

UNABLE LONGER TO DECEIVE, TELLS TRUTH ABOUT PANIC

Chicago Tribune, in a Front Page Article, Draws Terrible Picture of Suffering in Chicago and New York City

Even a capitalist newspaper cannot keep on lying to the face of the truth. Realizing that it is unable longer to deceive, and that further effort to falsify will only result in self injury, the Chicago Tribune has suddenly changed front with regard to the panic. It has found out, all in a trice, that the country is face to face with a desperate unemployed problem.

The following article, showing the terrible conditions prevailing among Chicago's unemployed, reads as if it might have been written by its Daily Socialist reporter, except that its estimate of the number of idle persons falls short of the truth.

What the Tribune Says The Tribune says, in a front page article:

"Police officials, charitable workers and lodging house keepers are face to face with the problem of housing an army of idle men, beggars, hobos, tramps and criminals, such as has not been seen in Chicago before in nine years. The number of unemployed wandering the streets of Chicago is estimated by men who for years have been living and working among these men, as close to 75,000. This is an increase of 30,000 or 40,000 over the ordinary winter contingent."

"For the first time several winters the police stations in the districts where the unemployed gather have been forced to turn over their basements as a shelter for the hundreds of men who apply for help. On the cold nights the police now are forced to take in hand. The municipal lodging house closes its doors at 10 o'clock, and it is the men thrown out of the saloons and 'barrel houses' after having in some cases slept in their pockets for food or lodging."

"The municipal lodging house at 10 North Union street, for the first time in its history, has found it necessary to suspend rules and allow men to sleep on the floor. More than 200 men a night may be found stretched in rows along the corridors of the city lodging house. At least 200 more are able to get beds."

"The same men apply night after night, signs being down, and the number increasing week after week. Few of these men have been able to secure work. The number of applications for men to work turned in at the municipal lodging house has dwindled almost to nothing."

"The city intends to open on January 1 an annex to this lodging house big enough to accommodate, in conjunction with the old building, 1,000 men a night. This will help in part to solve the problem, but the men are forced to take in hand. The municipal lodging house closes its doors at 10 o'clock, and it is the men thrown out of the saloons and 'barrel houses' after having in some cases slept in their pockets for food or lodging."

"Health Regulations Ignored The lodging houses of West Madison and State streets are breaking all the city regulations in regard to breathing space for lodgers. The city authorities are inclined to be lenient because the men are so poor, and some place must be provided for them to sleep. The small price demanded by these lodging houses. The men are sleeping in hallways or in rooms containing three or four beds."

"Reports from men who have been turned out of this prison to make room for criminals of a harder class are that the prisoners are sleeping two in a cell. The municipal and other institutions at Danmora also are crowded."

"At 'Hogan's Flop,' in Meridian alley, where the lowest of the tramps and hobos are the most crowded in ten years. The doors are closed early because all the bunks are filled."

"Saloons and Missions Crowded We have to crowd them because they must have some place to sleep, said 'Ed' Hogan, the manager of the 'flop.' 'The trouble is that the railroads all over the country have been laying off men and shipping them to Chicago free.'"

"Some had clearing house checks on other cities when they came in. The barrel house men took the checks and

ILLNESS OF JURY MAY JEAN MISTEL FOR WALSH The government attorneys in the John R. Walsh trial fear a mistrial as the result of the postponement until Thursday due to the illness of Juror Charles Davey of Oregon, Ill., who is a victim of the grip and is threatened with pneumonia.

The chances of a mistrial in the case, according to the physician attending Davey, are great. Fletcher Dobyns, leading the government forces, conceded that should pneumonia develop a mistrial practice is certain.

But in case of mistrial it is declared Walsh at once will be arraigned on a strong and broader indictment.

ROBBING DAILY SOCIALIST, HELP PUT A STOP TO IT! "Procrastination is the thief of time." It is likewise the thief that steals thousands and tens of thousands of subscribers from the Daily Socialist. If every reader who in the past has said, "Well, guess I'll get a bunch of subscribers for the Daily," and who then delayed it and never did it, had procrastinated, how many subscribers do you think your paper would have now? Assuredly enough to have made it twice as big and twice as good. Do you catch the point? Don't procrastinate. Get those subscribers today.

THE WEATHER Office of Chief of Weather Bureau, Washington. Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Illinois and Indiana--Fair and colder Monday, except snow or rain in extreme north portion; Tuesday fair. North and South Dakota--Fair Monday and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday. Nebraska--Clearing Monday; Tuesday fair and warmer. Kansas and Missouri--Fair and colder Monday; Tuesday fair. Ohio--Rain Monday; Tuesday fair, colder. Lower Michigan--Snow Monday; Tuesday fair, colder. Wisconsin, followed by fair and slightly colder; Tuesday fair and fresh northwest winds. Iowa and Minnesota--Fair in west, snow in east portions Monday; Tuesday fair.

BLUE BLOODS PLAY BURGLAR JUST FOR FUN London, Dec. 29.--Turning to burglary to relieve the dullness of a yuletide house party, the guests of the Duke of Westminster a night or two ago invaded "with felonious intent" the Monday morning the country seat of the marquis of Cholmondeley, in Cheshire. They carried off everything upon which they could lay their hands, and when they departed they left a satirical letter to the owner of the despoiled estate. The raiders played high pranks in the rooms which they invaded, and the evidences of the "robbery" left indicate that the jokers had imbibed a little too much of the marquis' champagne, which they attacked with vigor during the raid.

They left the chairs arranged in a pyramid on the dining table of the castle, the whole surmounted by an antique silver wine cooler, in which was placed the address for the marquis. The handwriting of this literary effort was disguised or rendered eccentric as a result of the visitors' imbibitions. The names signed were hardly decipherable. There is a suspicion that at least one woman was a member of the marauding party. A woman's handkerchief, with a coronet embroidered in the corner, was picked up outside the window through which the dual Raftless entered the castle of the sloop.

Two thousand dollars will not pay for the damage done by the male-believe burglars.

RESIEGED BY CROWD OF UNEMPLOYED MACHINISTS What appeared to be a small riot at the machine shops of Mend, Morrison & Co., Seventy-fourth and Kimbark avenue, was nothing more than 75 or 100 unemployed machinists answering an advertisement of the company for four men of the craft.

By 8 o'clock there were 75 men on hand seeking the jobs. It soon began to swell and people stopped to see what was the trouble. As soon as the required four were selected the crowd began to diminish. One machinist estimates that there are 5,000 of these workers out of employment in Chicago.

FIND CHICAGO WOMAN'S BODY IN RIVER; MYSTERY The body of Mrs. Madiyn Odell Clayton of Chicago was found yesterday in a shallow part of Back river, near Janesville, Wis. She had been missing since Nov. 27.

The police and the woman's relatives are puzzled over the cause of her death. There is nothing to indicate murder, and an attempt to believe that she committed suicide. It is supposed that she met with an accident. Her mother is Mrs. May McKay, 5115 Indiana avenue, and her husband is Fred Clayton, a clairvoyant.

MINEPERS' LEADER BLAMES SHURTLEFF FOR DEATH Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29.--Stating that 22,600 men were killed in the mines of the country in the last sixteen years, J. J. Blair, president of the Illinois mine workers, attacked the men who he accused of blocking legislation to safeguard the workers.

The statement was directed especially against Speaker Shurtleff of the state legislature. The statement says in part: "If such men as Speaker Shurtleff stop to think what their action means when they stifle legislation that would save lives, suffering, agony and untold misery, I am sure that they get in return, in a political or financial way, would not stifle their conscience."

The workers should quit electing such men as Speaker Shurtleff or any of his stripe to enact the laws."

10,000,000 ERRORS MADE IN CHICAGO'S MAILS Nearly 10,000,000 errors were made in 1907 by persons sending mail matter through a depository matter handled by the Chicago postoffice. According to the report of F. H. Galbraith, superintendent of mails, the exact number of mistakes in addressing mail matter was 2,969,975, an average of one error for every 134 pieces of mail handled.

