

LAWSON SAYS WALSH TALKED WHILE FINANCIERS STOLE

Grills John R. Walsh and Shows That Scrip Is Being Issued Against His Worthless Securities

(By Thomas W. Lawson.) John R. Walsh, at the head of one of the system's branches in Chicago, and head of only a few of many system banks and trust companies in the west, by accident was caught. He is now being criminally tried. The testimony has brought to light the fact that for years it was his custom to personally buy \$100,000 worth of coal mines or railroads and immediately sell them to one of his banks for \$1,000,000 of the depositors' money, and almost immediately have the bank which bought sell them to one of his trust companies for \$3,000,000 of its deposits, and that he repeated these operations to the extent of looting the banks and trust companies of which he was the head of many millions, and that it was his custom when he had no mines or railroads handy to order his secretary to forge as high as six different names at one time to notes for hundreds of thousands of dollars and to exchange these notes for the banks' and trust companies' deposits.

Chicago Banks Take Walsh's Paper But what the testimony does not show is that, when Walsh was caught, a committee of other banks and trust companies of these "securities" by purchasing them for their banks and trust companies with their deposits, thereby enabling the Walsh banks and trust companies to avert an open crash, which means that the other banks not yet caught have these paper titles instead of real money. And another thing which is not shown by the testimony is that Walsh is only one of scores of others who have not yet been exposed and who, to prevent exposure, are active in trying to show you how badly the country needs new currency and banking laws.

Financial Deal While Teddy Talks Only a few weeks before the panic \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000 worth of Atlantic Steamship securities were combined in one trust and there was issued against them \$25,000,000 of mortgage bonds, \$62,500,000 of other bonds and \$62,500,000 of stock, or \$159,000,000 in all. These \$159,000,000 of "securities" were then exchanged for scores of millions of deposits in banks and trust companies. This was done openly and with great newspaper publicity and at a time when you were working overtime in your exposure of the ancient Chicago & Alton looting.

Says Bank Examiners Are Negligent This was not secretly done, but was done with the greatest publicity and with your bank examiners and other officials stood by without entering protest. It was only by the merest accident that these two cases were exposed, with the result that a number of banks and trust companies failed, one of which locked up, perhaps forever, \$50,000,000 of the people's money, the president of this one promptly committing suicide. All this is now a matter of notoriety, and yet in all the publicity there is no comment made of the fact that I had set forth the exact conditions, now exposed, in great advertisements under the heading, "The Swindle of the Age," and had spread them continuously before the public and banking officials for over fourteen months, nor is any comment made that at the very time of this exposure there were in New York city alone a number of similar affairs, each one as rotten as those I have outlined.

The Great Laugh-Provoking, Tear Compelling Snow Scene in the Thrilling Melodrama, Entitled:



"DIVEN FROM HOME; or FROZE TO A FRAZZLE"

NOT GOOD JUROR, TOO TRUTHFUL

James McHugh, 3031 Prairie avenue, for the past five days a juror in Judge De Wolf's court, says he was yesterday morning called into Judge Rinkner's chambers and dismissed from further duty on account of his confession that he had ideas which would cause him to be biased in certain cases. McHugh is a Socialist, and though he did not declare the fact while in the jury box, he says he freely preached it in conversation with other jurors. This, he believes, may have had something to do with his dismissal. "Though you are an honest man, and I do not like to see you go, I am compelled to discharge you on account of your views," is what McHugh says Judge Rinkner told him. "I am what I am, and my opinions are my own. Courts and juries cannot change them. To me both appear rotten," McHugh says he told the judge. This remark brought forth an ugly frown from the judge, but no further words. McHugh was for 20 years a conductor on the Illinois Central railroad.

EDDIE FOY IN SHAKESPEARE!!!

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 4.—Leon Friedman, business manager for "The Orchard" company, is authority for the statement that Eddie Foy will begin the next year with a new name, Foy, who claims that he will soon appear in a Shakespearean production, that he is convinced an actor with only three letters in his name can never get the world agog in anything from the pen of William Shakespeare and for that reason he is resuming his original name, Fitzgerald. On and after Jan. 1 Foy will be billed as "Edward Foy Fitzgerald."

TRAMP MISTAKEN FOR A GHOST

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 4.—When A. A. Collins of Collins Bros., undertakers, saw an unkempt form emerge from a back room one night recently, Collins was scared. For this he may be pardoned. But his fear vanished when the form, in a voice of mystery and hush, articulated the invitation to "come and have a drink." The identity of the stranger is unknown. He was in a state of uncertain intoxication when, in the still hours of the night, he somehow wandered into the undertaking establishment, mistaking the mortuary for a saloon. A rear apartment, where coffins are kept, naturally appeared as a sleeping apartment in connection with a third emporium. A \$600 basket was mistaken for a davenport. Carefully removing shoes, coat, hat and collar, the lost one lay down in the casket and went to sleep. Two hours later he awoke. He didn't feel well. Out in the front office, Collins. The visitor was lonesome and didn't want to drink alone. Hence the invitation. "Dire Apparition Appears." "The man," said Collins, "was dressed in a pair of trousers and shirt. His socks were not removed, and he appeared to have just arisen from a profound sleep. He was unsteady of gait, but appeared to be a genteel sort of fellow. He insisted that I should have a drink, and when I failed to comprehend him right away, he indignantly declared that he had the money to pay, and he produced a handful of certificates. "This," he said, "was a singular situation, and a man might be excused, even though a dealer in coffins, for getting frightened under the circumstances. If required a few moments to catch my breath and when I did so, with the courage of desperation, I shouted: 'This is not a saloon; it is an undertaking establishment. "The man gave one look around, opened his eyes to an enormous width and made for the door pell-mell without even troubling about his shoes, coat and other clothing. Feeling by this time that I had nothing to fear, for a mortal man and not a spirit had accosted me, I ran after him and insisted that he take his clothing with him."

