

LABOR INDORSES "UNION" TICKET

Report of "Political Action" Committee Adopted at Meeting

The Chicago Federation of Labor, acting upon the advice of its "political action" committee, will ask organized labor in Chicago and Cook county to vote at the primaries on August 8 to put many union men, as well as several non-union men, upon the tickets which receive their financial support from James B. Van Cleave, C. W. Post, Roger Sullivan and such other good "friends" of organized labor.

The final report of the committee was submitted at a special meeting of the federation last night. Of the non-unionists recommended by the committee, the report said that their records had been investigated, but it contained no outline of a plan for keeping the successful candidates from having their wings clipped by the party bosses after election.

Amendment is Offered After it was moved and seconded that the report be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be seriously considered, Delegate Taylor of Division 241 of the street car men's union, offered an amendment that each candidate be taken up separately and discussed, so that the delegates could go back to their unions feeling that they could be conscientious reports made.

Chairman John Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock and explained that the meeting was called for the purpose of hearing the reports of the committee and gave the understanding that any further discussion on any subject would be out of order, even if it should touch upon politics. The meeting was held strictly to its purpose and there was practically no debate.

Socialists Ignored In the report of the committee, the Socialists were completely ignored, not a Social being recommended, even in districts where the committee could not find a suitable Democrat or Republican. This position was taken because the Socialists had refused to take part in the activities. None of the Socialists delegates took part in what little discussion there was.

Charles Smith of the South Chicago Trades and Labor assembly wanted the name of Lee W. Carpenter substituted for Walter J. Gibbons for judge of the municipal court, but his substitute motion was voted down by a large majority. It is expected that the special meeting could remain open all night listening to such propositions.

Report is Indorsed This had the desired effect, for it was a hot night—the rank and file of organized labor would do as it pleased anyway; so what was the use? The report was indorsed with not enough opposition to be worthy of much mention.

After the voting Delegate Berwin of the Cigarmakers' union wished to be recognized as not voting. He afterward explained that this was in accordance with his pledge to his union, the Cigarmakers' union, he said, allows no political matters to come up within its union.

"Billy" Mason Indorsed Among the non-union men indorsed was "Billy" Mason, who again wants to be United States senator from Illinois. In Congressman "Bill" Lott's district there was no indorsement. Other districts were also left "neutral," while in some cases both Republicans and Democrats were indorsed, which also seems to be "neutral."

THINK BODIES OF TWO SLAIN YOUTHS ARE IN OLD WELL Chester, Ill., July 27.—Killam Stamm, accused murderer of his two sons at Moline, Ill., stated that he had been in the city, still a prisoner in the county jail. Sheriff Burns and his deputies believe within a day or two they will have conclusive evidence of his guilt.

Deputies are at work upon clues gathered about the scene of the alleged crime, and yesterday Sheriff Burns received information that a party engaged in excavating an old well which was filled about the time of the disappearance of Charles Stamm last May had been compelled to stop the work after going to the depth of several feet because of the overpowering odor. It is believed that in this well the remains of the missing young men will be uncovered within the next two days.

Stamm maintains a stolid defiance, insisting stoutly that he knows nothing of the whereabouts of his sons.

NATIONS IN RACE TO RILE AIR; BALLOONS NEW FACTOR IN WAR

Washington, D. C., July 27.—The supremacy of the air in military circles will supersede the fight for the supremacy of the sea, according to naval and army experts. They will watch the airship race to begin this week at Flanders. Capt. Thomas S. Baldwin will make the first flights.

Military experts who have closely observed the development of the war type of balloon are becoming more and more convinced that in the future the rating of nations as world powers will not be based on the size of their standing armies or naval strength, but on the efficiency of their armies in the air.

At South Farnborough the British war office has the most modern military balloon factory and a hydrogen plant to be found anywhere. The equipment at this army balloon station consists of acid and captive balloons, two dirigibles, hydrogen wagons for conveying the gas-filled cylinders, a large hydrogen plant for generating and compressing hydrogen gas into cylinders, and here also are engines, workshops, casting works and balloon sheds.

France and Germany are even further advanced than Great Britain and the work of the French dirigible army balloons and Count Zeppelin's military dirigibles in Germany are evidence of what these two countries are doing. Italy and Belgium each have a military dirigible of the most advanced type. Austria, Sweden, Switzerland, Russia, Austria-Hungary and Japan are showing activity.

Subscription men have grievance against paper Subscription collectors for the Chicago Record-Herald are having trouble collecting their earnings, it is claimed, and there is much discussion among the collectors as to whether the Record-Herald or some individual is profiting at the expense of the workers.

Solicitors declare that they have had their earnings cut down more than one-half of what they expected to receive and that the officials in charge of this department refuse to offer any other explanation than to say that a certain number of subscribers killed their orders.

Every Monday the solicitors call for their pay and are handed whatever the Record-Herald or the premium manager wishes to give. It is said, together with a slip stating the number of those refused to recognize the contract. When they ask for the names of those "killing" their orders, the solicitors declare, they are told to "get out."

The solicitors are paid commissions and a bonus of \$1.50 for each five-subscriptions they bring. The "grew" manager is supposed to investigate each name that is brought in, to see that it is bona fide, and it is pointed out that it would be an easy matter for the "grew" manager or one of his assistants to "suppose" to investigate each name to a "friend," to be included in another list.

