

TWO MORE ILLINOIS CLARIFICATIONS

Roosevelt in a Letter Relating Charges Denounces Two Editors as Liars

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY TRIBUNE.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Delavan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, and William M. Laftan, editor of the New York Sun, are denounced as "liars" in a letter which President Roosevelt has written to Dudley Foulke of Indiana, who asked the president to answer charges which the men in question had made relative to scandals alleged to have been connected with the purchase of the Panama canal rights from France for \$40,000,000.

Says Truth is Preserved

Foulke in a letter to President Roosevelt called attention to those statements and to others which had been made in the New York Sun, and drew from the presidential pen the following choice gems, among others: "The fact is that these particular newspapers habitually and continually, and as a matter of business, practice every form of mendacity known to man, from the suppression of the truth and the suggestion of the false to the lie direct. Those who write or procure others to write their articles are engaged in the practice of mendacity for hire; and surely there can be no lower form of gaining a livelihood. Whether they are paid by outsiders to say what is false, or whether their profit comes from the circulation of the falsehoods, it is a matter of small consequence. "It is utterly impossible to answer all of their falsehoods. When any given falsehood is exposed they simply repeat it and circulate another. If they were mistaken in the facts, if they possessed in their makeup any shred of honesty, it would be worth while to set them right. But there is no question at all as to any 'mistake' or 'misunderstanding' on their part. They are not mistaken in the facts, they are not mistaken in their intent. They are not mistaken in their intent to be untrue or to be false by the slightest inquiry find out to be untrue."

Roosevelt "studying" Up

It would seem from this that President Roosevelt has been "studying" himself with little machinery of modern newspaper ethics. The Sun had been offended by stating that President Roosevelt had been involved unpleasantly in the granting of a franchise to the Pacific Oil company in Oklahoma, when that section of the country was still a territory. The president's letter replies in detail to each of the charges, and denies them all without qualification. He sums up his attitude in the paragraph quoted above.

Editor Laftan replied caustically, saying in part:

HAYWOOD IN SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF NEBRASKA TOWNS

William D. Haywood, who is touring the western states—telling the farmers, miners and all other workers of the class struggle—has just filled a few dates in Nebraska, where he was greeted with much enthusiasm. At McCook the audience was not very large, but the enthusiasm exhibited made up for the lack of numbers. The meeting took place in Kenard's opera house, and G. A. Forder presided. At Hastings the meeting was held in the district court room, where the audience was reasonably large. At Lincoln, Fremont and Omaha the meetings were good.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE ELECTION FRAUD CURE, SAYS PASTOR

Municipal women suffrage was advocated by the Rev. Melbourne P. Boynton, pastor of the Lexington Avenue Baptist church, in a sermon before his congregation last night, as a means of checking election fraud. The minister discussed the report of the special grand jury which last week removed 167 indictments against politicians for frauds in the recent elections. "The death has to be in the ballot boxes of this city," said the Rev. Dr. Boynton. "The very life of our government is threatened. How is this city and country to be saved from the hands of the vandals that have so long lorded the ballot-box for private ends? "There is one way in which to make safe and secure the elections in our city, and that is to give the women equal rights with the men."

PEOPLE OF SINGAPORE MUCH IMPRESSED BY U. S. FLEET

Singapore, Dec. 7.—The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, under Rear Admiral Sperry, passed through the harbor here yesterday. The stately procession of warships impressed both the experts and the many spectators who had assembled on shore. The scout cruiser Taunton, which has been here for a few days, kept in constant communication with the fleet during its passage, but otherwise the battleship did not communicate with the shore. The flagship Connecticut, when abreast, saluted the port, and the salute was returned. Many launches and small steamers filled with spectators went out early to meet the American ships and escorted them for some little distance.

BIDS ON NEW CITY HALL JOB WILL BE HEARD TONIGHT

Excitement is promised for the city council meeting this evening with the awarding of the contract for the building of the new city hall. It is the largest contract the city has let for many years and the aldermen naturally take an interest in it.

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EPIDEMIC OF SOCIALISM HIT ST. PAUL N. Y. VILLAGE

New York, Dec. 7.—The staid village of Nyack has an epidemic of Socialism. The cause of it is Edmund Kelly, founder of the City club, lawyer, lecturer, chevalier of the Legion of Honor, master of law at the French bar and former counselor to the United States embassy at Paris. Kelly took his abode at Nyack a year ago upon his return from France and just after winning for the princess de Sagan a divorce from Count Boni de Castellane. "Tramps form one of the biggest problems of the day," said Kelly. "Something has got to be done for them and with that I have drawn a bill, which will be submitted to the next legislature and which provides for a treatment similar to one which is being followed in France, Belgium and Switzerland. It is the colony system."

