EXIST. THEY, AS THE CREATORS OF THE LAW, RESERVE THE RIGHT TO VIOLATE IT AS THEY SEE FIT.

Never was this dual morality better seen than in the present campaign. We find the so-called respectable element, the preachers of morality, endorsing a man for the mayoralty chair who stands personally for everything that is vile—a debauchee and thug who has violated every law of decency and morality.

This man is praised to the skies as a model man, as worthy of the highest honors that can be conferred upon him.

The ministers of the church rush into the political field in order to pay their tribute to him and urge his election.

"Honorable" business men are especially strong in the advocacy of his candidacy. He is especially heralded as the candidate of business interests.

It is therefore no more than fair to take him as an example of the full and ripened product of capitalism, as a shining example of capitalist morality.

In this regard, and in this only, is his personal character of interest to the Socialists. It is to illustrate this truth that the foulness of his personal actions have been exposed by this paper.

No other paper dared to do this. Partly from personal fear of the gang of thugs that do his work, still more because of fear of the business thugs that swing the club of financial ruin over the heads of little business men, even his political opponents feared to tell what was familiar knowledge in every newspaper office in Chicago.

These same papers had no hesitance in publishing the prurient details of the Thaw trial. They rushed with avidity to every opportunity to spread scandal concerning the actions of trade union leaders. They hail with fiendish joy every moral delinquency of a Socialist. Most of them repeated and enlarged upon every possible innuendo that could be brought out concerning the so-called Socialist colony at Helicon Hall—although this experiment had nothing whatever to do with Socialism, and there is not the slightest evidence of anything that the most Puritanic could designate as immorality.

So that these papers were adding lying to their other crimes. The Socialist party has no sympathy with the ordinary talk about "good" and "bad" men as qualifying them as candidates for office. Just as it is taken for granted that a one-legged man is not the proper person to back in a foot-race so it is taken as a first essential of a man who is to exercise political power that he shall have certain fundamental requisites. Among these is an adherence to those principles of morality which have not been impressed by a ruling class but have been tested in race evolution and found to be essential to the maintenance of human society and its continual progress.

These things lacking, he is wiped out of consideration at the beginning. He is looked upon as one who may be a victim of present society and as such is entitled to its consideration and its efforts to restore him to a normal healthful relation with his fellow men. But he is not considered as one who should be chosen to exercise political power and form a part of the political machinery of society.

The Socialist party does not stop at this point. It insists that in addition to these characteristics that the man who is to receive the suffrages of the workers must represent their interests and not those of their enemies.

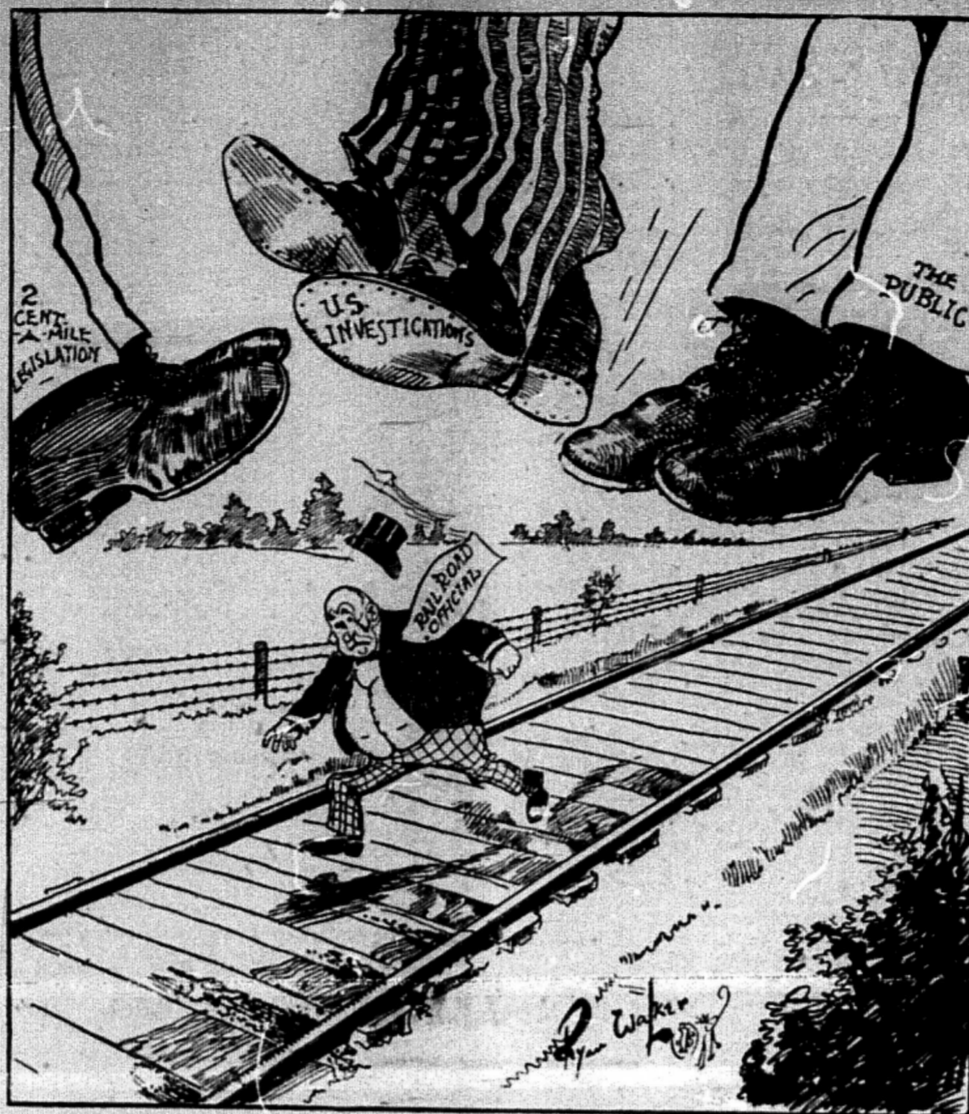
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Levy Mayer and the Police