NEWSDEALERS IN GRIP OF PAPERS

With the recent action of Chicago newspapers in revoking the return privilege of the vendors, the story of the continued acts of the press-proprietors in oppression of the dealers and newsboys has particular interest. The profit war on news sellers had its beginning about a year ago. At that time the newspapers one and all raised the price of their Sunday editions from 35 cents to 40 cents per copy. About four months ago they raised the price of their dailies from 50 to 60 cents per hundred. Now the refusal to take returns amounts to a positive raise of 20 per cent in the cost of newspapers to readers. The newspapers are making hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly from their circulation receipts, the dealers assert, and though it is possible a rise in the cost of paper, ink and printing may have occurred during the past few months, the press has no legitimate cause for shifting the expense upon the shoulders of dealers and newsboys. Owing to the increase in living expenses, the claim is made that it is necessary that profits should be increased rather than reduced for newsboys and dealers.

RUSSIAN LEADER IN CHICAGO

John Ozol, delegate of the Russian Social Democratic Labor party to the United States, will arrive in Chicago tomorrow and on Dec. 6 he will deliver a lecture at the West Side Auditorium, Center avenue and Taylor street, at 8 P. M. In the person of Delegate Ozol, Chicago Socialists will see a member of the second Russian imperial duma and a highly learned young man on matters pertaining to social economy, and especially Russian conditions. He has been greeted with enthusiasm at several packed mass meetings in eastern cities. A graduate of the Technological Institute of St. Petersburg, he has spent years in the study and the service of Socialism in Russia. While still in the institute he was a prominent member of the Lettish Social Democratic Labor party. After leaving the institute he made his living as a bookkeeper and later as a teacher in a commercial school. As a tireless worker for the R. S. D. L. P. he attended nearly all of the special congresses and committee meetings in the Baltic provinces. He became a member of the central committee of the United Socialist organizations in Russia at St. Petersburg in 1894. Shortly afterwards, owing to his untiring and fearless zeal, Ozol was arrested by the police authorities at the capital and thrown into prison. FREED: ACTIVE AGAIN. Immediately upon his liberation from prison Ozol threw himself again into Socialist work among the St. Petersburg workmen. Later he returned to the Baltic provinces. In recognition of his sterling qualities and dauntless courage, Ozol was elected a representative of his district in the second imperial duma. On several occasions Ozol took the platform in the famous legislative body to denounce Minister Stolypin, and personally he buried his denunciations at that reactionary. During the session of the duma Ozol continued his leadership of the St. Petersburg workmen and made regular reports to them of the work being accomplished in the duma. NARROWLY MISSES ARREST. The delegate narrowly missed being arrested a second time just after the duma was dissolved when a detachment of police searched his residence during his absence. After that he again made his way to the Baltic provinces. He was then sent by the party as a delegate to the international socialist congress at Stuttgart. Besides being an organizer of rare ability Ozol is a writer of considerable note on economic questions. His "The Revolution in the Baltic Provinces" has been translated into English. Ozol's present mission here is that of acquainting the American people with conditions in Russia. On the occasion of his lecture at the West Side Auditorium, R. S. Littman will speak in Jewish. Admission 25 cents.

GUARDS BODY OF HIS BROTHER ON CAR BOY

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 4.—When a southbound freight train on the New York Central rolled into Poughkeepsie, Harry Finkle, aged 23 years, of Chicago, was found on top of a car clasping the body of his brother Charles, aged 30 years, to prevent it rolling from the car roof. Eleven miles up the road, Charles Finkle's head struck a bridge and he was killed. The men, out of work, were stealing a ride from Albany. They lived at 2233 Monroe street, Chicago.

BAD MAN HIRED FOR SOCIALISM IN THE TOOLS

Telluride, Colo., Dec. 4.—Deputy Sheriff John Melgram, notorious gun-fighter and former pal of McParland, has added another notch to the number he has cut in the butt of his gun, signifying the number of lives he has taken. This time the thing was a man, a local saloon. He is now under arrest. Melgram has been tried many times before for criminal acts. He is backed by some of the richest men of this region, to be used as a weapon of the Socialist party.