OPPOSITION OF LAURIER TO CONTEST HIS ELECTION

Montreal, Quebec, Dec. 7.—The election campaign which ended on Oct. 26 in the return of the Laurier government, is to be fought out again in the courts, with the province of Quebec as the principal storm center. Protests have been entered against the election of thirty-five of the sixty-five constituencies in Quebec province, twenty-four of which lie between the St. Lawrence and the Saguenay rivers, the latter being protested. A significant feature is that the personal disqualification is sought of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's principal lieutenant in the province. If all the allegations of the contestation writs are borne out by the evidence the developments will be sensational.

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They have vilified the department in every way. "Small Parks the Best "It is in the small parks that the children can find a haven of pleasure, recreation and education. Parks No. 1 and 2 are already in operation and are providing more successful and valuable sport than was ever dreamed by the commissioners when they proposed them. In these parks there is installed a gymnasium, a social hall, club rooms, and other conveniences. In the gymnasiums the boys and girls are trained by careful instructors; in the social halls are given lectures on all worthy subjects which are accompanied by stereoscopic pictures. In the club rooms the boys and girls take part in various games and sports. The library is a branch of the Public Library and books on all subjects can be secured there. "Parks No. 1 is twice as large as No. 2 and has as a special feature a winder garden which is conducted by a young woman who takes an interest in the little tots. The boys in this park have organized into districts and have elected officials from their ranks in the same manner as the city organization and have arranged for contests between their organization and others in the city. They in the chosen colors and stand ready to defend them against all comers of their age. The gymnasiums of the two parks are open for the small boys in the forenoon and for the larger ones in the evening. "The concessions in the small parks are open to the youngsters from 3:30 to 10:30 p. m. There are as many as 300 in the classes and on account of the large number of applications additional chairs had to be secured. Park No. 2 will have the same features when it is finished, which will be very soon. "On the south side, the small parks are run on the same plan. All that there are about fourteen small parks in the city at the present time. They have proved so successful that new ones will be built wherever a location can be secured. 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CHRISTIANITY IS OVER EULOGIZED

J. B. Askew Says Jaures Made Religion Appear Too Ideal in Character

BY J. B. ASKEW
(Special European Correspondent.)

Stuttgart, Nov. 22.—In the French parliament the question of the abolition of capital punishment has recently been under discussion. A most eloquent speech in favor of abolition was made by Jaures.

I do not, however, share the eulogy which he thought fit to confer on Christianity, and I think he would find it exceedingly hard to reconcile his views with the history of the Christian church.

Too Ideal a Christianity

He seems to me to have portrayed an utterly ideal Christianity, which in fact has never and could never have existed.

A report on the feeding of school children in various German towns has recently been published by a Berlin municipal councilor. In Munich needy scholars are provided with food for the whole year, with the exception of Sunday, festival and during the school holidays, and that in specially constructed dining halls. In 1907 270,000 portions were distributed. Of these about 260,000 at the cost of the poor law authorities.

In some parents live in Munich there is a special provision that this shall not count as poor relief, so that they cannot on that account be disqualified as voters. In most Munich schools are to be seen, children who do not go to school, but who are in the town, and adjoining the kitchens are the dining halls. Here the children get their food on presenting a ticket.

Teachers Supervise Charity

The superintendence of the dining hall there is in the hands of two teachers, one man and one woman, who are specially paid for the purpose. After the dinner the children go for a walk with their teachers, or in winter go on the ice, or if the weather is bad they play or are taught to make things. During the summer holidays, from 8 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock in the evening, children who do not go to school are organized in holiday groups. Children who remain the whole day get their dinner free of cost.

Augsburg has also fed needy children for six years, with the exception of holidays, for the whole year. At the beginning of the school year the school authorities send out a demand to the managements of the various schools to take a list of applications for the school meals.

The teachers make the proposals, and these are referred to the poor law authorities, who have to inquire whether the parents are in want or not, or whether the children are unable to pay the whole or a part of the cost. Children whose parents declare themselves ready to pay the whole or a part of the cost are taken into account.

Certificates Given Out

The certificate that a child is qualified to free meals holds good for a year. The grant of the meals in any year disqualifies the parents. On an average 150 children get free meals, at year 23,211 portions were served out.