"Had the mayor been wise and strong the strike must have ended in ten days. But he proved weak and vacillating, truckling for a while to both sides. Then, as if hypnotized by Levy Mayer, he placed the whole police force under Levy Mayer's control and that gentleman became the chief of police in everything but name. He asked for special policemen, the mayor gave them to him. He wanted deputy sheriffs and the sheriff furnished them. The deputies and special police were made by him to ride on the struck houses' wagons. Many of them did the work of the firms, and the city and county paid the bill. The mayor and sheriff became nonentities—Levy Mayer was the whole cheese and strong at that."—Union Labor Advocate (Editorial, September, 1905).

HE HAS ALWAYS GOT AWAY BEFORE--



THE TRADE IN HUMAN HAIR.

In a splendid little allegory, "The Sale of an Appetite," Paul Lafargue vividly illustrated how the present economic system leads capitalists to exploit one organ or one function of the human body for profit, and to make his illustration the more striking and interesting he treats of the impossible situation of a famished, dissipated gourmand who has worn out his own stomach entering into a "free contract" with a starving proletarian to grant the use of his stomach for digestive purposes for the balance of his life.

We know of the numerous instances where the hands, the feet, the brain, the eye, the nose, the tongue, the ear, a combination of a few muscles and joints, or of two or more of the senses are exploited by capitalists for profit.

But little is generally known of the repulsive traffic of an organ of the human body that almost rivals the exploitation of the proletarian's stomach by Lafargue's gourmand—that is, the traffic in human hair.

The facts herein given are based on an interview with a member of one of the five large importing firms in the United States, which deals in the traffic of human hair exclusively.

Nearly all the human hair sold in this country is imported from European and Asiatic countries, to the amount of about 500,000 heads of hair annually. Each of these are divided into three to five strands for sale.

Question as to just who supplies this abundance of hair for import the dealer stated that the best hair comes from the poor peasants of Italy, Hungary, and other European countries, where girls and women will part with their hair for a very small sum; very small, indeed, when it is considered that the wholesalers pay the importers \$1 a pound for human hair. Often young weak-minded peasant girls are persuaded into bartering their hair for a gilded ring or a cheap trinket.

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TO THE EDITOR

THE MOTHER PRINCIPLE. Praise and thanks to Comrade Josephine Conger Kaneka for "The Mother Principle." Never was a sinner and deeper thought sounded.

Long enough has man striven with man, flattered and abused him, threatened and cajoled him. After all, what a puny result have we reached!

Cold facts and dry intellectual arguments, however striking, however brilliant, are but slow means to awaken the slumbering, downtrodden multitudes whose souls are soaked in bondage till the rare nature-born slaves with thralldom live into their flesh and blood.

Through all these centuries man has called himself the master and the king, and with the worst of all tyrannies (domestic despotism) has oppressed and suppressed woman and to the lowest of the lowest places and the hardest and most unceasing drudgery. Even when he lauded her and sang her praises, it was always as the "weaker sex."