ROOSEVELT TO CONGRESS; HAS FINANCIAL PANACEA; WOULD AID "GOOD TRUSTS"

Makes Bid for Radicals by Favoring Eight-Hour Law and Denouncing Child and Woman Labor—Army Should Be Increased and the Navy Enlarged

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—President Roosevelt's message was read at the second day's session of congress today. It was a lengthy document, and dealt with a multitude of subjects, most among them, however, being the present financial crisis. The text of the president's message, in part, is as follows: To the Senate and House of Representatives: No nation has greater resources than ours, but it can be truthfully said that the citizens of this nation possess greater energy and industrial ability. In no nation are the fundamental business conditions sounder than in ours at this very moment, and it is foolish, when such is the case, for the people to hoard money instead of keeping it in sound banks, for it is such hoarding that is the immediate occasion of money stringency. Moreover, as a rule, the business of our people, conducted with honesty and probity, and this applies alike to farms and factories, to railroads and banks, to all our existing commercial enterprises. In any large body of men, however, there are certain to be some who are dishonest, and if the conditions are such that these men prosper or commit their misdeeds with impunity, their example is a very evil thing for the community. Where these men are business men of great sagacity and of temperament both unscrupulous and reckless, and where the conditions are such that they act without supervision or control and at first without effective check from public opinion, they delude many innocent people into making investments or embarking in kinds of business that are really unsound. When the misdeeds of these successfully dishonest men are discovered, suffering comes not only upon them, but upon the innocent men whom they have misled. It is a painful awakening whenever it occurs, and naturally when it does over those who will suffer are apt to forget that the longer it was deferred the more painful the conditions are sure to be, and are really unsound. 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OH, M. BISHOP DRINKS COCKTAIL

New York, Dec. 3.—When bishops and teetotalers become fatigued from drinking temple steps in Japan, have they the right to drink Manhattan cocktails?

If so, hasn't an ordinary laborer the right to drink a pint of beer after he works twelve or fourteen hours daily without being criticized by these bishops and teetotalers?

The Rt. Rev. Henry Codrington Potter, bishop of New York, told Consul-General Koike of Japan and a party of distinguished Americans and Japanese that, after climbing the steps of the Buddha at temple in Yokohama and returning to their hotel, he and Rev. Percy Gant each drank a Manhattan cocktail.

Of course it was not intentional, and the order was given more for a joke than anything else, but the drink dispenser proved to be an ex-hotel keeper, who had surprised the bishop and his teetotaler friend. They were game and drank the cocktails. They felt "exhilarated."

POOR GIRL HIS VICTIM; FREED

Because William Evans, a burly negro houseman, stated he was too drunk to know what he was doing when he entered the room of a white servant girl in the home of a wealthy Chicagoan where they were both employed, Judge John F. Sevel dismissed the man.

Evans was accused of having attempted to seduce Anna Grata, a domestic employed by Dr. Max Thorer, 322 West Twelfth street, and was only thwarted from his purpose by the barking of a Great Dane dog, at about 5:30 a. m.

The decision has been met by general expressions of disapproval by other Chicago jurists, who state that it is directly contrary to the state laws which exclude drunkenness as a legal excuse for crime.

Workers are speculating as to what the decision would have been had the girl in question been a daughter of the physician instead of his servant girl.

BOTH OLD PARTIES GOT GOTHAM TRACTION CASH

New York, Dec. 3.—William M. Ivin, chief prober for the public service commission, has discovered accounts by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company books showing that large campaign funds have been contributed to the two big political parties. He declares that Republican and Democratic candidates derived a like benefit from the dividend money of the traction system.

SEEKS TO LOWER THE DEATH RATE IN CHICAGO

Dr. W. A. Evans, health commissioner of the city, declares that the best way to bring about a reduction in the death rate is to greatly reduce the death rate next year.

The past year, with a record of 15,181 deaths to a thousand persons, is said to have been the worst in recent years.

120,000,000 BABY TAKEN TO EUROPE FOR SAFETY

Newport, R. I., Dec. 3.—John Nicholas Brown, the \$10,000,000 baby, has been taken by his mother to Europe. No reason was given for the sudden trip by the mother of the richest 7-year-old in the world. But spies of the Western Federation of Miners say Nicholas will not die. The baby probably is taken to avoid possible danger.

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The President's Message

Thirty thousand words, words, words! A ration in the midst of a panic, factories closing, armies of unemployed begging for work, seaports crowded with OUTGOING instead of INCOMING travelers certainly should afford texts for strong speaking.

What do we find? It is well recognized that those portions of the message which deal with the crisis were dictated by Morgan and the Wall street and Chicago financiers, some of whom Roosevelt designated as "undesirable citizens" but a few months ago. Naturally this portion could not be expected to show any striking features. Nor does it. A more colorless thing it would be hard to imagine. To Roosevelt, or, rather, to those who wrote the message, the only people to be believed are the bankers, and therefore the only thing suggested is "elastic currency."

But it is on the portion dealing with trusts that the limit of meaningless verbosity is reached. "Modern industrial conditions are such that combination is not only necessary, but inevitable," he bravely begins. Here is progress. At this point President Roosevelt (or J. P. Morgan) has rediscovered what Karl Marx stated sixty years ago.

In the next paragraph he forgets this and declares that a combination should not be tolerated if it is formed for the purpose of creating a monopoly in any of the prime necessities of life. That if such combinations are a "necessity" and "inevitable," they will have to be "tolerated," would seem to be a natural conclusion, and no one ever heard of a combination that was formed for any other purpose than to monopolize the articles in which it deals.