DETROIT, Dec. 29.--Speeding through a Michigan 40 miles an hour Grand Trunk passenger train No. 5 collided head on with a double-decker freight train on a switch near Lenox, Mich. Five trainmen met death, four being killed instantly, the fifth dying three hours later.

It is charged that the switch was not properly closed, and on account of the heavy fog the passenger crew could not see the target was set against them.

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STARVES SELF TO FEED BABIES Woman Dies with Smile on Face When Children Are Fed New York, Dec. 29.--Having denied herself food that her children might at least have some scraps of bread for their Christmas dinner, Mrs. Phyllis Prisco, her mother, loved satisfied when she saw her children fed and happy, died at the Eastern District hospital from the effects of starvation.

Her children, who had been taken in charge by the children's society of Brooklyn, played around her cot, unconscious of the privation a mother's love had gladly suffered for them.

On Christmas day Mrs. Prisco had taken the few scraps of bread which self-denial had enabled her to save for her babies and fed them. Flushing their sobs when they cried for more, she laid all four upon one wretched bed and then tried to sleep on the floor.

Find Family Starving With no heat for several days, the one room which the Priscos called home at 384 Manhattan avenue, Brooklyn, was cold and cheerless to the neighbors who called Thursday morning in answer to the cries of the four children.

Mrs. Prisco was apparently dying, while the children were in almost the stages of weakness from lack of food.

Captain Evans of the Herbert street police station personally investigated the case and summoned Dr. Haupt from the Eastern District hospital. The children were taken to the children's society and fed.

Mother Dies Happy It became evident early this morning that Mrs. Prisco's illness would not yield to treatment, and her dying request that she be allowed to see her babies was granted. Rose, 4 1/2 years; Samuel, 3; Catherine, 2 years; and Angelina, 4 months old, were brought to their mother's bedside.

The dying woman rejoiced and laughed hysterically when she realized that her children's sufferings were over. Then, while Rose cooed over her doll and the younger babies played with toy cows and clowns, gifts of the society, Mrs. Prisco's life ended peacefully.

Neighbors of Mrs. Prisco, it is said, would have given her food had they known of her terrible poverty. But the woman was too proud to accept charity.

CHICAGO TO SEE FOY IN HAMLET! Eddie Foy is to be seen in Chicago in the role of Hamlet! A limited tour has been booked for the two weeks immediately following Christmas. Foy's season in "The Orchid" in May. During these two weeks Foy will be seen in twelve cities, in each of which he will play a one-night engagement of "Hamlet."

Eddie Foy Fitzgerald is the way the name will appear on the bills. The manager of the Montauk theater thinks that Foy by any other name is just as funny.

Foy has been conducting dress rehearsals in his new name until he can pronounce it. He is now realizing that he is the owner of the cognomen.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.--If you have a desire to break the law and escape all punishment, come to Indiana and write a novel. The "Gentleman from Indiana," will never be haled into court as the result of his alcoholic escapade Christmas eve. The prosecutor, by mistake, called the case Judge Whelan, who presided, frowned, and the prosecutor hastened to add in a lower voice:

"Oh, I guess it is not to come up now."

The officer's blunder made it necessary for the court to say something. However, the court stated "that the case against the author had been continued indefinitely on the court's own motion and explained that such action was perfectly satisfactory to the police and to the prosecutor and that this action is not wanting in precedent, as the court had done it before in the case of soldiers and celebrities."

BERLIN, Dec. 29.--Germany's rich had one of the bluest holiday seasons on record. Inquiries reveal that the holiday trade in jewels, plate, art works, antiquities, carriages, automobiles, and other expensive tokens fell this year to the lowest point experienced in many seasons.

"Our trade," said a Leipziger strasse merchant, whose business is confined exclusively to the wealthy classes, "has diminished this winter almost to the vanishing point. Can't afford it, is the universal cry among people to whom the idea of economy ordinarily never occurs."

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ASKS CHICAGO OFFICIAL TO FIND OUT HIS NAME Edward Crissman, Wilmet, S. D., is trying to find his parents, whom he has not seen "for years." He believes they are in Chicago, or at least they were married in Chicago, for he has written to the marriage license department of the county clerk's office for information on the subject.

He asked Morris Salmonson, marriage license clerk, to tell him who he was and to state his correct age. He believed his father's name was J. W. Crissman.

BODY OF SUICIDE IS FOUND IN A BOX CAR The body of Anton Benson, 23 years old, 1530 Alhambra avenue, who has been missing since December 24, was found in a box car on the Illinois Central railroad, between Van Buren and Congress streets, by a switchman. A bullet hole in the month led the police to believe that the man committed suicide.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.--An eclipse of the sun will occur on Jan. 3 and will be partially visible in the southern states of the United States and the western coast of North America. The eclipse will be total at Flint Island in the Pacific and will be observed by a party from the Lick observatory in charge of Professor W. W. Campbell.

KANSAS REPUBLICANS IN LINE FOR SECRETARY TAFT Topeka, Kan., Dec. 29.--At the session of the Republican state central committee Secretary of War Taft was unanimously endorsed as the choice of the party in Kansas for president of the United States. The state convention is called for March 4 at Topeka.

ABRONAUTS MAKE WELLMAN AN 'HONORARY' MEMBER Walter Wellman, the man who for two years sent regular dispatches from the arctic circle to the Record, told, telling how he was nearly ready to send an airship over the north pole, has just been elected honorary member of the Aeronautique club of Chicago.

So far Wellman never has made really and truly good as a flight and navigation of the arctic vastness. He will not even be asked to make good now, as member of the Aeronautique club, because honorary members are not asked to do anything but look wise.

Whether the reputation of Wellman as honorary part of the Chicago seekers of knowledge on the untouched realm expresses a gentle hint to the latter to make good or not, remains to be seen.

The Aeronautique club will have large doings on July 4, when the aero meet takes place in this city.

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BUILDING BOOM HIT BY PANIC

In spite of the fact that the panic did not strike until late in the year, there was a falling off of 10 per cent in building in Chicago during 1907.

180,000 URCHINS SEE PLAY AT M'VICKER'S THEATER

Eighteen hundred appreciative urchins, including inmates of the Home for Destitute Cripples, little shavers from the Hull house district and bread-winner from Newsboys' alley were overwhelmed with joy at the benefit performance in McVicker's theater.

CRY RAISED FOR NEW DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 30.—According to members of congress usually well-informed, it is not too much to expect that a department of transportation will be created during the present session.

HIRE PLUMBER AS MEAT INSPECTOR IN PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 30.—Greater Pittsburgh's one meat inspector is a plumber, according to a report made to Mayor Guthrie by Superintendent F. Edwards.

SALOON GIFT SPURRED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Manheim, Pa., Dec. 30.—Liquor money as a Christmas gift has been sprouted by the Sunday schools of this Lancaster county town.

VESTIBULE LOOKED; CLINGS TO TRAIN FOR FOUR MILES

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 30.—When John Russell of Philadelphia jumped on the steps of a Pullman car attached to a moving Reading train here, the door of it was locked.

WIFE WON BY AN "AD" HIKES BACK HOME

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THE HUSTLERS' COLUMN

How I landed mine.

What? Why, subscribers to the Daily Socialist, of course. Some of the Hustlers are just as regular in forwarding new subscribers as is the sun in coming up each day.

Then, again, some of the Hustlers take a great "spurt," send in half a dozen to twenty subs, and nothing more will be heard of them for six months or a year.

There is still a third class, who send in one when they renew or an occasional new reader during the year.

Do you see, Hustlers, just what the plan is? It is for each of you to commit to paper his successful method of approaching non-subscribers of the Chicago Daily Socialist.

Let us keep a few things in mind regarding this new department. Address all "experience" letters to The Hustler Editor.

Be sure you give but "successful" methods employed. The thousands who read your letters are live Socialists, working to build up a big metropolitan daily paper, and only the best is good enough for them.