Friendless and penniless and with her 13-month-old baby sick with fever, Jessie Dassel, 26 years old, is at the Harrison street annex, where she declares she is the most unhappy woman in Chicago. The woman and her child were discovered in distress at Randolph street and Michigan avenue by Police man J. C. Schneider early yesterday morning.

The woman said she had walked from Niles center, Ill., in search of work. She and her husband defied a year ago. "If I can get a piece of work and earn enough to take care of my baby I'll be happy," the woman told the patron. "I thought it would be easy to find work in Chicago."

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While the number of these places was not large, their influence was more dangerous than that of some open houses of vice. Lieut. Hanley said he has carried them, in my notes, in the past.

Saloon that saloons in the Douglas neighborhood which depended for support upon trade brought to them by the presence of women and by music of various sorts are in financial straits found confirmation yesterday when it was learned that the Pickwick club, 2033 Cottage Grove avenue, has discharged saloon writers and other employees and is doing such business as it can in way with scarcely enough people to care for it.

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WHAT'S THE USE OF TELLING WHERE YOU GET THE MONEY—



IF YOU DON'T SHOW HOW YOU SPEND IT!

NOTED DANE IS COMING HERE

Meyer, Socialist Member of Riksdag, to Speak in Chicago

Scandinavian Socialists all over the country are making preparations to receive A. C. Meyer, a leading Danish Socialist and member of the lower house of the Danish riksdag, who is scheduled to arrive in New York on the Hellig Olav next Monday. Meyer comes to the United States at the invitation of the Scandinavian Socialist Agitation committee of Chicago—the members of which are planning a series of agitation meetings for him here.

Meyer is a speaker of ability and he is expected to make a strong appeal to Norwegian Danes and Swedes, who have not yet grasped the fundamentals of Socialism. His speaking will be made in the Danish and Norwegian language.

Expected August 7 The date of his arrival in Chicago has not yet been fixed, though the committee having that matter in charge look for him to be here on August 7. His tour in America will extend over a period of from four to six weeks. From the moment he begins on his agitation tour in New York, Meyer will be under the direction of National Secretary J. Mahlon Barnes of the Socialist party and all speaking dates and arrangements concerning Meyer should be made through the office of the national secretary, 180 Washington street, Chicago. Communications in the Scandinavian languages should be sent to H. Fossum, secretary of the Scandinavian Socialist Agitation committee, 301 North Morgan street, Chicago.

Meyer is the second Socialist member of the Danish parliament to visit the United States within two years. His predecessor here was H. Borgher, also a member of the Danish lower house, who two years ago toured the United States and did valuable agitation work among Scandinavian-Americans.

Machinist by Trade Meyer is rated as the best political speaker in Denmark, regardless of party, and also is one of the best known and most popular Socialists in northern Europe. He is a machinist by trade and has been leader in his country, he is an author of note, having written a number of novels and not a little poetry of high rank. He also is an editorial writer on the Social Democrat of Copenhagen, a Socialist daily newspaper and leading journal of Denmark.

OFFERS SALE OF BABY IN LOOP

Girl Mother, Hungry, Walks 25 Miles to Barter Infant

Chicago, the great central market, saw a strange sight this morning. There was a baby offered openly for sale at the corner of Clark and Harrison streets. It was a wee, half-starved mite which a society open could have obtained by trading her pet lapdog for it. Its mother had tramped 25 miles until footsore because she could not see the suffering in the little eyes any longer. She wanted someone to take it. She was only 15, anyway, and had come to America with her husband, Stanislaus Neschka, who had expected to make a great fortune and give her a home as good as that of a grand duke.

West Chicago, where the ambitious pair settled, had not yielded prosperity to the pair, and Stanislaus, discouraged, left his home and wandered to parts unknown, leaving his wife and the child.

Walks With Babe in Arms Yesterday morning the young wife thought that she would sell the baby at the great city where she could get work and so save of starvation. According to her story, she walked all the way and arrived this morning. The baby had cried very hard because the thin, blue-white liquid in the nursing bottle had almost gone and what was left was sour.

Manifestly a mother could not work and care for such a small baby, too. Stanislaus Neschka reasoned, and the idea struck her that if she could get rid of the baby she could get work and care for herself—she could not care for the baby. Then, she thought that if someone bought the baby she would have money in her pocket, and the baby would gain added value and receive better care because its new parent had bought it.

Is Fed in Police Station Finding no purchaser for the baby the young mother determined to give it away. Two detectives from the Harrison street station came along. They saw the crowd and after hearing the story took the young woman to the station, where the matron fed her and where she told the story of her terrible walk looking for work. She and the baby were taken to St. Vincent's Orphan asylum. The woman will be cared for at the women's annex until she can find work.

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The trouble began Saturday night, when a mob of angry islanders attacked the house of a Venezuelan who had published statements in Venezuela against the government. A Socialist daily newspaper and leading journal of Denmark. In 1895 he was elected for the first time to the lower house of parliament and since then he has been returned at every election with steadily increased majorities. In 1878, when he was 20 years old, he was made business manager of the then newly organized social democratic league of Copenhagen. Later he traveled in Germany, returned to Denmark a year later and went to work in the royal porcelain factory, in which employment he remained until 1884, when he took up Socialist journalism in the editorial office of Social Democrat.