The remainder of the message is very evidently an attempt to steal as much as possible of the Socialist thunder without disturbing the Socialist lightning of the class struggle and abolition of exploitation. There is a mild criticism of government by injunction and a gentle slap on the wrist of child labor, a call for accident insurance and indorsement of postal savings banks and parcels post.

He also says that the "national government should be a model employer," but does not state whether this includes running a scab printing office at Washington, disrupting the postal clerks' organization, or working the employes of the postoffice inhuman hours, all of which have been done under his administration. His recommendations in favor of an eight-hour law are also very much modified by the fact that when he had an opportunity to put the eight-hour in operation on the Panama Canal work he refused to do so.

He is very much frightened lest some one should discover the source from which he stole his ideas, and so immediately after recommending an income and inheritance tax, which recommendation he takes direct from the Socialist Party platform, he announces, "We have not the slightest sympathy with that Socialistic idea which would try to put laziness, thriftlessness and inefficiency on a par with industry, thrift and efficiency, which would strive to break up not merely private property, but what is far more important, the home, the chief prop upon which our whole civilization stands." The insinuation that Socialism stands for any of these things is something which should be characterized by a "short, ugly word" that Roosevelt is overly fond of applying to all who disagree with him.

It is the system which Roosevelt defends and which exists today that puts laziness and inefficiency, not ON A PAR but FAR ABOVE industry, thrift and efficiency. It is the TOILING millions who are poor, the IDLE thousands who are rich. The present system, by giving to property the power to take the product of others, places a PREMIUM upon laziness and inefficiency, when coupled with possession of capital, and PUNISHES thrift and industry when applied to the production of wealth.

Lawson's Statement

It does not require belief in the efficacy of Lawson's "remedy" or even in the truth of his analysis of present conditions to recognize that he has put his finger on a lot of sore spots in present society—enough of them so that the well-trained and subservient press of America have endeavored to suppress his statement.

Not a Chicago paper would touch it, although there is no question but what it would have attracted more attention than any one of fifty stories that appeared on the day Lawson sent out his letter.

A reason for this is seen in the installment which we publish today, and which exposes the rottenness of the Walsh bank deal. The fact is that practically every other bank in Chicago was involved with Walsh in his manipulation of other people's money. For this reason it is fairly certain that he will never be punished.

Because those who are involved with Walsh are also in control of the press of Chicago all things bearing upon this matter are carefully censored.

Once more, if you wish to know the truth about anything read the Daily Socialist.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

I employed a contractor to build a sewer, who sublet a portion of the contract. His contract has not been performed in accordance with the terms of the contract or city ordinance. What shall I do? B. K. R. If you saw the work when it was being performed and you knew it was not in accordance with the contract and specifications, then it would be your duty to pay for the work performed. If you did not know that the contractor was building improperly, then you should pay nothing. A person to recover upon his contract must prove its performance according to its terms unless the terms have been waived by you in accepting the work performed in a different manner than that specified by contract.

C. L. S. Question—Is it possible for a corporation to keep a labor organization from going on a strike and to tie up its funds in an injunction? Answer—First, the right of authority is that a strike cannot be enjoined. Second, there are cases which hold that courts should enjoin the funds of a trade union for being used for the purpose of striking on the theory that the funds are used for picketing and illegal purposes, that is, to carry out the conspiracy of the union. In this state if the law is enforced as in the Appeal and the Supreme court in the Franklin case, trade unions would be destroyed, except as a beneficiary organization, merely refraining from working would not be legally enforceable with, but if of the other hand they should picket and endeavor to force an agreement with the employer for a closed shop the courts would be warranted in enjoining the use of the funds for the carrying on of a strike on the ground that the closed shop agreement as announced by the appellate and the supreme court in this state is an illegal contract. It is hard to state what the courts may or may not do when it comes to a conflict between the workers and their employer. Whatever is necessary for them to do in the interest of or maintaining the present order you may feel assured will be done.

Now I am a part of that rapidly increasing urban population, which government touches at every point. It gives me water and police protection, makes my food, clothes and clean my streets, removes my garbage, is supposed to keep the smoke out of the air and the sanitary condition of my place of work and residence such that I can live out my three score and ten. My grandfather had no responsibilities to fulfill on our common rights with the needs of his private business. Now we have a huge commercial competition which influences on our common rights and properties, most often not because of any failure to see the morality of the thing, but rather out of the sheer force of commercial pressure.