Never will humanity be liberated from its bondage till woman as her freedom to its fullest extent. It was she who put the fire of enthusiasm and the strength of heroism into the French Revolution. It is she who has led the masses of the world to the most heroic and the most self-sacrificing struggles of enslaved Russia. No other factor can account for the almost supernatural heroism displayed by this people, who have so often, so utterly ignorant and stupid.

She it is, the sister, the sweetheart, the wife, the mother who gives the inspiration to all noble acts, to all greatness, to all heroism. Not the cold intellectual reason, but the warm wild throbbing of the heart is it that inspires to deeds recorded in history.

She is the mother of the nations; she lays the plastic mold of her child's soul, the seeds which shall grow up to bear fruits in the present youth and the strong mature man. Give her freedom, awaken her to the consciousness of her immense importance and responsibility and she will bear you a nation of free men in thought and in deed.

Even as she has made her hear you a race of slaves whose every soul-life is permeated with thralldom.

Can you not see it when you speak to those men who are telling their lives away while a few ruffians, small-minded, profit-greedy individuals grab the products of their toil? Even though they starve and freeze they will not awaken to the truth. Why? Because you have made the mothers of the past generations breed slavery into the blood of their souls.

Infuse the light of justice, truth and freedom into the mother consciousness and it will bear you a generation whose ideals are placed high above the dainties of the world. Hall to the freedom of the woman! Let us make it the strongest feature in our campaigns, the foremost aim in our efforts.

The mother, the sister and the sweetheart will achieve more in a year than our wrangling and quarreling in a century. Let us take up the idea our comrade has kindled and devote our energy to the noble and liberating of the woman of the workers; to a liberation with the Mother Principle.

Yours for true brotherhood, CHR. HELTZEN, Richmond, Calif., March 15, 1907.

"COMPETENCY" WILL BE ENFORCED. The little detail of selecting candidates to public office is usually attended to by great corporations; so matters not if the voters do have a chance to elect them. The "interests" only care to have incompetent, dishonest men in office, and when the other kind are elected, everything possible is done to corrupt them.

When the necessities of life are owned by all the people, there will be no "interests" to corrupt public servants, and every incentive will be offered to actually serve the people.

Now a competent man can get a better reward from private corporations and does not seek public office unless he is told to do so by his corporation masters or expects to further his own interests. Socialism will produce more competent men by enforcing the object of competency: the money to the betterment of human affairs.

HOLLAND HUTSON, San Diego, Calif.

MARK NEVER SAID IT. Dear Sir—Will you please answer at your next letter an objection to the Marx theory of value that is quite generally raised among college professors?

Marx holds (does he not) that the value of labor power is determined by the amount of labor power put into it, that commodities upon which have been expended equivalent amounts of labor power are of equal value.

A coat made last year is out of style and sells for \$2; one made this year sells for \$10. The value of labor power has been expended upon each. Can the difference in value be explained by the Marxian hypothesis?

Respectfully yours, A STUDENT. We would respectfully suggest to "Student" that it would be a good idea to read Marx before criticizing Marx. Marx emphasizes in page after page the silliness of just such questions as that asked, and repeats over and over that only socially useful labor conveys value of any kind.

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MUTTERINGS OF A MILLIONAIRE

By F. FINSTERBACH

We capitalists must see to it that the working class not only stands pat, but that it also stands Busse or Dunne. We shall exist as millionaires just so long as we can induce the working class to think for us, to vote for us and to work for us.

Let me interpret the laws of a nation and I care not who makes them. The court is a divine institution in that it takes from him that hath not and gives to him that hath.

It's not good policy for us to talk about the poor fare of the workers. We are much more concerned with their welfare.

If the working class has got a kick coming this spring, we must be careful that it don't reach our seats.

Vote "No" on the little bill, and give the people a chance. Vote "Yes" on the big one and give us a sure thing.

To vote for us in more ways than one, Vote for Busse or vote for Dunne.

Disciplining Their Government

Much has been said about what the various states and the national government was going to do to the great capitalists who rule the industrial life of this country.

Strenuous Teddy's big stick was going to bring the trusts to time. The great railroad combines were to be the especial recipients of this discipline.

There were "investigations" galore and threats and promises without number. The aggressions of capital were to be curbed and "swollen fortunes" reduced.

At last there seemed to be a prospect that some of these promises would materialize in legislation that might prove somewhat annoying to the great capitalists.

What was the result? The financial masters struck first. They precipitated a little stock panic to show what they could do, and frightened the strenuous one until he sent the United States treasury to their aid.

Having shown their power in manipulating paper securities they now announce that they will proceed to demonstrate their power in the industrial world. The word has gone out that unless the present trust-baiting campaign is stopped that millions of dollars of contemplated improvements will be stopped.