Advocate of Temperance Meyer is greatly interested in the temperance movement among working men in Denmark. He is himself a total abstainer and has done much toward reducing intemperance in his native land. He also is an athlete of note.

German Consulate Surrounded Sunday morning it was noted that there was no shield on the building occupied by the Venezuelan consul. It is not known whether it was removed by the Venezuelans or torn down by Curacao natives. There was a gathering again in the plaza this morning and it was learned that the Venezuelan consul had proceeded to the German consulate this building was surrounded by an ever-increasing mob. The attorney general made a determined effort to quiet the populace, which was becoming more excited all the while. A small military force attempted to check the demonstration, for a time that was found impossible.

Forced to Retract Statement The mob lost no time in attacking the house. They broke down the doors and seized the man who was compelled to sign a paper which set forth an elaborate excuse for the publication of the statements with which he was charged. The officers of the police forced him to make a public apology from the balcony of his home, while the crowd below booed and groaned in accompaniment. Furthermore, members of the mob's family were compelled to play the Dutch national hymn, while the people below shouted: "Down with Castro. Long may Wilhelmina live."

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WHICH ARE NOW AFTER CASTRO

Venezuelan Consul Flees From Angry Mob of Curacoans

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, July 27.—Venezuela's consulate in this city was attacked by a mob Saturday night and the consul fled to the German consulate for safety. Troops are now patrolling the streets and efforts are being made to prevent a rupture between Holland and Castro's country.

Following a long series of violent attacks on the part of President Castro, the relations between this island of the Dutch West Indies and Venezuela are at the breaking point. Netherlands Affair the Cause Relations between Curacao and Venezuela have been strained for several months and the ousting of J. J. de Reus, resident minister from the Netherlands to Venezuela, by Castro last week added to the unfriendly feeling of the islanders, causing the outbreak of the mob.

Queen Wilhelmina's government sent the warship Gelderland to Puerto Cabello on Friday to take M. de Reus away. At Amsterdam on Saturday the council of ministers took the Venezuelan question under discussion and, although no measure against Venezuela has yet been announced by the government, the newspapers foresee the possibility of a naval demonstration, in which the president's house was 1,000 men of armed troops so that the consul might be protected from injury.

The demonstration before the residence of the Venezuelan consul, Senor Lopez, occurred Saturday night. Two shots were fired from the consul's home, no one being injured, but the shots added further anger to the mob. In the mob which attacked the Venezuelan resident's house were 1,000 men of armed troops so that the consul might be protected from injury.

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Lopez Escorted by Troops It became necessary eventually to call out additional troops, and these at once proceeded to patrol the streets and stop the rioting. Consul Lopez was escorted by a small force of troops up the official documents of his office and was escorted back to his home. The troops that accompanied him were crowded that had gathered and were jeering on every hand.

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SOLDIER GETS \$50,000 FOR HAVING SUPERIOR LIFE

Waukegan, Wis., July 27.—Carrying a wounded officer on his back across fields burning from the heat of a tropical sun, with only the thought of reaching medical aid before the gaping wounds brought death to the sufferer, has Dailey brought his reward to Harry Dally of Randall street, this city, formerly a soldier in the British army. While serving in one of the colonies Dailey took part in many skirmishes until one day the commanding officer fell shot down in a country familiar only to the enemy, where settlements were few. The officer's fall was noticed by Dailey in the heat of the fight and the wounded man was rescued.

CITY CHARITY IS OVERTAXED

Hot Weather Brings Suffering; Many Are Sent on Outings

With the hot weather comes tales of suffering among the children and mothers of the tenement districts...

The Chicago Bureau of Charities, located in the Rand-McNally building...

Up to Saturday 588 women and children had been sent to the country...

Over 1,564 were sent out to the camp grounds for a week...

The one-day outings to parks and neighborhoods were enjoyed by 4,568 children...

The Volunteers of America, who have a beautiful fresh air camp located seven miles north of Benton Harbor...

So far this year the investigating and relief corps connected with the Volunteers has been hard pressed with applications for help...

There is more suffering among the working class of Chicago this year than there has been for a long time...

AMUSEMENTS

Review 'WHERE THE BIG SPOTLIGHT OF FUN ALWAYS SHINES BRIGHTEST'

24th Ward Tonight! AT SOCIAL TURNER HALL, 5 O'LOCK

Chicago's Most Beautiful Pleasure Spot FOREST PARK

IF YOU HAVE MONEY

The First Mortgage Notes

RE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Send Us Your Check TODAY

"HARD TIMES" "GET WISE"

YOUNG TURKS WILL NOT DISARM; MUST BE SHOWN

Paris, France, July 27.—In an interview Ahmed Riza, the leader of the Young Turks, is quoted as saying that the proclamation of the constitution was a triumph for his party...

ROOSEVELT DISMISSES EIGHT CADETS GUILTY OF HAZING

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 27.—President Roosevelt has approved the dismissal from the military academy at West Point of eight cadets who were found guilty of hazing under-class men...

BRITON WINS IN RACE ALONE

London, July 27.—Amid the cheers of several hundred of his countrymen, Halswelle, the English runner, this morning "walked over" in the final of the 400-meter race in the Olympic games...

Halswelle Only Contestant in the 400-Meter Event at London

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Ran Fast to Make Record

Halswelle didn't really walk, he ran, and ran hard, in an effort to establish a new Olympic record...