There is much discussion as to whether the flag follows the constitution or the constitution follows the flag, but I am more interested in knowing whether government regulates business or business regulates government, and whether moral regulates money or money regulates moral. You have known and I have known how useful conceptions of the proper functions of city and state have been recommended to the commercial needs and economic well being. True of the rich and poor alike. I am in a veritable sabbat window when I write. I look out upon a manufacturing plant capitalized, say, at a quarter of a million. They have appropriated the whole alley for their own use, used all the space under the sky for storage and all the sidewalk whenever it is convenient for them. They have run a connecting bridge over a public highway and a heating connection under the surface of it, and their smokestack violates the smoke ordinance every day of its existence. Now these men believe in a so-called reform mayor, who will have crusades against vice, keep the city clean, and limit the saloons, which the president of the company, a little speaks of as the "curse of the country." Now, there are crowded all around that factory a mass of unskilled and poorly paid working people, occupying under the sky, trying to find a way to live unharmed by the "curse of the country" and the bulk of the population harassed by the fear of not getting desirable work. Now, to these, too, not only the industrial world is an economic possibility, but like his rich neighbor, the political world has its plans. And the social world—a good fellow, get on and the charitable world—"do the charities." He wants a job or a free bottle's license or a little money for a better work. Sometimes he wants it to ally the fear of not having the bare necessities of life, sometimes to get a few cheap pleasures.

STRAY LEAVES FROM THE NOTEBOOK OF A LABOR AGITATOR

BY EUGENE S. DEBS.

For just one night I was general manager of a great railroad, though I never received any salary for the service I rendered in that capacity.

The strike on the Great Northern, extending from St. Paul to the coast, was settled on the evening of May 1, 1894. It was a complete victory for the A. R. U.

President James J. Hill and I had shaken hands and declared the hatchet buried. He said he was glad it was over and assured me that he had no feeling of resentment. As we stood chatting in his office he said: "By the way, Debs, you'll have to be my general manager tonight, for the men won't go to work except upon your orders." I said: "All right, sir, I'll guarantee that by morning the trains will all be running on schedule time."

He seemed to be nettled and I did not blame him when he said: "How about my wages? I, too, am an employe of the Great Northern railway. And since everybody gets a raise, where do I come in?" He laughed heartily when I answered: "Join the American Railway union and we'll see that you get a square deal."

And then I assumed the duties of general manager. The men all along the line were extremely suspicious. They had been betrayed before and were taking no chances. The chief operator sat at the keys while I dictated the orders. The messages were sent over the wires. At some places there was no trouble. At others there was no little trouble to convince the men that there was no trickery about it and that the orders bearing my signature were genuine.

At last we had every point on the line started except one and the answer from there was: "The whole town is drunk and celebrating. Will be ready for duty in the morning." Nor did they cease celebrating until daylight and even all hands reported for duty.

When I left the Great Northern headquarters all the trains were moving, the shops, yards and offices were throbbing with activity and everybody was happy.

My services as general manager of the Great Northern were entirely satisfactory to President Hill, as he assured me when I left there, but I never applied for membership in the General Managers' association.

It was not long after this before President Hill and our own members wired me as to my interpretation of certain clauses of the agreement. It was evident that trouble was brewing.

I went to St. Paul on the first train. Our committee was promptly convened, but Hill could not be found. No one knew where he was. It struck me that delay was dangerous and that prompt action was necessary. We at once summoned Charles A. Pillsbury, the millionaire miller, since deceased, and a personal friend of Hill who had taken an active interest in the previous strike and settlement. Pillsbury and some of his associates came to the hall. Pillsbury said if the agreement had been violated he did not know it. He did not know where Hill was and suggested that we would wait patiently until he returned. He hoped we would not be rash and that there would be no trouble. When he took his seat I got up. "Pillsbury," said I, "if Hill is here, or if there is not some one here to act for him within thirty minutes, we will tie up the Great Northern from end to end." The hall rang with applause. Within fifteen minutes Hill was in the hall, we went into a back room and in about thirty minutes more everything was adjusted and for the second time the victory of the A. R. U. was complete.

In the fall of 1896 I addressed a great political gathering at Duluth, Minn. The trades union banners were for the first time in a political procession. It was a red letter day. The crowd was immense. No hall was large enough and as it was too chilly for our doors, arrangements were made to hold the meeting in the old street car stables. The roof was low, but there was ample room, and this was what we needed. Just after I got started some man interrupted. Not understanding what he said, I paused and asked him to repeat his remark. "I said you're all right," he exclaimed. Within a few feet of him towered a fellow who seemed seven feet tall. His eyes blazed daggers at the first party as he growled, "By God, you'd better." The crowd cheered and there was no further interruption that night.

An introduction I once received is good for a hearty laugh every time I recall the incident. There was intense prejudice against me and the young man who had been selected to introduce me to the audience concluded he would try to disarm it. The house was jammed. This was his first experience. He got along quite well till he forgot his lines. And then he closed somewhat abruptly after this fashion: "Debs is hated by some people because he has been in strikes. This is not right. It is the law of nature to defend yourself. Only a coward will refuse to stand up for his rights. Why, even a dog will growl if you try to deprive him of the bone he is gnawing, a cat will scratch if he is defending, a bee will sting to protect itself, a goat will butt if you get in his way, while you all know what a jackass will do if you monkey with him. Ladies and gentlemen, this is Debs, who will now address you."

He brought down the house and was immensely pleased with his first effort on the public platform.

When Adrian C. Honoré, rich Chicagoan, ran over a citizen with his auto, he pleaded to the court in extenuation that it was the first man he had killed.

Wouldn't Thomas W. Lawson like to be Theodore Roosevelt, so the newspapers would print all he would write about the financial situation?