Don't be offended if you don't see your letter in print. One hundred other Hustlers may have said in substance the very thing you wrote, and among that hundred there may have been one who made his plan clearer than you did.

The Hustler editor has told you many times that the biggest asset of this paper was its army of Hustlers. It lays with you to make your paper the biggest thing in America.

The Chicago Hustlers are perfecting a plan whereby they expect to add thousands of new readers in the city. Theirs is a good one, and we'll hear more of it later on. What is yours?

Can't afford to be without it. Will try and get a few more to take it after a while," says John L. Piroc, Emporia, Kan., as he drops in \$4 worth of subscriptions.

The next one is from Kansas too. It is A. G. Bennett of Horton and he raises the Emporia fellow a dollar.

J. J. Hanrahan, F. E. Daniels, W. C. Willis and James Mangual of Centerville, Iowa, remembered the Daily in the midst of their Christmas celebration and took up a collection among themselves netting \$1.50 for the sustainer's fund.

J. H. Cooley, Alexandria, Minn., will never do it again, and so we will excuse him this time. He let his subscription lapse for several weeks and then he wrote for it again for a year and says: "I have been lonesome ever since it stopped. I will try and get some subscribers."

Paul Friedrich, Smith River, Cal., leads another wanderer home when he comes back for a new lease.

ASK PENAL LAW FOR MEN WHO LIVE OFF EVEE VICE

Again the unsavory story of crime slaves being recruited by unprincipled men and placed into bondage to support their habit of drinking and gambling by influential charity workers, who want a stringent law against the evil.

Penitentiary sentences is the punishment that is sought for the men who live at their ease in the various spots of immorality about the city, expecting a weekly pension from the unfortunate women. The vagrancy law, which had been thought to be a solution of the problem, is now declared unfit to cope with the vice.

As a result of the movement that has been started, the Illinois legislature will be asked to pass a bill making the lives of dissolute men caught living on the earnings of immoral women a crime punishable by penitentiary sentence.

Judge Mack has framed the bill and called it his aid Judge Stein, Chief Shippy, Dean W. T. Sumner of the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, Irish house residents and other charity workers.

Jews Especially Aroused. Judge Stein asserted that he and other prominent Jews of the city have been spurred to action by reason of the great inroads into the Ghetto district that are being made by depraved young Jews.

Michael Williams, an adviser of Sinclair, has called for the southern Illinois, Sinclair already is in Bermuda and the two will work together in the establishment of the new home.

Sinclair's outfit will have to contend with a sort of cooperative colony already established in Bermuda, though the rivals are there because they can't help it. The rival colonists are about a dozen old, lean, grizzled, bewhiskered and extremely godly Boers.

The British government does not give for their support, but will not let them leave unless they will consent to take the required oath. This they have steadily declined to do, and consequently they remain, spending their time in selling soda cakes to tourists and in knocking the British government to anybody who will listen.

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WINS \$10,000 PRIZE FOR BEST SUBSIDY ESSAY. Cleveland, O., Dec. 30.—Clifford N. Johnston of Detroit, Mich., has been awarded the first prize of \$10,000 offered by the Merchant Marine League of the United States for the best essay on the subject, "How to Build Up the Merchant Marine in the Foreign Trade."

NEW PRIMARY BILL TO BE DRAWN UP. The Republican county central committee has ordered that a new primary bill be composed and ready for presentation to the legislature when it resumes its duties January 14.

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HIRE PLUMBER AS MEAT INSPECTOR IN PITTSBURGH. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 30.—Greater Pittsburgh's one meat inspector is a plumber, according to a report made to Mayor Guthrie by Superintendent F. Edwards.

CRY RAISED FOR NEW DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON. Washington, Dec. 30.—According to members of congress usually well-informed, it is not too much to expect that a department of transportation will be created during the present session.

BUILDING BOOM HIT BY PANIC. In spite of the fact that the panic did not strike until late in the year, there was a falling off of 10 per cent in building in Chicago during 1907.

180,000 URCHINS SEE PLAY AT M'VICKER'S THEATER. Eighteen hundred appreciative urchins, including inmates of the Home for Destitute Cripples, little shavers from the Hull house district and bread-winner from Newsboys' alley were overwhelmed with joy at the benefit performance in McVicker's theater.

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INDIAN PRESS

WILD RIT

Bombay, Dec. 29.—After two days of futile efforts to elect a president, the Indian national congress today in a fierce fight, during which the police had to be called in.

The congress, which meets annually, was of special interest this year, owing to its agitation for home rule in India. When the delegates had assembled for the first time, the moderates and Indian extremists at once locked horns on this issue, and the meeting was adjourned much disturbed.

When the delegates reassembled a second time their overheated passions broke loose again, and the platform from which moderation and constitutional action had been advised, was trampled by the extremists in a body, who had demanded the speedy establishment of complete home rule. Chairs and tables were broken in the scuffle, and table legs and other articles scattered. Furniture was trampled, and the delegates' budgets on each other.

The fighting became fierce and many delegates sustained serious injuries before the police finally came in and cleared the hall.

SUNDAY CLOSING NOT RELIGIOUS FOR LABOR

Kansas City, Dec. 29.—It was not altogether from religious motives, but rather to enforce the law providing for one day's rest out of seven that caused Judge Wallace to begin his war on all sorts of Sunday amusements in this city and which has resulted in closing every theater and resort of a similar character. Judge Wallace is credited with having stiffened the government which has caused the closing of amusement places in nearly every big city in the country. He has for many years fought for law enforcement. He was appointed to his present position by Governor Folk. Judge Wallace, in his statement, says:

"It is a mistake to suppose that the Sabbath is purely a religious institution and that its enforced observance is for the benefit of the church. The Sabbath was ordained before man had fallen or there was a church or a need for a redeemer. By divine example the Almighty ordained it by resting from the work of creation on the seventh day and by impressing forever upon it its sacred character by hallowing it. The Sabbath would be with us had sin never entered the world."

STEAL THOMAS JEFFERSON'S BOOKS FROM THE MAIL

Washington, Dec. 29.—"This graft game is a very remarkable thing," said a prominent congressman in the house today. "You would be surprised to know how many accidents happen in the transmission of important and desirable printed matter through the mails. It is next to impossible to get some documents through with any degree of certainty. Of course, I do not know who does it, but it is done all right."

For example, take the so-called Jefferson Bible, which is a very popular publication and now in its fourth year. In one corner of the wrapper the words, "The Morals of Jesus by Thomas Jefferson," appeared. Well, after that book became known to no number of congressmen could mail a batch of them without losing some. Finally, it got so bad that if one in ten got through safely a member considered himself lucky. The same thing is true of other important, highly prized and scarce documents.

"That shows to what extent men will go for comparatively small things, thought as a matter of fact, copies of the Jefferson Bible were sold at high prices. By the way, some were of them are going to be printed this winter. I suppose the grafters will get to work again if we attempt to mail them. But the members are not wise to get in a racket now, and they will not again lose many copies of this or any other rare document. I know some representatives who hold many of their copies of the Jefferson Bible in their committee rooms until they returned home in order that those for whom they were intended might get them."

\$14,000,000 APPROPRIATION FOR THE CENSUS BUREAU

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Crumpacker census bill provides for an appropriation of fourteen millions of dollars—and it must be enacted. It is intended to cover the entire expenses of the census bureau for the next year, including the decennial census period and to meet the expenditures on account of the thirteenth census of the United States. It is to become available July 1 next, and continue available until expended.

WOMAN SNEEZES AND NOSE BLEEDS FOR A WEEK

Chautau, Kan., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Casbeer of this town has been suffering from continued sneezing and bleeding at the nose. Last night she was so weak that she could scarcely speak, but the hemorrhages continued, blood flowing for half an hour. The attack began last week, and the hemorrhages have been of frequent occurrence daily since that time. The flow began from a slight abrasion inside a nostril. The hemorrhage at first was not profuse, and the scratch was healing in good shape, when a fit of sneezing tore the seal off and started the bleeding, which has not yet been checked. It is presumed that the mucus ruptured a blood vessel.