This Year the Worst

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DRISCOLL IS TO MAKE MISCHIEF

Disturber Becomes Active Again Among Union Teamsters

John C. Driscoll is back in Chicago to rule organized labor, and the word has been handed out that he will rule as if it is necessary to go back to the slugging methods of eight years ago...

Furniture Movers Angry

The furniture movers are said to be displeased with the Van Teamsters' union, which is affiliated with the United Teamsters of America...

Delivers an Ultimatum

Driscoll has informed them that it is his desire that they return, and if they do not he will have their pieces filled next Monday by other teamsters and the union will go out of existence...

Owners Cutting Prices

Driscoll's education crew prevented teamsters from working for employers paying less than the rate of the association...

MINERS ARE NOT IN POLITICS

President Lewis Says Coal Diggers Will Decide for Selves

Indianapolis, Ind., July 27.—"The coal mine workers of the country will decide for themselves how they will vote next November," said President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America...

ELECTRIC R. R. EMPLOYEES STRIKE

Action is Taken After Conference at the Briggs House

Following a meeting of the Briggs House last night, the representatives of the Elgin & Belvidere Electric Road and the employees of the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Electric Road...

SWISS WATCH INDUSTRY IS HARD HIT BY PANIC

Consul R. E. Mansfield writes from Lucerne that although Switzerland has not yet been seriously affected by the general business depression that has made itself felt throughout Europe...

Awaken the Workers

"There's No Rest for the Wicked" There are two of the new "Alarm Clock Leaflets"...

BROKER'S WIFE FOUND WITH SON OF SENATOR BAYNER

Baltimore, Md., July 27.—It was learned today that Mrs. W. H. Fisher, the wife of a prominent broker, was with young William B. Bayner when his father, Senator Bayner, found him in a farmhouse near Norfolk Thursday...

ASK COURTS TO AID NOMINEES

Socialists of Oklahoma Try to Have Names Put on Ticket

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21 KILLED IN MEXICAN FIGHT

Tucson, Ariz., July 27.—In a battle between Mexican troops and Papago Indians at the Inmaculada ranch, near Centro Colorado, a mining camp in the Altar district of Sonora, nineteen Indians and two soldiers were killed and five soldiers wounded.

LEVEE GIVES AWAY; DOES \$5,000,000 OF DAMAGE

Antioch, Cal., July 27.—Two hundred feet of the San Joaquin river levee gave way and Jersey Island, comprising 4,000 acres, including 300 acres of celery, was flooded. The property loss is estimated at \$5,000,000.

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7,000 ESSAYS WRITTEN IN TAFT'S FAVOR FOR \$50 PRIZE

Washington, D. C., July 27.—Seven thousand essays, probably amounting to about a million words, have been written and are being sent to the United States National Campaign Committee for the best essay...

Enforcement Rushed Through

The law was passed on the 28th of May, was signed by the governor on the 29th and was not on file in the secretary of state's office until June 2 and was not published in the papers until the 12th of June...

Advertisement in the Chicago Daily Socialist

POLITICS FOE TO SICK BABIES

Negligence of G. O. P. Assemblymen Handicaps Health Board

The forces of the state of Illinois may be compelled to enter the fight which the Chicago board of health is waging to get pure milk for the babies of the city and especially of the tenement districts...

Handicapped by Politics

In that effort, however, the state inspectors who have been handicapped by the intervention of politics, which destroyed the dairy form inspection feature of the law which was drafted to protect the state milk supply...

SCHRETLER SATS MAN WITH ITALY LAND THREW BOMBS

"It's a fellow with an itchy hand," said Assistant Chief Schretler, this morning, when asked who he thought it was that had been throwing the gambling bombs, the nineteenth one of which was exploded yesterday on the roof of the National Hotel, 28 Van Buren street...

The Daily Socialist Bargain Counter. The Daily Socialist is pleased to inform its many readers that arrangements have been made with one of the largest mail-order concerns in the country for the prompt filling of orders for anything that human beings use, from a package of pins to a harvesting machine. Bargain in Fishing Tackle Outfit, \$3.00. Our Remarkable \$3.00 Combination Offer. Our Special Enamel Ware Set \$2.87. Triumph Lawn Mower. All orders must be sent through the Daily Socialist or we receive no credit.

The Socialist Program

VIII. The improvement of the industrial condition of the workers.

(f) By abolishing official charity and substituting in its place compulsory insurance against unemployment, illness, accidents, invalidism, old age and death.

This might be called a plank for the abolition of the poorhouse and the potter's field.

It has been estimated by Prof. C. U. Bushnell of Chicago University that 3,000,000 people in this country receive aid from charitable associations annually. This is in "prosperous" times. In such a period as we are now in the number is at least doubled.

One person in every ten who dies in New York is buried in the potter's field. Robert Hunter estimates that "there are no fewer than ten million people who are much of the time underfed, poorly clothed and improperly housed."

Practically all of this suffering is due to the defects of our present system. But within that system the particular persons who will suffer are determined almost entirely by unemployment, illness, accidents, sickness, old age and death, either on the part of the person directly concerned or of someone upon whom he is dependent.

Yet the only assistance which is given to these sufferers is the humiliating and ridiculously inadequate relief of charity.

In other lands, where Socialism is strong, the things asked for in this demand have already been granted in whole or part. In Germany the workers who suffer from sickness, old age and accidents receive each day over \$375,000. Up to 1903 the German government had paid out through its insurance provisions over ONE BILLION DOLLARS for the relief of over SIXTY MILLION PERSONS who had come under the provisions of the law.