A lot of folks can't do their Christmas shopping early because they are too busy scraping up enough money to do their shopping late.

President Roosevelt might have thrown a few wildcats and artfully bears into his message just to make it a little more comprehensive.

With congress in session and with Secretary Taft hurrying homeward as fast as steam can carry him, who can doubt that the country will be saved?

President Roosevelt can't settle his old feud with the senate by tossing up a coin, however.

An eminent man who is a strict abstainer from both wine and animal food is obliged, in consequence of this peculiarity, to refrain from dining out. He entertains, however, an occasional kindred spirit. One such was recently at his table. "You ought to have seen them," said the eminent man's son, "floating over boiled carrots."

ORIENTAL IMMIGRATION

FOREIGNERS USED TO DISFRANCHISE WORKERS.

I am living on the western slope right where the Japs are in gloomy numbers, and let me say I believe in the motto, "Workers of the world, unite, you have nothing to lose but your chains and a world to gain." But I am not in favor of letting the Mongolians come in here in unlimited numbers, and my reason is this: We Socialists are on a strike, one and all, and the place where we strike is at the ballot box. Now, if the corporations can bring in the Mongolians or those that can or will not be allowed to become citizens, they will be used to help disfranchise the voters of this country. Now see how it works here.

I came out here from Kansas in 1901. There were scarcely any Japs out through the farming country and we had a good Socialist vote, putting the Democrats third party and Socialists second. If there should be a vote taken now we could not show half as many votes on account of the Japs driving the workers out of the country.

That being the case, what will hinder the corporations and the employers getting Japs from one to three months before election, giving them the jobs of the voters and compel the voters, or the majority of them, to rustle in other communities to get the wherewithal to keep soul and body together, and thereby be disfranchised. He being a stranger in another county or precinct, would be given a job, and another voter would be disfranchised, and so on all over the country. It is votes at the ballot box we must have if we expect to win.

When a strike is on of some labor organization we call the men who take their places scabs. Now what will you call the men that will be used to disfranchise the intelligent worker at the ballot box? I say, workers of the world, unite, but I do not mean go to some other country and help keep the ruling class in power so they can grind more profit out of you or to keep you in bondage any longer than possible.

There is a Socialist movement in Japan. Would it be policy on our part, even if it were possible, for us to go over to Japan and take the workers' places there and compel those that are working for the betterment of their class to migrate? I, for one, say no, and for that very reason I say the less we have of any foreign class until we have Socialism the better off we will be.

Just stop for a moment and see what this panic means. See the thousands that will be disfranchised. Then, with aliens pouring in, where will we get off next election, or the elections to come in the future? Think hard, workers, and think fast; the ruling class is onto its job. Now it is up to the workers of the world to get next to their jobs and when they do get next to stay with it.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE PANIC

Would you like to know the real truth about the panic? Not just the opinion of some newspaper editor, who may be writing under the influence of the banks and trying to restore confidence. Not the opinion of some man who has not devoted time or study to the problem, but who thinks he must be right because he is always right about everything.

But the opinion of men who have given the best years of their lives to the careful examination of the whole question. Men whose opinions have weight in the scientific world. Men who understand why panics come just as clearly as you understand how steam is made, or why five is more than four and less than six.

If you do, take a few minutes and read this leaflet through carefully. Then, no matter how long you live, or how many panics you may pass through, you will always know just why they come and just how they can be prevented.

Professor Edward D. Jones, of the University of Wisconsin, wrote a book on this question which was recognized as being so valuable that, on account of it, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In that book there is a careful statement and a cautious examination of all that has been said of any importance in explanation of panics during the last ninety years, since the first panic in England in 1815.

A great many people who have been too busy making money to study economic laws, think that panics are caused by wrong methods of banking, or the lack of proper currency laws. And so they conclude that what we need is a better monetary system.

Now let us see what Professor Jones has to say about that. After weighing the matter very carefully, he says:

"The diversity of monetary conditions among the principal countries of the world, coupled with the fact that most of them have been visited by crises, warns us from attaching too much importance to details at this point." Surely, that is sound reasoning. Though you may never have seen inside a college, your own common sense will tell you that we cannot expect to stop panics by adopting a monetary system that is practiced in, say, Germany or Austria, so long as the countries which use that system have just as many panics as we have.

Government banks are, no doubt, a good thing, but England has a government bank and—England has panics.

But we have not gone far enough here to deal with all the things that do not cause panics, and so we will at once consider the one thing which is the cause of all real panics.

Right in the middle of the last century a remarkable book made its appearance. It was written by a great jurist named Karl Rodbertus. It has been translated into many languages and is now considered a classic. Writing of this man and his book, Professor Jones says: "The first writer to furnish a consistent theory of the relation between crises and the industrial problem generally was Rodbertus."

As Rodbertus' idea has been expressed by another great thinker, Frederick Engels, in simpler language, we will give it in Engels' words: "When the first general crises broke out, the whole industrial and commercial world was thrown into a state of confusion. The markets were glutted, products accumulated, as numerous as they are unsaleable, hard cash disappeared, credit vanished, factories are closed, the mass of THE WORKERS ARE IN WANT OF THE MEANS OF SUBSISTENCE BECAUSE THEY HAVE PRODUCED TOO MUCH OF THE MEANS OF SUBSISTENCE."