HOW TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS CHANGE THE MEANING

An author who has a scrapbook devoted to typographical errors was showing the friends a fragment of a letter concerned a dance. The word "bonnie" was misspelled, with this deplorable result: "There were no bonnie dresses at the dance, the major's own daughters, and this fact was further emphasized by the perfect fit of the shepherdess costumes they wore."

A country paper, after telling how a cow got in front of a train, said: "At the next stop, under peculiar circumstances, the engineer put on full steam, dashed into the cow and literally cut it into two halves." A New York paper, misquoting the word "chill," published this statement: "Mrs. Astor was unavoidably absent from the reception being kept at home by a bad chill."

WESTERN LOTTERY COME/EN TRIVES ON VICTIMS' LIVES

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 29.—The local Wells-Fargo office has brought to light a letter in which a man expressed the cupidity of "well-known men like yourself" whom it offers to "let in on the ground floor."

The operations of the lottery are conducted in Los Angeles. It is believed that several saloon men and barbers of this city who were asked to become "the company's agents" have taken the bait. It is said by bona fide lottery men to be a "banned" article. The communications are signed "Jason King, president."

WANTED AT ONCE

Eight more Socialist men or boys, not under 16 years of age, to sell the Daily Socialist from 5:30 to 7 p. m. daily, in Chicago only. Wage \$50 cents per hour, and one-half of money received on sale. Must be hustlers. Apply to Charles W. Greene, Circulator, 150-152 Washington street.

BROOKLYN COATMAKERS LOCKED OUT BY BOSSES

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 29.—About 1,000 coatmakers, mostly Lithuanians, members of the United Garment Workers of America, have been locked out of the factory district of Brooklyn. It is said that about twenty-five shops are idle.

The trouble was practically begun in the coat-making establishment of K. Bruck at 108 South Fifth street. He posted a notice on Dec. 15 notifying his employees, about 100 in number, that they would be expected to work fifty hours a week and that there would be a reduction in wages which he figured at 5 per cent.

The Lithuanians, who figured it at 10 or 12 per cent, at once put up a strong objection, and now say that they were locked out of their own shops. In other shops were also locked out.

It is claimed by the employees that the contract was broken when the contractor posted the notice demanding an increase of one hour in the week's work. Only about 150 of all those who are not working are Italians, and there are no Jews on strike. This is the first time the Lithuanians have struck in the district. All former strikes were by the Jews.

PEOPLE OF ICELAND LIVE LONGER THAN ANY OTHER

It would be interesting to know if any part of the world beats Iceland in the average length of life of its inhabitants. It is shown in the census of 1905 that on an average the people of that island live to the age of 61.8 years, which is very nearly double the usual duration of human life as it was computed a generation ago. Sweden and Norway are regarded as very healthful countries, but Iceland takes the palm in longevity, the mean duration of life in Sweden being 60.92 years and in Norway 49.94 years.

Some of Iceland's earthquakes are very shocking, but on the whole the lives of most of the people are simple and industrious inhabitants slip along with few incidents that unduly stimulate or depress the pulse. Summer and winter the same old mail boat from Leith steams into the harbor with heavy-laden cargoes, and very rarely brings news that touches Iceland so closely as to make excitement. In fact, the little island enjoys many of the advantages of civilization and avoids most of its drawbacks.

MRS. LESLIE CARTER-PAYNE SUED BY STENOGRAPHER

Great Barrington, Mass., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Leslie Carter-Payne, the actress, it was learned, has been served with papers in a suit instituted by Edith Norton.

Miss Norton is a local stenographer, who claims \$72.50 for services alleged to have been rendered during three days last month. She says she took dictation in connection with a play in which Mrs. Carter-Payne expects to star.

Service of the papers was made November 29, after, Miss Norton says, the money due was not paid.

MAKES THREE LONG SPEECHES IN ONE MINUTE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Robert M. Wallace of Arkansas made three speeches in the house the other day in exactly one minute. And they were real speeches, too. Nobody could get any time to talk—the powers that be having decreed otherwise. One minute was not considered any time, and the Arkansas representative was allowed 60 seconds in which to make himself heard. So he read the first line of one speech, the manuscript of which he held in his hand, and asked leave to extend his remarks to the congressional record. Everybody clapped as he turned as if to sit down. But he reached over his desk and picked up another speech and went through the same ceremony. Then he turned to the congressional record. Again he turned toward the Speaker's chair with a third manuscript and announced that the subject was on good roads and asked the same privilege. It was a clever trick and the entire house roared its approval.

DOG THAT RAN TO FIRES CAN'T BE LOST

York, Pa., Dec. 29.—In an effort to get rid of "Tower," a big shepherd dog that runs with Fire Chief Samuel Kormany's wagon at every alarm of fire in this city, Jacob Freed, its owner, placed him in a box and shipped the animal to Philadelphia.

"It is no use of giving him to any person in York county, for he will only come back again," said Freed, "but if we ship him to Philadelphia he will be unable to return."

The owner, however, was greatly mistaken. When the train reached a small station a few miles east of Philadelphia the dog, which had gnawed the ropes that attached it to the wagon, and disappeared. Like the proverbial cat, "Tower" turned up at his owner's stable in this city.

Fire Chief Kormany, to whom the dog is attached, says that he will keep the animal in York and allow it to run with his wagon in response to alarms of fire.

FINISH NEW MOUTH AT DELTA OF THE MISSISSIPPI

New Orleans, Dec. 29.—One of the greatest channel-making undertakings in the history of American river improvement will be brought nearly to completion this week, when the Jettes at the mouth of the southwest pass of the Mississippi will be finished.

These Jettes, after some dredging between them is completed, will give the south end of the deepest harbors in the world by opening to access of the largest steamships about the 100 and 250-foot depths of the lower Mississippi river.

The harbor thus made accessible has navigable water connection with at least a dozen states bordering the Mississippi and its tributaries, the Ohio, the Missouri, Arkansas and Red rivers. About \$6,000,000 is being spent for this improvement by the United States government.

The new Jettes were begun four years ago. They are on a larger and more substantial scale than the famous Jettes at the Mississippi's south pass, an outlet which for more than thirty years has been the river's commercial entrance. They are nearly parallel walls, one about three and the other about four miles long, lying more than a mile apart and built in the shoal water at the juncture of the pass with the gulf of Mexico.

BEAR ATTACKS A HUNTER AND HE SLAIN

Genesee, Pa., Dec. 29.—The big bear that strayed from this county along the Pennsylvania and New York railway to the vicinity of Canisteo has been killed by E. J. Clark. After a long chase by a posse of citizens he bore face to face at a short turn in the road.

It rushed Clark and sent him spinning down a steep embankment. Without getting up Clark, who had held to his gun, fired the bullet hitting the bear in the shoulder. Clark got to his feet and fired again, killing the animal instantly. The bear weighed 350 pounds.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR SAYS PACIFIC IS HIGHWAY

Tokyo, Dec. 29.—At a banquet here American Ambassador O'Brien, in a speech, said that the Pacific was intended to serve as a great highway for the use of mankind; as a highway it must be maintained, and the responsibility of securing its freedom rested upon Japan and America.

The ambassador's speech was the heavier, because of its more extensive area and population.

"The United States," he continued, "has nothing that Japan cares to take or buy. On the other hand, the United States has no wish to own any of the fair acres of Japan."

TELEGRAPHERS' UNION PAID \$56,393 IN STRIKE BENEFITS

A public accountant has completed an examination of the books of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, and reports that he finds everything regular and that the union, including the mutual benefit department, is financially sound. The mutual benefit department has a fund of more than \$19,000.

The books show that the recent strike cost the union \$299,000. A total of \$96,293 was paid out in strike benefits by the national office. Of this total \$24,999 went to Chicago local. Variations in local dues out about \$100,000 for strike benefits.