England is now following the same road because of the growth of Socialist strength, and has enacted a bill providing for old-age pensions.

Belgium, where the Socialists have thirty-seven representatives in the legislative body, has adopted a method of insurance against unemployment by extending relief through the trade unions.

This country will soon be standing in unenviable isolation as being the only pretendedly civilized country that turns its sick and aged workers out to die like broken-down horses when they are no longer capable of producing profits.

It is almost needless to say that neither the Democratic nor the Republican parties have anything to say on this subject which is of most vital interest to the entire working class.

The Return of Driscoll

That John C. Driscoll is once more to be a factor in the Chicago labor movement is something every workman cannot but regret. It was Driscoll who, as the manager of the team owners, introduced such a carnival of corruption and brutality into the labor situation as has never been equalled in this country.

Backed by unlimited funds, in more or less close co-operation with the police force of the city, he organized bands of professional thugs who assaulted those who would not accept his dictation.

There came a time when his methods became too raw even for the employers. There was a suspicion that, to use the gamblers' phrase, he was "playing both ends against the middle" and was blackmailing the employers as well as the unions.

An attempt was made to visit all his sins upon those of the trade unionists whom he had corrupted by his purposes, or who had been innocently drawn into his net. The result was the Shea trial, costing the unions of Chicago such an amount of money that they have not yet recovered from the financial drain.

This effort to punish laborers for the sins of the employers and their agents failed, owing in no small degree, to the work of the Daily Socialist. But, while labor was victorious in this struggle, it has no desire to enter upon another such battle.

Of course no effort was made to punish Driscoll. At one time the court having charge of the prosecution of the union men expressed a wish that the members of the employing class who were responsible could be brought before him, but no warrant has been issued for Driscoll.

Nor will any be issued for him. The highly moral employers who were so eager to prosecute union teamsters have on the contrary placed him once more in a position to take up anew his work of thuggery, blackmail and bribery. They are doing this in the hope that with the industrial depression which now exists he may succeed in so thoroughly corrupting and disrupting the teamsters that they can be crushed and destroyed.

He cannot do this without the co-operation of some men within the ranks of organized labor and, therefore, any trade unionist who shows a willingness to work with Driscoll should have no consideration from union men.

Trade unionists cannot choose the representatives of the employers. But they can recognize that there is no ground but a battle-ground between them, and if they maintain this position Driscoll will be largely harmless.

Cats and Children

That an organization of society women should have been formed in Chicago to care for sick and homeless cats and dogs while children are dying for lack of care and living with no home but the streets need not cause any surprise. The sickly sentimentality of the idle rich in this direction is but a reflex of their brutal indifference in regard to the suffering on the other side of the class line.

It was Eugene V. Debs who said long ago that he would fight to the finish any society that took better care of a rich woman's lap-dog than a poor woman's child.

HAYSEEDS! A MACEDONIAN CRY TO YOU

BY EUGENE WOOD

When I look into my almanac and read there that there are ten million people in the United States engaged in farming I start to think so hard and so fast and in so many directions at once that I get real excited. It seems to me I want the biggest kind of a megaphone, one that would enable me to "holler" so that the ten million could all hear me: "Hey, you fellows! Look here a minute; I want to tell you something."

And, when I had attracted their attention, I would call, like the man Paul saw in the vision: "Come over into Macedonia and help us!"

It seems to me that the most important thing on earth is to make every man Jack of 'em--yes, every woman, too--a Socialist, because then we should all be so near to happiness and everlasting prosperity that we could reach out and touch it.

It might not be heaven upon earth, but it would be a colorable imitation of the same; you'd have to get it in a strong light to tell the difference. At any rate, it would be a good deal less like the other place on earth than it is now. (I wonder if, when Socialism comes, a good many of us won't think that we have died and haven't turned out to be such hardened and impenitent sinners as we thought we were.)

Maybe it is a low conception of heaven to picture it as a place or state in which if we try to earn an honest living we shall have an honest living; in which we shall not have to worry about whether we can pull through this year and pay our debts, and hope we shan't get sick or have anything happen to us, because if we do--there's the wife and the children to be provided for, you know.

Maybe, I say, it's a low conception, but it's one that's forced upon us by the low way we all have to live--like the beasts that perish, or the lookout all the time for something to eat. But even that low conception of a heaven on earth would do me very nicely if I could have it. But I can't just yet, because there are these ten million farmers, most of whom will march up to the polls next fall and officially declare: "Our choice is still for hell one earth."

Some of them are enlightened; more of them are not. There are still very many of these ten million who think that Socialists are a bloodthirsty crew whose sole ambition is to sneak a bomb into John D. Rockefeller's coal bin, light the fuse and run to where they can safely wait for the ensuing "KER-BOOM!"

You remember the story about the hired girl that had her mistress write a letter home to Ireland for her, and dictated these words: "I has mate to ate wanst a week." "Why, Katy," interrupted her mistress, "you know you have meat to eat every day." Replied the girl: "Thru for ye, ma'am, I does that. But them high-backs at home ud never believe it."