Read that last part again. It contains the key to the whole panic problem. What does it mean? It means, the workers have too little because they have made too much. They lack shoes because they have made too many shoes. They lack clothes because they have woven too much cloth. They lack food because the granaries are bursting. They are turned into the street because they have erected too many buildings.

A pretty state of affairs, isn't it? A fine condition of things for a people that boasts of its great intelligence.

How does it come about? The answer is so simple a child should understand. If you work in a shoe factory and produce four pairs of shoes and get \$4 in wages for doing so, and then when you buy a pair of shoes to wear, you have to pay your \$4 for one pair, there remain three pairs which you made, but cannot buy. What becomes of them? They stay on the market. What happens in your case happens in the case of every other worker. And so a great mass of commodities pile up until finally the market is glutted, prices fall, and the panic sets in.

Then the owners of all these unsaleable articles try to stave it off. But the only way to do that would be to increase the wages of the workers so that they could buy those articles and consume them, and so clear the market again for further production. But the capitalists do the very opposite. They cut down wages and discharge workers, and thus the workers have less money and are unable to buy even as much as they bought before, and the market is choked up more than ever and the panic gets worse and worse.

While the capitalists are doing this, Professor Jones very cleverly compares them to a horse when the lines are wound backward around the hub of a wheel. The horse, feeling the pull on its mouth, tries to get relief by backing up. But as that turns the hub and draws the lines tighter and tighter, the pain increases until the animal becomes desperate.

And the working class must sit idle and hungry, until the wealth they have created by their labor is gotten rid of by hook or crook and a great part of it utterly wasted.

And this nightmare continues after panic, because one class makes things, and another class owns them. The class which makes things is called the working class. The class which owns them when they are made, is called the capitalist class. This capitalist class owns the things because it owns the machinery used in their making. And yet the working class which owns neither the machines nor the things made by their use, MAKES BOTH.

And so the whole trouble is that the workers work for masters. These masters buy their labor power at wages which are only a fraction of the value it will produce. Then the masters sell back to the workers all that fraction enables them to buy. But the purchasing power which that fraction represents, leaves, as we have seen, a mass of unconsumed commodities which clog the market and bring the panic, thereby increasing the poverty and suffering, which is the lot of the working class, even in times of so-called prosperity.

Wonderfully simple isn't it? Strange you never understood it before. But you never saw the explanation before! No, the explanations you saw were printed in papers owned by this same capitalist class which grows rich on your poverty—by taking the things which you have made.

Will it ever be changed? Not until the robbed working class owns the machinery which it makes and uses, and works for itself, instead of for a master class.

Then it will consume all that it produces, or, if it produces more than it needs for present use and for future safeguard, and thus has a real instead of an "ironical" overproduction; it will be able to go on consuming at its ease, enjoying the rest and leisure earned by its own labors.

This explanation of the cause of panics, and this method of making them for ever impossible, is not put forward by a handful of irresponsible people. It has behind it the clearest brains and the ablest scholarship of the modern world.

It has produced a solidly united army already thirty millions strong, and embracing every civilized country on the globe; an army of the workers of all countries, pledged to secure their own emancipation.

Its object is to make the machinery of production the property of the whole people instead of the monopoly of a few.

It hopes to accomplish its task through existing institutions and by peaceful methods; therefore it forms a political party—the Socialist Party. If you are tired of panics and poverty, this party is an unfailing remedy for both. At least you should think this matter over, and decide whether you will be the property of the capitalist class, or whether you will be a master who holds you in contempt, or a champion of your own class, wearing the red badge of courage, and fighting to advance the progress of the race.

The above has been issued by Cook County Local of the Socialist party as a propaganda leaflet and arrangements have been made to circulate 200,000 of them. Any person wishing copies can secure them by calling at the Socialist party headquarters, 163 Randolph street.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Edited by Marie Jayne

A Plea for Consistent Citizenship

BY AMANDA JOHNSON.

The time is past when you can satisfy an inquiring and thoughtful person on the subject of citizenship with such platitudes as "common honesty," "nominate and vote for honest men," "pay your share of the taxes," and "do your simple duty."

From the pulpit, the press and the schoolroom we have heard these noble moral injunctions and I have yet to find any one with moral sense so obtuse as not to admit that they are right and good. Yet, is it not even a fact that we are so imbued with ideals that many of us live on them, and our only right to relation to society and the state is our "attitude" towards them?

Let me illustrate: A woman connected with the Juvenile court went into a well-to-do woman to talk to a club of well-to-do women on the social conditions that made the juvenile offenders. They were so impressed with the truth of what she said that many were moved to tears. And yet, a letter she sent some weeks after, asking for a mereittance of eight or twelve dollars for these same offenders, was not even answered. And it is this severance of life and ideals, this failure of practice and theory, this failure to square conduct with conscience, that has produced these incessant appeals to us. Now I am concerned in finding the causes for these discrepancies, in finding out why, with a full appreciation of our duties, we are still confronted with serious shortcomings in government and citizenship.