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CRIME WAVE IS SEEN UP; FOUR BANDS CAPTURED

Entered and thrust a revolver into the face of Wurzburg, vainly helping himself to the spoils.

Four young men who are suspected of having committed a series of burglaries for the past week, held up the saloon man by John J. Heffernan at 1313 Lexington street, taking \$50 from the cash register.

Knocked Down and Robbed
Mrs. Sophia Kohn of 37 one hundred and Tenth place was knocked down by a hoodlum who fled when she screamed for help.

A man giving his name as James Carroll of 26 North Clark street was picked up after a short chase by detectives this morning following traces in which he was to have had a part at State and Kinzie streets.

Robbery at Hull House
The robbery of one cash box containing about \$15, which occurred in the Hull house restaurant at a late hour, has been attributed to an unknown sneak in the person of Miss Elizabeth, the cashier, who was in charge of the restaurant at the time, succeeded in saving the remaining cash box, which contained a much larger amount than that which was taken.

PEACE IS WORD OF THE MIKADO

Tokyo, Dec. 29.—The twenty-fourth diet was formally opened by the emperor, who delivered the speech from the throne in the presence of the members of the house of peers. He dwelt on the importance of the more careful deliberation of fiscal measures and said he expected the concurrence of the diet in the budget which would be presented by the government.

The opening scene in the upper house was a brilliant one. The 377 members composing the house were clothed in full evening dress, while the members of the different diplomatic corps were dressed in full uniforms.

STEAL TO GET HOME: RETURN AS PRISONERS

Even the juvenile court, in which they were arraigned, look pretty cheerful to Jerry Manning, 18 years old, and his brother Daniel, two years younger, who ran away from home last June and since Oct. 10 have been locked up in the Ottawa county jail, accused of stealing \$10 from a restaurant keeper at Mendota.

The boys say that after leaving home they worked for Andrew Calhoun, a farmer living near Galena, Henry county. They worked three months and received nothing except their board, a pair of overalls and a straw hat. Then they thought the farmer refused to give them enough money to pay their way back to Chicago.

"Calhoun just laughed at us and said we had better stay where we were," said Jerry, the older boy, "so we started to beat our way back home. We reached Mendota and were washing in a restaurant for our meals when we saw our chance to take \$10 and get back home. Of course we knew it was wrong, but we were pretty desperate."

TIN TRUST LANDS ORDER FOR 300,000,000 CANS

Pittsburg, Dec. 29.—The American Can company, of Pittsburg, has closed an order for 300,000,000 tin cans to be delivered in a period covering five years.

The California Fruit Cannery's association is the purchaser, and the contract will be placed in operation Jan. 1, running until Dec. 31, 1921.

It is estimated that 60,000,000 cans will be needed annually, and the immediate tinplate works at Monessen, Pa., will be put on the work at once.

The American Tin Can company has had a contract for the last five years for the tin cans for the tin cans, and the number of cans delivered has not been anything near the number which will be needed in the next five years and for which the contract has now been signed.

In said in Pittsburg that the California buyers were in position to demand and obtain from the United States Steel corporation a special price on tin for the cans, else they would have ordered a plant of their own on the coast.

19-YEAR OLD BOY TELLS OF CRUELTY AT ODESSA

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 29.—Morris Bellino, a 19-year-old boy, who has just arrived here from Odessa, tells a thrilling story of cruelty and exile which he asserts he suffered during the past two years. Bellino says he was in the Odessa anti-Jewish massacre in 1905 and saw his father stoned to death. He was arrested and held in the Odessa prison until last March, when he and 14 others were taken to Siberia. During the guard, he, with a party of a dozen or more, escaped, but not until eight were shot down. He made his way, suffering great hardships, to within 75 miles of Siberia and with the assistance of liberal government sympathizers, came on to America. Bellino will live here.

MANY ARE MISSING AS RESULT OF YULETIDE

Excess of Christmas celebrating is blamed by the police for the unusually large number of "mysterious disappearances" reported within the last few days.

"We always have a good many inquiries for missing persons at this season," said Captain O'Brien of the detective bureau, "but this year beats the record."

According to the police records twenty-two persons disappeared from their homes. Of this number only three have been found. The majority of the cases of disappearance are of adults.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY PROMISED BY EUROPEAN SCIENTIST

London, Dec. 29.—Transatlantic wireless telephony service is promised next February by Prof. Vladimir Poulsen, inventor of the wireless telephony system of wireless communication. He is maintaining communication between his station near Copenhagen and Berlin, a distance of 240 miles. He said today: "I shall open a wireless telephony service to America, via Ireland, in February."

STORK COMES FOUR TEEN TIMES IN FOURTEEN YEARS

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 29.—Rush McCammon and wife of Greene county are entitled to membership in the anti-race-suicide club, the fourteenth child having been born to them in fourteen years of marriage life. He said today: "I shall open a wireless telephony service to America, via Ireland, in February."

NEW YORK, DEC. 29.—That an army of tramps and unemployed headed for New York in the opinion of some of the experts here who lately have been studying the situation revealed thus far this winter. The sudden jump in the number of applications at the municipal lodging house and some burials in the city, suggested to the society gives rise to the belief the advance guard of such an army already is here. With a view of meeting this situation and to protect New York from such an army a conference of persons interested in the charitable care of the homeless was held at the United Charities building, at which a number of plans were discussed. It is said the purpose of the conference was to discuss the general situation, but that it had been prompted especially by conditions at the municipal lodging house, which is full, every night, a condition most unusual. One of the plans suggested to keep down this number was to put the men to work.

"SLEEP FASTING" ODD CONTESTS POPULAR LONG AGO

"Sleep-fasting matches, before the law put a stop to them, took place frequently in this country," said a specialist in insomnia. Yes, back in the 1800s, as much as a week, was a popular form of sport as football. Champion sleep-fasters were idolized by the girls in hoopskirts and waterfalls. The ordinary youth who had to sleep once in 24 hours was a wonder to them on those days. W. C. Woodford of San Francisco was the champion of all the sleep-fasters. In the famous contest of 1869 this man kept awake for 168 hours, 48 minutes and 30 seconds. He was a little thin man with a nervous temperament. Henry K. Jackson of Detroit held the next best record—144 hours 17 minutes. Third came Adolph Mueller of Milwaukee. Those record men are all dead now. Why were sleep fasts so popular with our fathers? Besides their unhealthfulness, they were tame beyond the excitement that one could think of it, could be tamer than merely watching a lot of men keep awake."

\$5,000 A SIDE FOR SUNDAY-CLOSING FIGHT

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 29.—The Merchants' association here has been denied by the proprietors of stores who desire to sell goods on Sunday, and for one week the association has been at least "bluffed" into silence.

Last Sunday the United Cigar Stores branch here kept open by advice of counsel, as did the confectionery stores. The store proprietors say that they are the right to sell on Sunday. The association says that its members are too busy with Christmas trade to bother with Sunday closing, but that it will be taken up after New Year.

The association has voted \$5,000 for the legal fight to construe the "blue laws" literally. The store people say they will spend more than \$5,000 to get a liberal Sunday.

UNION MEETINGS

Take notice German Hod Carriers and Building Laborers of Local No. 1, General meeting Sunday, Jan. 5, at 1 p. m. in our main hall, corner Huron and Green streets. Election of officers and other important business. All members should be present.

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News for Unionists

The shipwrights formed a society in New York city in 1882, and the tailors and also the carpenters did this in 1808 in the same town. This, says the Gateway, may be said to have been the beginning of labor unionism in the United States.

There were four or five decades ago organizations were established in most of the great industries, some of which lasted only a few years. Many of these gradually became national.

The printers were the first craft of any consequence to extend their organization all over the country. They established the National Typographical Union in 1862. So as to take in Canada they established the International Typographical Union in 1862, being the leader also in this broader field.

The formation of great corporations and the immense expansion in industry which began soon after the civil war led to larger labor combinations than had existed prior to that time. Some of these formed the National Labor Union, established at a convention in Baltimore in 1866, which entered politics in 1872 by nominating the Labor Reform ticket, putting Charles O'Connor up for president.