Similarly, I might never convince the farmer that there were no Socialists at all of the bomb-throwing kind, but I can assure them positively that I never threw a bomb in my life and have such a horror of explosives of all kinds that on the joyous festival of the nation's birthday (not the present constitution's birthday, by a long chalk; nobody has the nerve to celebrate that) I hide away somewhere far, far beyond the noise of cannon crackers.

If I had a barn to crawl under I would do that, but I haven't any. And, so far from wanting to harm a hair of John D. Rockefeller's wig, I will say that I'd much rather see him president of these United States than Mr. Taft or Mr. Bryan. (Which is not saying a terrible lot, for I'll never vote for either of those two so long as I have the right use of my mind and my illy-lit hand that makes the X-mark.) John D. is a "great clamorer for dividends," he says, and that's what the stockholders in this corporation of the United States chiefly need, more dividends, distributed to every one of us.

To the ten million farmers it may

seem that my style of Socialism is most too mild and gentle to be the real thing, but it's a kind that will pass muster with the national committee. If the ten million would adopt it, I don't think there'd be much complaint about it from Socialists.

The reason why I'd like to have them all Socialists is not that I want everybody to do as I do. That would be too monotonous. I want them to be Socialists rather than Selfishists, because I could have so much happier a time of it. They can tell whether they would, too, by comparing their situation with mine. I know right well I'll never scramble out of poverty by getting rich.

I write for a living, and if I sold everything I wrote at the highest market price, still I would be very far from rich. If they sold all their crops at the highest price, still they would be very far from being rich, as riches go nowadays. What's a million dollars? Why, nothing at all. A man that has only a million dollars sneaks home by the back streets; he's so ashamed. No, my chances for making money by the drayload are no better than anybody else's, and that's only three-tenths of one per cent.

And, even if I were rich, so very rich that I should be all broken out in a rash of dollar marks, I couldn't have a happy time of it. For I shouldn't have bales and sacks of paper money and sacks and sacks of golden eagles; I shouldn't have any more real money than I have right now (little enough), but fresh and fresh each day would come my living taken from other people, who would have to scuffle along the best way they could in order that I might swell around and not do one mortal thing of the least bit of account for them.

Maybe I could harden myself in time to it, but I think at first it would choke me. I think of the poor devils working as hard as they could lick into it, and with all their energy and all their skill, just able to get along somehow when times were good, and when times were bad--Well, we'll not go into that.

It's not a pleasant thing to think of, and I was talking about being happy. I might tell myself that these people care very stupid to work for a living when they might work other people for a living. If they produced on the average \$9.11 worth of goods a day, and got only \$1.50 for what they did, it was because they weren't worth any more; they were so dumb. And, if I could square it with myself that the way to do when folks are dumb is to make them dumber still with long hours and poor food, and stifling houses, still it would bother me to tell why their children should get the worst of it.

I might want to punish the father for being stupid, but I couldn't punish the children for his stupidity, could I? It would bother me a good deal, because you know, I have the notion that our children are our country. And then I say "our children." I don't mean just your young ones and mine; I mean the whole raft of them, the little Mickes and the little Duteanies, the little Guineas, and the little Slovaks, the little Swenskies and the little Popolskies, the little Sheenies and the little coms--all the little hyphenated as well as all the little American-Americans.

They're "our country" that we make such a to-do about, and wave the flag and shoot off the firecrackers for.

They're the future and all its dreams of greatness, and unless they get good grades and plenty of it on their little insides, unless they have play to build up their bodies and to teach them to be fair, and unless they have schooling till their minds have grown up, and unless they have time to think in that important age from 14 to 21, the future is all going to fizzle out. They're not going to amount to much; they're just going to be dubs. And I couldn't be happy with all my money (if I had it) thinking how I was snatching bread out of those children's mouths just as they had their faces all fixed to eat; I could not be happy for thinking that my skitting through the country in an automo-

bile and an accompanying cloud of dust, gasoline stink and scoured leas was cheating a hundred or so bright boys and girls out of an education.

I want to be happy myself and I can't be unless other people have some sort of a show for what used to be called "the inalienable rights of all men," the rights that couldn't be alienated for any consideration, money or marbles, the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

They don't read that thing any more on the Fourth of July; it's kind of gone out of style here lately. I mean the Declaration of Independence, what that grand old military hero, "Hell-Roaring" Jake Smith, called a "damned incendiary document" because it said that whenever a government didn't preserve those rights to the people it was not only the privilege, it was their duty, by jimmieddy, to upset that kind of a government and make 'emselfes out that would.

And I can't be happy all by myself. I've got to have those ten million farmers turn in and give a helping hand.

I should think they might. I should think it would stand to reason that it wouldn't take long to convince them that it's the wrong way to do, to do all the hoeing and cultivating, all the fertilizing and tittivating around the burdocks and sow thistles in the garden, while you let the corn and potatoes struggle along in the hard yellow clay and every once in awhile start in and walk on them or mow them off.

There's nothing useful in the burdock and the sow-thistles and the jimson weeds; all the use there is in garden-sass you'll find in the potatoes and cabbage and lettuce and all such stuff, that cannot stand competition with the weeds but which, when they are favored by cultivation and manuring, yield ever more and more richly. It shouldn't take very long to convince the farmers that in our human garden of the United States the strong and sturdy weeds are those who own and suck up the substance of the soil without returning one useful fruit. Stockholders simply draw down dividends; they don't do one tap to help us on our way. They're weeds. But they get all the care and tending.