Such a threat as this throws the little capitalist bunch into a panic. Nor is there any reply that can be made from within the ranks of capitalism.

ONCE THE POWER OF PRIVATE PROPERTY IS CONFERRED IT CARRIES WITH IT THIS POWER TO RULE OR RUIN.

From the institution of private property flows the concentration of capital and the trust. From the desire for profits and the power which private property gives to gratify that desire comes all the abuses of the trust.

So long as that power is granted all the rest follows. The Socialist alone dares to strike at the root of the matter and to declare that the cause must go.

When the trusts are owned by the people it is impossible to imagine them causing crises.

The power to stop and start production will then rest in the working class and will be exercised only when the interests of the workers demand.

Lost—A Childhood

By DORA ALLEN

Francesca, when I first saw her, was sitting on the floor, her small head bent over a piece of sewing. The room was a dark basement kitchen and at the one window was Francesca's mother, slowly doing the finishing work on pants at 7 cents the pair. A little behind was a sister, also sewing pants, and back by a lamp an old woman and a strange, pathetic child at the same work. There were two younger children playing about the floor and a baby in the crib. And Francesca's labors were with them all. While the four women finished the upper part of the pants Francesca basted in a piece of rubber at the bottom and then sewed it up with somewhat careless stitches.

was at her accustomed place, sewing desperately, the mother painfully helping with the rubber. At the sound of my indignant protest they both looked up with quick unity. The mother poured out a torrent of Italian and Francesca turned a defiant face to me. "My ma she go to buy a baby—I must work. It take money to buy a baby. We will have no bread nor coal if I do not work." She looked unusually dragged and her eyes were feverish.

For Francesco was a "bad" child. According to the school records she was eleven, a narrow-chested, pale little thing, with an expressive face, quick to joy. The teacher reported her dull or restless, with occasional attacks of mischief.

"You must be so tired, Francesca," I said. "Can't you go to bed? I will have someone help about the baby?" She shook her head. "I must finish. Every night I sew two pants and that is 14 cents." She spoke firmly, as if this answered all argument. Then her face brightened through its weariness.

The mother explained her badness to me in quick Italian which she made Francesca translate. "Sometimes," the child interpreted doggedly, "I run away for half the day. And I do not sew well the stitches."

"Tomorrow," she said, "if I am good I go to the Festa, we march through the streets and I wear a white dress—and then Pietro he will give a party." She caught my hand. "You come to the party," she smiled at me. "We will dance and there will be peanuts!"

"And my ma she will send me to a prison school," she ended, her head drooping.

The next day I came with the things to help buy the baby. When I reached the house I learned that Francesca had fainted in the procession. The long hours of confinement and the poor food had done their work. She lay tossing feverishly, the three women sewing near, the other little girl doing many useless things in a despairing wish to ease her.

But I knew they would not part with the small fingers which made the sewing go faster and took all burden of the baby and the wholly insufficient meals. These were easy days for Francesca when I first knew her, but they came to an end soon after. The dampness of the room crippled the mother's hands until she was unable to work, and though she still went to the shop for the pants it was Francesca who finished them, sitting far back by the lamp with the other child. The only life in this small, silent companion was her nervous fingers and her devotion to Francesca. She was very thin, her face worn and old. I asked her once how long she had sewed, her fingers flew along with such desperate swiftness. "Always," she replied, briefly.

Life in that little room went on too unspittingly to wait for a perfect recovery. The sickness had cost money and the baby would cost money, so Francesca could no longer be ill, and one day when I came she was ill, with the certificate in her hand. Now she stays home from school to stitch all day and the sickness has somehow taken the joyfulness out of her. She sits there patiently by the lamp, hour after hour, her thin face bent over the work. Her rebellion is gone. She has been conquered in body and spirit by the great, grinding machine which stitch by stitch, is crushing out of her all normal childhood and girlhood and motherhood.—From Handbook of Industrial Exposition.

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Mayor Dunne's Mistake

Judge Dunne as a lawyer should recognize the difference between special police service and public police service. This he has not done.

Property is put above the man and the delivery wagon above the citizen. This is Judge Dunne's critical mistake. He has been misled by the hue and cry of the privileged interests and has forgotten the laws that he has been enforcing so well and so many years as a judge.

Judge Dunne, the people look to you to preserve order, but to do it in accordance with the law. You will find that the expense of the city will amount to enough when you pay those that the law allows without adding some hundred thousand or so as a gift to the importers of toughs and sluggers that will multiply that sum to perhaps ten times that amount.

More attention should be given to the real lawbreakers and the real rioters, the criminals behind the scenes.—The Daily Labor Bulletin, May 24, 1905.