Its votes were few, and it attracted no general attention in the campaign. That broke up the combination, and labor societies, as societies, kept out of politics for the next few years. As societies their most extensive participation in politics was in the congressional campaign in 1906.

Then began its decline and fall. Its strike on the Gould system of railways in St. Louis and the southwest in 1885 it won, but the strike in 1886 on the same roads it lost.

From that time onward it gradually shrank in importance. Today it is only a shadow of its former greatness.

The American Federation of Labor rose as the Knights of Labor fell. At a convention in Columbus, Ohio, in 1886 the American Federation of Labor was formed and it has gradually absorbed the remnants of all the labor organizations of the United States. In it the several crafts retain their autonomy, but are federal for purposes of co-operation.

In 1907 the American Federation of Labor comprises 125 national and international unions and claims to have 2,000,000 members. The affiliated unions publish 24 weekly or monthly papers devoted to the cause of labor.

Outside of the American Federation are about fifteen labor organizations, the most important of which are the Knights of Labor, the Stone Masons' International Union, the Bricklayers' and Masons' Union, and the various tradesmen, trainmen, conductors and others.

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The New York Rent Strike

There is at last some hope of building reform in the terribly overcrowded districts of New York. Jacob Riis has written several very profitable books on the horrors of these tenements and excited the sympathies of very many sentimental audiences describing the horrible things that exist there.

Charity workers and philanthropists of all sorts and descriptions have wept and denounced and resolute over the conditions. Reformers have conducted campaigns for tenement house improvement and secured the election of officials who were just bursting with desire to do something.

But the tenements kept on in the same old way. Sometimes a few were torn down and a park created, and then a great rejoicing went up. But the tenements and their dwellers moved around the corner and reproduced the old conditions and went on as before.

In all these movements the tenement dwellers themselves were sadly indifferent. At last the foundation is moving. The East Side is starting a little tenement house reform on its own hook. It has begun by striking at the only important point in the whole discussion—the rent.

These tenements are maintained because they are profitable. They are kept in their present insanitary condition and thousands of people are crowded in where tens would be uncomfortably confined because it is profitable to do this.

Now the renters propose to spoil that profit. Their method is delightfully simple. They are going to stop paying rent. If there are no breaks in their ranks and they insist on being evicted all together and of paying no rent until all are out there is good reason to believe that the landlords will find it profitable to make some slight improvements in conditions.

If it becomes evident that the entire police force will be required to throw men, women and children out on the street in the middle of winter, it is quite possible that some of those police may be led to inquire why the landlords do not enforce some of the building and health ordinances, which would make the life of the tenement dweller just a trifle less hideous.

Finally, it is easily possible if sufficient fuss is made that enough of the workers will be roused to the conditions under which they or their fellow laborers must live to so increase the Socialist vote in New York as to compel the abolition of the horrors of the East Side.

There is a tremendous power locked up in the hives of humanity that make up the overcrowded portions of the great cities, and when that energy is once exercised for the benefit of its possessors it can work wonders.

THE STORY OF A STRIKE

BY WILLIS NORWOOD.

The strike had been in progress about a week in all the mines in the vicinity of the little town of Imaginationville and things looked bad for the operators. They were unable to stir up any trouble and the union had a good reserve fund with which to maintain its members on strike for an indefinite period. Just about this time a rumor was spread that the Mine Owners' association was hiring across by the dozens of the big cities, and also that it engaged the notorious Pinkerton, De Agay, to assist them to win the strike.

The scabs that were being engaged did not require any mining experience, the principal qualification desired of them was reputation for being thoroughly bad men who had served at least one term in the penitentiary.

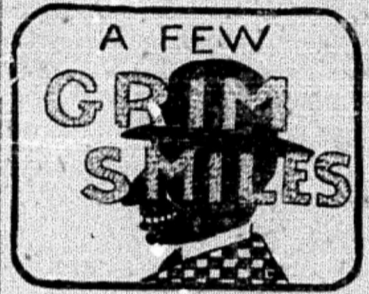
The labor leaders, becoming concerned for the peace of the little town, sent the following message for assistance: To His Excellency Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.

men is the continuation of peace and the maintenance of law and order. Law and order are, however, in grave danger, owing to the intention of the Mine Owners' association of importing the criminals and thugs from the slums of the large cities and of a squad of Pinkerton detectives. That the lives and property of the members of this community may be protected and preserved, we respectfully petition your excellency to send a few companies of federal troops to insure quiet and the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to the citizens of Imaginationville and their wives and children.

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In a couple of hours the following reply was received from President Roosevelt: John Atkins, President Miners' Union, Imaginationville, Nev.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your telegram asking for troops to maintain peace and to enforce the laws, and I wish to congratulate you on your public spiritedness. However, I cannot find anywhere in the constitution or in the actions of any of my predecessors anything that would justify my intervention without a request for such a course from the legislature of your state or from its executive officer. I assure you of my sympathy and of my intention to carefully watch developments in this matter. Sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT.



The cities are full of the unemployed. Wages can now be cut with impunity. This is no joke.

Do not kick the workman who voted a capitalist ticket. Teach him to kick himself and he'll do a much better job than you could.

Many a man is to go to turn over a new leaf on New Year's finds that his creditors have already written thereon.

There's one consolation, anyway. The man who hasn't got the money to buy a holiday card doesn't have to worry about the dealer's bill afterward.

The capitalist papers have at last found out there is an "unemployed problem." How careful of them to let themselves be "scouted" by the Daily Socialist!

THE MESSAGE

BY LEWIS G. DE JANT.

"Tell Robert I loved him." He stood at a bedside and gazed on the form of an old time and once dear friend, and memory awakened, there broke loose a storm of thoughts which such scenes often attend. They'd been sweethearts when children and pledged each the other, their love long ago had they told, to the city had gone with no thought that another in time his whole life would entail.

"Tell Robert I loved him." He thought of the pines in youth they'd attended, the parties, the little affairs of the place, of his faults and mistakes that she'd always defended; unnoticed, a tear rolled down on his face. He'd listened to Fortune, he'd left her in tears, with a promise to write to her often, and that he'd come back in a few short, short years—and now she was in her coffin.

"Tell Robert I loved him." She'd kept well the promise which long he'd forgotten and passed on as pure as a youth. He knew that the lusts he'd called pleasures were rotten; for once seeing clearly, acknowledged the truth. Too long had he waited; she now was above him, and deep-settled anguish came down on his soul as he thought of the message, "Tell Robert I loved him," and how he had wasted his life all for gold.

When Killing is Not Murder

Five years ago more than five hundred men, women and children were done to a horrible death in the Iroquois fire in Chicago. There was ample proof that the proprietors of the theater had been guilty not only of reckless disregard of ordinary precautions, but of criminal neglect of even those safeguards provided by law.

There was a wild demand that those guilty of these deaths should be punished. Nothing short of the gallows was fitting for those who had brought this horrible holocaust upon Chicago.

Five years have now passed away. All of those who profited by that terrible killing have been freed either by due trial or through legal technicalities. It has been decided by the courts that UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS KILLING IS NOT MURDER.

It might be well to have the question decided of exactly when killing is not murder under the present system.

It has been quite definitely determined by those who make public opinion and by the courts that it is not murder to run railroad trains over the mangled bodies of employes and passengers, so long as this produces dividends.

The general opinion seems to be that killing men in mines on ever so wholesale a scale is not murder if profits result.

The Iroquois fire has determined that burning human beings in a theater is not murder if it was necessary in order to increase the income of the owners.

From all these a general rule can be drawn. KILLING IS NOT MURDER TODAY IF IT IS PROFITABLE.

I AIN'T NO POLITICIAN

It happened in our little postoffice. The postmaster had just informed me that Mr. X was dead and that his Socialist paper had no place to go. "Could I take care of it?" he concluded.