On the other hand the farmers and the carpenters and the railroad hands and the plasterers and the weavers and the long list of those who earn their living by doing something useful are the plants for which a garden really exists. And they have to struggle along in the yellow, sun-baked clay of a bare subsistence.

Their share of fertilizing food and intellectual sustenance is robbed from them and given to the jimson weeds. The courts walk on them with crushing decisions. And every once in awhile here comes the scythe of hard times or tuberculosis or war or accidents of their trade and cuts them down. And we wonder we don't get more out of our garden. It's because we aren't acting with even chicken sense. Any Puck and Judge farmer with a comic bunch of timothy under his chin and his pants in his boots could tell you: "Buggosh! 'Twan't no way to dew!"

If I just had this bustin' big megaphone I was telling you about and could "holler" what I wanted to say, so that all the ten million farmers could hear it, if I could send out the Macedonian cry for help I'll bet you they would come a-running.

I've got faith in the farmer myself, even if the hayseed does dribble out of his hair. He may not know whether Botticelli is a white wine or a cheese, but when it comes down to a question of right and wrong this country has always found him to be Johnny-on-the-spot. The farmers saved the Union once by dying for it; I want them to save our country, our children, our future, all that we dream of that, is grand and noble--I want them to save that by VOTING for it.

And I have faith that they will. I feel it in my bones that they will. I have a trust and confidence as big as all outdoors that they're going to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and that right early. "Come over into Macedonia and help us!" And get a move on you!



OUR MAFIAS AND COMORRAS

By Robert Hunter.

In Southern Italy there are two criminal organizations--the Mafia and Comorra.

They are organizations of predatory politicians, supporting the rule of murderous respectability. They rule politically by means of the ballot, and anyone who opposes their rule is dealt with by the stiletto.

You find delightfully-cultured and high-minded people at the top of this machine, whose rule is dependent upon robberies and murders done by the rank and file. Some of them are men of great ability and virtue like Bryan, Roosevelt and La Follette. But they are AMBITIOUS, and they compromise with those who PERMIT them to rule.

We also have our Mafias and Comorras.

The Republican machine in Philadelphia and Tammany Hall in New York are similar organizations.

They rule our cities in precisely the same manner that these criminal Italian organizations rule Southern Italy.

To these organizations there is only one crime--INDEPENDENCE. Refuse to indorse the misdeeds of these machines and you will be disciplined.

A former Postmaster-General, speaking of the man who endeavors to be independent of these criminal organizations, said:

"If he is an employe he is threatened with discharge. If he is a merchant he is boycotted. If he is a clerk the head of the firm is notified that he must be suppressed. If he is interested in a corporation the company's interests are threatened. If he is a director or stockholder of a bank large customers are found who threaten to withdraw all their business. If he is a physician good patients object. If he is a lawyer his clients are given orders and threaten to leave him. If he is a preacher members of his congregation protest. If a man daring to be independent of political dictation is in debt he is threatened by those who hold his obligations."

To influence men of wealth and apparently of independent position "there is set in motion the character-torpedo, the reputation-smirching and good-name-destroying machine. It is worked by a gang of place-holders and place-seekers who risk nothing by trying to rob honest men of their characters. * * * The Black-maier begins to operate; the scandal peddler, a moral outcast, labors systematically to poison society with innuendoes, insinuations and base lies. Detective agencies composed of low tools and thugs are hired at great expense to dog the footsteps of those who dare work against the machine. They are paid to fabricate stories, invent false accusations and furnish evidence against anyone whom the machines may wish to destroy. Those connected in any way with the persons of their especial hatred are not safe. The youth or the aged are not spared. They do not care for the gray-haired mother or innocent children. And this is why men DO NOT DARE to fight. Any man who enters the arena of Pennsylvania politics today AGAINST the machine will not escape."

This is a type of our American Mafias and Comorras.

Mr. Roosevelt never broke with Senator Matthew Quay, the infamous head of the Philadelphia machine, nor with Senator Platt, the head of the New York machine, nor with the heads of any other state organizations of a similar character. Mr. Bryan depends upon Democratic Mafias to get out his vote, to take care of his election, to do his dirty work, and to select the candidates who are to stand on the ticket with him. I find it hard to blame the prostitute who sells her soul to escape a miserable wage slavery. I find it hard to condemn the ignorant election crook who sells his country to escape wage slavery. But I find it difficult to be charitable toward the cultured aristocrats of Southern Italy, or our own political leaders, who abide Mafias and Comorras so long as they are awarded the positions of honor and distinction.

PROBLEMS OF THE SOIL

BY CLYDE J. WRIGHT.

Brother farmer, I suppose your grand-father marched under the flag of 1776--perhaps your father carried a musket and "jeans." "Liberty!" Oh, yes, liberty to toil, liberty to stay at home, liberty to pay taxes, liberty to feed the world, liberty to drag your wife into the harvest field and to take your children out of school. Liberty to be satisfied with long hours and short pay, tired limbs and coarse clothing, with isolation and social decay. United you stood for liberty. Divided you fell to slavery.