We have entered upon an entirely new era—a time when the whole economic force of society is being reconstructed. I live in an entirely different world from my grandfather. Economically he was his own master, for the whole world was open to him. Government to him was a remote thing that gave him a homestead claim and was remembered just about twice a year, when he paid his annual tax and when he drove to town to celebrate the 4th of July, and every fourth year when he voted for president.

Now I am a part of that rapidly increasing urban population, which government touches at every point. It gives me water and police protection, makes my food, clothes and cleans my streets, removes my garbage, is supposed to keep the smoke out of the air and the sanitary condition of my place of work and residence such that I can live out my three score and ten. My grandfather had no responsibilities to fulfill on our common rights with the needs of his private business. Now we have a huge commercial competition which influences on our common rights and properties, most often not because of any failure to see the morality of the thing, but rather out of the sheer force of commercial pressure.

There is much discussion as to whether the flag follows the constitution or the constitution follows the flag, but I am more interested in knowing whether government regulates business or business regulates government, and whether moral regulates money or money regulates moral. You have known and I have known how useful conceptions of the proper functions of city and state have been recommended to the commercial needs and economic well being. True of the rich and poor alike. I am in a veritable sabbat window when I write. I look out upon a manufacturing plant capitalized, say, at a quarter of a million. They have appropriated the whole alley for their own use, used all the space under the sky for storage and all the sidewalk whenever it is convenient for them. They have run a connecting bridge over a public highway and a heating connection under the surface of it, and their smokestack violates the smoke ordinance every day of its existence. Now these men believe in a so-called reform mayor, who will have crusades against vice, keep the city clean, and limit the saloons, which the president of the company, a little speaks of as the "curse of the country." Now, there are crowded all around that factory a mass of unskilled and poorly paid working people, occupying under the sky, trying to find a way to live unharmed by the "curse of the country" and the bulk of the population harassed by the fear of not getting desirable work. Now, to these, too, not only the industrial world is an economic possibility, but like his rich neighbor, the political world has its plans. And the social world—a good fellow, get on and the charitable world—"do the charities." He wants a job or a free bottle's license or a little money for a better work. Sometimes he wants it to ally the fear of not having the bare necessities of life, sometimes to get a few cheap pleasures.

Now, both the manufacturer and these poor people have an idea that they know what is right. They both want what their business or lack of business has made them want. And really engaged in the same thing, what they most usually want is diametrically opposed. The poor want that man's sidewalk cleared and that smokestack toned down a little and they want the saloon for sociability. They work at nights, many of them, and they want the saloon open nights.

I am afraid that the time will never come when the "other half" will ever support the reform tickets as they are today. When Mr. Jerome advised the women from upper and better classes in New York not to believe they could be of political use by going into the poorer quarters I believe he gave good advice.

One of the first things I noticed and shall not appreciate when I first lived among the poorer working people was a fear of and a prejudice against so-called educated people. I am now convinced that it is the same old fear of the weak for the strong, taken at its very source, the superior advantage of education to so much latent power of exploitation, so to speak, and to have a superior training is almost as awe-inspiring as wealth.

he care much, after working from nine to twelve hours at pressing coats, or mending iron or grinding every wheel, which man is in the mayor's chair to administer on complaint and govern by grandstand?

And then, remember what a heterogeneous mass we are. We are ten nationalities in the Nineteenth ward speaking ten different languages; one tenth does not understand what the other nine-tenths are saying. And I should be very conservative in guessing what percentage understands orthodox English. And are not the non-English-speaking voters usually instructed by their native local paper, the editor of which not infrequently supports the party and principle that paid him the biggest subsidy or promised him the big job? And then we expect that man, working, living and learning in that way, to have a constructive imagination about political science and municipal reform.

For Home Dressmakers

Paris Pattern No. 2195



Nothing is more useful than one of these all-over dresses while performing a little household duty. They are a complete protection to the dress and are very attractive made in any of the checked, striped and white or red-and-white plaids, bevy with the plain ones. The apron may be developed in a plain, embroidered or chambray, bound with checked or checked gingham. The pattern is in 4 sizes: 2, 3, 4 and 5 inches. Bust measure, 34 to 38 inches; waist, 28 to 32 inches; length, 34 to 36 inches. Price of pattern, 10 cents.

Attend Socialist Woman's Branch Meeting

The Women's Branch of the Socialist Party will hold its regular business meeting Wednesday evening, December 4th, 8:30, at 163 Randolph street. All members of the branch are urged to be present at this important meeting. FREDA SAUND, Secretary.

TO THE EDITOR

FARMERS READY TO HAVE THE TRUTH. To the Editor: With the exception of other Socialist publications, the Chicago Daily Socialist is the only periodical in the English language that is worthy the confidence of any person in these days of panic and general foolish thinking and more foolish writings. We would like to see you publish a list of persons who are ready to have the truth published in your paper. It is a long distance ahead of his own Socialist "financial organ." The daily Socialist will give us the greatest financial paper in this country and go after business among the readers and subscribers. For it tells things they can use in their schemes. It is far greater value, however, to the workers, who have too long neglected their own true self. Let us suggest that the farmers just now are doing more real thinking than

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