Near me was standing a young workman, probably an employe (though I of the spoil null. He was tall and thin, somewhat round-shouldered, and wore spectacles. His clothes were poor. He looked intelligent and ready. He really was; but as for his intelligence, I leave you to judge for yourself, when I have finished.

My eye fell on him as the postmaster finished his query. "Why not let this man have the paper?" thought I. With entire courtesy I asked if he would care to have it come for the remainder of the time. "It won't cost you a cent, and it will certainly be useful," I added.

The workman eyed me with nascent suspicion. He suspected some dodge or graft—most of us do, under the benign influence of Capitalism. I repeated: "It won't cost you a cent. Do you want it?"

He moved away slowly, eyes fixed on the floor. He could not understand that anybody should offer him anything free, and he was evidently ill at ease. He wanted to escape. He reached the postoffice door.

"Well," queried I for the third time, "do you want it?" "No!" he growled. "I don't. I ain't no politician, nobody!" He paused irresolute, his ideas jumbled between defiance and a sneaking conviction that he ought to thank me. "Obliged to you, jest 'em same!" he finally stammered. "But I don't want it. I ain't no politician!" Then he disappeared.

Despite a certain irritation, I had to smile. "No politician!" I repeated mentally. "No politician!"

No, my good friend, no politician, no student, no scholar, no thinker, no nothing, save only a dull, sodden, weary drudge and slave. Into your mind no ray of light has yet penetrated. Your be-all and end-all is your labor, your pitiful weekly wage, your poor food and of less and ignorance.

"Of such is the Kingdom of Capitalism." What would our blessed system do without you and your kind? Dumbly, willing slave, you loomed out to me (as you stood there irresolute, suspicious, hostile, in guise of the whole pitiful type and form of servitude, the

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Edited by Marie Jayne

The Market

There is one sure way to play the stock market. First, read carefully all the papers and subscribe for all the tipsters' letters. Note carefully the fact that they can all tell you to a fraction of a point just what happened yesterday, while, concerning what is to happen tomorrow, they either all differ radically or are as equivocal as the oracles at Delphi. After several months of patient study of the kind it will dawn upon you that the trick lies wholly in knowing in advance what is going to happen and it will also dawn upon you that you know as much about it as anybody who really knows is willing to tell, which is nil minus.

When you are thoroughly grounded in these two principles you are ready to play. Then buy a padlock for your pocketbook, throw away the key, and go fishing. By this method you are absolutely certain to escape loss, which is about all the average speculator can hope in the long run to do.

Just at present, expressed or actual knowledge of any movement in the stock market is more infrequent than ever. There are lots of people who want to know what's going to happen, and when and to whom it is going to happen, and how. Then there are many more people who do not seem to care.

Someone is holding lots of stocks as, at last reports, no stocks have been buying around lately. Who has this? The opinion is general that the public is not in the market. What has become of the public? Has the public gone fishing? ELLIS O. JONES.

Capitalism Destroys Home Life

Foolish people who cry out that Socialism would destroy the sanctity of family life forget that capitalism has already accomplished that by taking the wife to compete against the husband and the child against the parent. It is today that a man's foes are in his own household. These are questions for the workers of this country to unflinchingly face by electing men who will not only enact the laws, but give the administration of the law into the hands of those whose interests are our own. And where shall we find such men if not in our own ranks—members of our own class. But when we have the laws and they are duly enforced, that is not the end by any means. Laws, however well conceived, are only means to an end and not the end itself. Laws are the only agency with which we hope to break down the city of Dread.

To Purify Musty Rooms

When an unused room is suddenly called into use, the odor of mustiness and dampness is very disagreeable, and this is quite often very noticeable in country homes, where certain rooms are closed during the winter season. First, start a good fire in the room, if possible, or have the heat turned on to warm the room. It is advisable if there is no fireplace to have such a room provided with a good clean oil stove. Open the windows, air the room, close the windows and get the room as warm as possible. Place in it a bowl of boiling water in which a tablespoonful of chloride of lime has been dissolved. This odor penetrates every corner of the room, and will purify the air. Remove it and put any kind of perfume in it, which will delicately scent the room. Even oil of cloves will purify the room, or one can burn ground cinnamon on a hot plate and the danky odor will be dis-

After the Snowstorm

By MARY O'REILLY. The loud-voiced storm has ceased. And I, Who battled long against the power Of all its rude barbaric strength Against me turned, and in that hour Was lost to my mad joy toiled wild. May rest me like a weary child.

Peace! Peace! The snow lies white and still. In drifts above my head and light In drifts above my head and light It seems a dream. I saw the light From time to time; then lost its glow, Yet kept the pathway through the snow.

Nay, lost and found it over and o'er, Till stumbling blindly toward the light, Scared, knowing when the hands reached out to me.

To draw me to the frosty bright From out the howling, whirling storm To rest within the freight warm.

And now the loud-voiced storm has ceased. I turn to see the moon's pale light Gleam on a world all new to me; The stars in haze and hazy, bright With light of promise from afar. With light of hope, the Christmas star. And then I feel a childish hand Slip into mine and dura to see The Christmas joy, the warmth of love The children's hearts give back to me. Love wars my heart. Ah! well I know That summer sleeps beneath the snow. Peace, peace! The world is white and still.

No sound of strife nor near nor far, No song in hope and love, my soul. And trust the child and find the star. My soul, this Christmas brings to thee Peace after storm, the life to be. MARY O'REILLY.

Cheap Scientific Ration

In these sticky times, the wise housewife both saves and feeds her family with the least possible expense. As far as protein-bearing foods are concerned there can be but one answer. Legumes, that is, beans, properly prepared, are much more concentrated than meat and far cheaper, besides causing one to have more endurance. Legumes should be supplemented by various grain foods, brown bread, etc., especially the cheap and most delicious cornmeal mush.

The following is the only correct way to prepare beans for eating: Remove of commercial pea butters, also of ordinary young peas. They "take hold on death."

1. Induce a pea-pat vendor to partly roast for you a quarter bushel of peas. Be sure that he roasts them less than ten minutes. That way it would be better to have them entirely raw than roasted too much. Too much roasting makes the peas partly indigestible. If it is necessary to have them partly roasted, do so by means of boiling water, but there will not be quite so much flavor.

2. Remove shells and skins to get a pint, say, of the meats.

3. Boil ten hours, in an earthen-

For Home Dressmakers

Beans may be similarly prepared, using lima beans and removing the skins by hand after a few minutes' boiling. Cook eight or ten hours. Beans lack the valuable oily ingredient, but are otherwise as good as peanuts. Being likewise very concentrated, they should be eaten in small quantities, the same as the peanuts. I am engaged in light muscular labor for about fifteen hours per day and find a heaping teaspoonful of the cooked peanuts once a day sufficient for my needs, using means while no other protein bearers whatever, such as meat, eggs, cheese, spaghetti or nuts.

CHAS. A. JOHNSON.

Under the present system individuals may follow this dietary and perhaps gain benefit, but if the whole working class were to attempt to cut down its living expenses to the minimum the result would be only to reduce the wages of labor.

CHILD'S LIMITED COAT

Developed in London—this coat would look very easy for a school day. It is made of serge, the pattern is very simple. The edge of the high, fitting collar and the cuffs are edged with golden outer fur. The pattern is in 4 sizes—1 to 7 years. For a child of 5 years the coat requires 2 1/2 yards of material 27 inches wide, 2 3/4 yards 36 inches wide or 1 3/4 yard 44 inch wide, 1 1/2 yard of trimmings.

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CONVERTING M'GURN

Well, so, it bates all the hopeance av some folks. Here I've bin waitin' me time on Hanrahan tryin' to show him the folly av his ways, an' jist as I do be thinkin' me common sense has the best av his ignorance he up an' commits an assault on all that society holds in reverence. Whin be comes in me house th' other night I was goin' to quietly yet firmly insist on his cuttin' loose from the Socialistic party, but before I could say a word, he sees me.