It was a fight for liberty, so you say. Perhaps that's true (of the fight), but capitalism stole the prize. This is a beautiful country for which you fought, but little you get to see of it. This country is well equipped, but little good it serves you. This country yields luxuries, but few luxuries you consume. You fought for this country, but all that is valuable to own is not yours to enjoy. The products of your sweat and toil

are in the industrial jackpot of the commercial gamblers. Your portion is food and "jeans." "Liberty!" Oh, yes, liberty to toil, liberty to stay at home, liberty to pay taxes, liberty to feed the world, liberty to drag your wife into the harvest field and to take your children out of school. Liberty to be satisfied with long hours and short pay, tired limbs and coarse clothing, with isolation and social decay. United you stood on the battlefield. Divided you fell on the political field. Divided we fell. But united we rise together. Let us own the earth and its equipments for those who use them. This is Socialism.

A RAINY DAY STORY

A man left his umbrella in the stand in a hotel recently with a card bearing the following inscription attached to it: "This umbrella belongs to a man who can deal a blow of 50 pounds weight. I should be back in ten minutes." On returning to seek his property he found it in the place a card thus inscribed: "This card was left by a man who can run twelve miles an hour. I shall not be back"--Ex.

NOT YET

Walking about his estate Mr. Dives halted a laborer who was digging a drain and solemnly inquired if he were ready to die. The man admitted that he had thought of passing away just yet. But every time I break the man dies," solemnly remarked the millionaire in tone of terrible warning. "Heel" cried the unmoved laborer, "why don't you chew a few clover?"--Argonaut.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Restrictions of Child Labor

The child labor law for the District of Columbia and the territories enacted by congress at its last session went into effect a few days ago.

The main features of this act, which were much discussed in the house and senate, provide amply for the welfare of children of tender age.

For example, no child under 14 years is allowed to work for money or any other purpose without the permission of the judge of the juvenile court, and such permits are to be issued only under exceptional circumstances.

No child under 16 is allowed to work in a factory or other establishment unless the proprietor keeps on exhibition an age and schooling certificate and a complete record of all children employed by him.

No boy under ten or girl under sixteen is allowed to blacken boots or sell newspapers or any wares or merchandise in the streets.

Boys between ten and sixteen who merely sell papers are not required to obtain a permit from the juvenile court, but must obtain a badge and age certificate from the superintendent of schools, but boys between ten and fourteen are not permitted to sell papers during school hours.

Employers who violate the law are subject to a fine of not more than \$50, but whoever continues to violate the provisions of the act shall be fined \$20 for each day.

For Home Dressmakers



LADIES' NIGHT-GOWN. Paris Pattern No. 2469. All Seams Allowed.

Made of sheer white net and slipped over the head, this night-gown pattern is both pretty and comfortable. The fullness is gathered into the square neck, back and front, by a ribbon, run through wadded button-holes, or heading may be substituted for the latter. The wide shaped pieces over the shoulder are of insertion, or they may be made of all-over embroidery. The flowing three-quarter sleeves are trimmed with insertion and finished with an edging of the same embroidery. The pattern is in 4 sizes--22, 24, 26 and 28 inches, bust measure. For 36 bust the night-gown requires 5 yards of material 36 inches wide, or 4 1/2 yards 42 inches wide; 1/2 yard of heading, 1 yard of ribbon, 5 yards of insertion and 1 1/2 yard of edging. Price of pattern, 10 cents.

Takes Your Clothes and Go

A domestic servant, having become out of favor in a household of the profit-making class was told to "take her clothes and go," and left this returned to the cushion of the bureau in her niggardly room.

Who would not take their clothes and go? From such a weary world of woe, where only those who cheat can win, and all conspire to graft and skin; And haughty ladies act like churls Toward us--the class of servant girls. If I knew where, I'd have you know I'd only be too glad to go.

HEARD AT A WINTER RESORT

Dr. Florider--"I had a great many more patients last year than I have this. I wonder where they have all gone to?" Mrs. Odium--"Well, all we can do, doctor, is to hope for the best."--Life.

TO THE EDITOR

RURAL REFLECTIONS. As I sit in my library this afternoon my mind wanders to the great metropolis, the center of congested population, the home of the many who toil and produce the articles which are instrumental in filling the life of the rural dweller with pleasure, and so my mind wanders in this great center of so-called civilization. I ask myself the question, "What is the reward of the multitudes who are striving and toiling in order that we may find pleasure in life?" How many of them have succeeded in keeping the wolf at a respectful distance from the door? How many are there who have just finished a "happy meal," a wholesome request? How many are there who have no fear of a visit from the landlord? Yes, these and many other questions of a similar character go ringing through my mind and I wonder if I am doing so much to make the lives of these people happy as they are to fill my brief existence with pleasure. When I have expressed this far in my scribbles I take from the library table a magazine of recent date and after a hasty perusal of its pages I find that those who make the most of their lives, who prepare the food which is eaten, live in tenement houses and die and die, when the heat of summer and the cold of winter are the most unbearable, where pure air is denied them, where pure water is considered a luxury, where even the milk given the children is rancid and unwholesome. I next glean from the daily papers the information that innocent babies are dying by the score for want of pure air and healthy diet, are virtually being offered up as living sacrifices to the god of greed. Then I look around, is this the great civilization of which we brag so long boasted? Is this the freedom for which the same American stands? Is this position in a land of freedom and prosperity, equality and opportunity? Is this the freedom which our forefathers fought and died while struggling with the British at Lexington and Concord, while leaving the horrors of winter at Valley Forge? Then out of the stillness comes this answer: "No. Our great civilization is not so fully free. We have yet a great struggle for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness before us."--ESLIE.