"Faddy, you've bin waitin' to convert me, but this mornin' that's goin' to do a little convertin' th' night. Ye are a regular know nothin' whin it comes to Socialism, an', begorra, ye know av loss whin it comes to yer own politics; so 'tis somethin' I'm goin' to give ye to chew on. Let us look at the history av Ameriky as it transpired under our own eyes. There niver was an illection held since ye an' I became voters in which the illection av rayformers didn't cut a figure. Why, aven Hickey av the Bath House has posed av rayformers whin they advocated municipal ownership av street railways.

"In the city, state or nation the folly who has become known as a rayformers is the 'van the public runs after.' Thiden, the slayer av the Two-Ting, Cleveland, the rayformers mayor av Buffalo, were sacrificed by the dimmycratic party as its candidates for President because they were rayformers. La Follette, in Wisconsin, is the idol av the rayformers in his state because he stands for rayformers av control the federal patronage in Wisconsin. Roosevelt, Bryan an' a hundred an' wan others who are prominent before the people are standin' in the line wither because we Ameriky are so wrapped up in rayformism.

"Whin a public official performs his sworn duty the public becomes hysterical with its applause, for the public knows that things political are voten an' it is anxious to clarify the political atmosphere.

"So they throw us their hats whin they discover an honest official, an' fling bouquets at him, till the presidential bee is attracted by the flowers, an' thim the honest official becomes a professional rayformers, with his hand on the pulse av the public, wan eye on the White House an' the other on the busses av the big an' little political machines. Now, why is it we make such a hubaluboo about an honest public official? Is it because honesty is scarce in public life?

"Rayformers come an' go, Paddy.

"There is always plenty av room for rayformers an' rayformers. We thry 'dimmycratic rayformers an' we get free soup houses. We thry to improve conditions be puttin' in a rayformers, an' we get a panic. The cry av the rayformers is: 'We will purify things, or we are goin' to do this an' that.' Sometimes a rayformers will thry to kape his word an' indivior to change conditions, but he'll explain th' us that the enemies av rayformers are so strongly entrenched in their positions a rayformers must make haste slowly, but must always kape in view the fact that the rayformers in office.

"We Ameriky want rayformers 'so badly we're willin' to do most anything to sacure it. The will-o'-the-wisps av prohibition, tariff rayformers, government supervision, phonetic spellin' an' race suicide lades many av us a merry race over boggy places in order to sacure aquil opportunities for nivil, an aquil opportunities to most rayformers names the charit to do his neighbor.

"Ye rayformers believe that the in-thrusts av property are av more importance than the rights av man; ye always put the dollar before the man, while strivin' to better the conditions av the worlded. Ye believe in cooperation whin we're producin' an' believe in individualism whin it comes th' distribution. Ye'll wait over child labor, grow indignant whin ye think av graft, an' yer language whin speak av the didos cut up be Rockefeller an' the other high moguls av Wall street is unit for publication. Oh, Faddy, avick, ye nobsbacks whin are at the beck an' call av the bosses av the old parties are blind to yer own interests. We Socialists represent the workers, because we are toilers, but ye'll listen th' those who are fattenin' on their illegotten wealth, an' turn a deaf ear th' yer brothers an' comrades in labor's army. Ye'd patch up a system that is old an' worn out, an' if ye had any sense ye'd know that a thing that was good for anything wouldn't have to be braced ag' patched up all the time, be it a snow shovel, a locomotive or a political system, an' if ye had any gumption about ye ye'd thrate our present economic system in the same manner that yer boss will thrate ye whin ye become old an' useless; sure he'll thry to make room for a younger an' better man."

"That's the way wid Hanrahan, prafin' about the rights av labor an' in the same breath countin' that a man should lose his job whin he becomes old an' worn out."

"Rayformers come an' go, Paddy.

5,000 MEN OUT OF EMPLOYMENT

Chicago is facing, with other Ohio cities, a grave unemployed problem. At a very conservative estimate there have been laid off from work in the neighborhood of 5,000 men.

Most of these men are married, and the present high cost of living has brought a great many to the point of misery and starvation.

It is true that some of these have gone to work in our stores to help out through the holiday rush, but this is a seasonal and empty house. The holiday season is a difficult problem to answer.

"This burden in the lessening of the purchasing power of the working class will be felt most by the small dealer. This pane in itself will be more severe on the workers than the pane of '24. In the panic of '23, fifty cents was the equivalent of \$1.50 today. In other words, retail prices have advanced 50 per cent. A great deal cheaper. At that time a merchant or grocer would not hesitate to carry a family through the winter; but now it is different. If the working man can't get a dollar for his credit, he is out of it in most cases.

At the end of the month, when his rent is due and he can't pay, he gets immediate orders to move. The merchant or empty house, Columbia, is commencing to have an over-supply of both.

A great many families are doubtly up and a great many more will do so before the winter is over. The prediction of 7,000,000 idle men before the end of 1907 is coming true with a vengeance. There are material causes for this, just as there are with a man getting sick. That is, there should be no salary, and starvation in a land that produced \$3,000,000,000 worth of wealth last year, is becoming a fact. The echo for the beginning of 1908, we fear, will be the greatest number of unemployed in the nation has ever seen. The big capitalists have been advocating a real commercial activity, but we fear that it is a rest that is not to the liking of the working class. Naturally this rest will bring a slump in values which will rebound to the benefit of the man who holds the cash; for it is reasonably fair to presume that if a dollar will buy twice as much (two months from now) that dollar will be withdrawn from circulation, and the only way the hoarding is to show a greater amount of wealth in exchange.

We have placed our banking system in the hands of private individuals, in-

stead of retaining it in the hands of the government, and so we must suffer in proportion to the ignorance we have exhibited.

Money stringency is the hand-maid of over-production and credit. Just as the rule of the big rich is, if you want to get possession of your neighbor's wealth, load him down with a mortgage, then make money scarce, then demand cash, and, if you don't get it, he is a neighbor and fore-closed.

We would like to instill confidence and hope into the heart of the man out of a job, but there is no material basis to make such promises of. This grand mass of over-production, as the capitalist calls it, must first be destroyed before the hum of industry will again move forward.

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Now, the working class, the largest consuming class, is being laid off. The wealth that is piled up on the merchant's shelf must naturally stay there if the workers can not buy. Whether the merchant sells or not, these goods must be paid for. To sell goods, jobbers and manufacturers have extended credit, in some cases to six months. The time is now close at hand when these goods must be met with cash. If the merchant has no cash, then what? Things are of a more serious aspect than the ordinary man imagines them to be.—Critical Times.

TO THE EDITOR

SOCIALISM GROWING. This place is full of Socialist agitators and we want information in regard to starting a Socialist branch at this point. This is a fine time to make Socialists. Everything is shut down at this place except two blast furnaces right in Republican times, too.

I have been a Socialist for sixteen years. I follow coal mining for my bread and belong to the United Mine Workers of America. I am willing to do all in my power for Socialism and want to see a Socialist local organized here.

EDWARD ROBERTS.

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gaunted everywhere in the faces of these charlatans and misleaders of men to remind them of their broken promises and to bury them forever in oblivion.

P. V. CARGILL. Olean, N. Y.

SHAVED THE WRONG FACE. An officer of a certain regiment was one morning inspecting his company on parade, when he came to an Irishman who had evidently not shaved for some days.

Holding in front of the man, he said: "Don't you shave for six months, is this morning?" "Oh, was, sorr," was the reply. "How dare you tell me that," said the officer, "with a beard on you like this."

"Well, sorr," said Paddy, "it's looks this. There's only one shaving glass in our room and there was nine of us shaving at the same time, and maybe O shaved some other chap's face."

A MERE MAN. "You sign this deed of your own free will, do you madam?" asked the lawyer. "What do you mean by that?" demanded the large, red-faced woman. "I mean there has been compulsion on the part of your husband, has there?" she ejaculated, turning to look at the neck tie man sitting beside her. "I'd like to see him try to compulse me."