A breakfast is also served in the subsidiary school, in which milk is given gratis to the needy children, and for a small sum to the others.

In Strassburg needy children received breakfast the whole year free of cost, and for a small sum the children of those with more means the whole year. Dinner is served for the needy in winter.

In almost all the elementary and secondary schools of the town there is a regular distribution of milk at half a penny a glass, or on the production of a ticket from the teacher it is given gratis.

Last year 220,000 glasses of milk were sold and 342,000 were given free. In other words, it was enjoyed by about 18 per cent of the scholars.

Special inquiries are made into the condition of the children to see who are really needy, and these get tickets for milk which almost exactly resemble the tickets for the other children, so that the distinction is not felt.

Cost to the Municipality

The cost last year to the municipal finances for milk was between \$1,750 and \$2,000. There was also provided for the children in winter a school soup for such as could afford to pay at a small cost and gratis for those who could not.

The idea of this is to improve the health of the children by providing them with cheap and good food. The charge for those who can pay is half a penny a portion. The food is given gratis when the children are in the week with three or more children, do not amount to the average wage of the locality.

Of 17,423 children who are qualified to free meals, 14,000, or 81 per cent, at once did so. The remainder belonged to 1,817 applicants, of whom 19 per cent belonged to the class of unskilled workers.

The great majority, or 78 per cent, have weekly a less than 20 shillings. In the year 108,333 portions, or a daily average of 2,311 portions were served. The cost amounted to \$3,218. The consequences are described by the municipal authorities as most satisfactory.

Other towns, such as Mannheim, give breakfast to 15 per cent of the children, serving milk and rolls at a cost of \$3,500. Hannover breakfasts to 808 children, one-quarter milk and rolls, cost \$2,850. Charlottenburg, in part breakfast, in part dinner, to 1,280 children; cost, \$1,250. Hamburg gave a subsidy to the charitable society.

Germany Has Constitutionalism

The Daily News of London feels able to congratulate Germany on having attained to constitutionalism. The chancellor has been considered the emperor. What a strange confusion!

The most that has been gained is that the emperor thinks it well to lie low and say nothing for the present, but there is not the slightest sign that he has made any promise at all that are of the slightest value.

The chancellor's triumph is not over the emperor, but over the bourgeois parties in parliament. Having gained nothing at all for the emperor, the emperor's control, but also having promised nothing at all, he is honored by being considered by the liberals as indispensable.

The liberals have conjured up the figure of a still more reactionary chancellor, who would take the emperor's place if he were given the sack, whereas it would be difficult for the widest imagination to conceive a man who more completely gives way to every whim of William II than his backboneless Hunke, Bulow.

William Bored by Ministers

The servant of a man of whom it has been reported on very good authority, that when his ministers bore him with long dissertations, and are not simply

CENSUS DIRECTOR ACCUSED



S. N. D. North, director of the census department, is figuring sensationally in charges made by a Boston man and taken up by Representative Champ Clark of Missouri. He is accused of assisting in a tariff deal on the wool schedule when the Dingley bill was being framed.

content to listen to what he has to say, he encourages his dachshunds to run through their legs till they are forced to stop.

Here is a proof of the usefulness of royalty. William II has been deeply interested in a high question to which he has devoted deep thought. It is how to get the men, when "Herr" is cried by the sailors or receiving a royal visit, to all cry at once, and an order has been issued to the fleet detailing exactly how they are to stand and precisely the angle at which they are to hold their arms and so on.

Unquestionably, not the least amusing aspect of the matter is that these cheers are supposed to be spontaneous, and to be an expression of the irrepressible loyalty and devotion of the fleet to their illustrious ruler. That the last shreds of this illusion should be dispelled is something for which we may at least be grateful to William, who has certainly done more than most men to destroy the halo of romance which clings around the heads of royalty.

WITH ARMY OF "OUT OF WORK"

Progress of Industrial Depression Abroad Shown by Daily's Dispatches

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)
Parma, Italy, Dec. 7.—Throughout Tuscany and the Parmese districts the situation of the unemployed continues to distress the authorities, who fear a repetition of the disorders of a few days ago, when the locked out workmen of this city raided the bakeries.

Throughout the country districts the severity of the early winter is causing great distress and throwing many farm hands out of work.

Jobless Become Robbers

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)
Cettigne, Montenegro, via Vienna, Dec. 7.—The cessation of the steamer service between Cattaro and Pola, Fiume and Corfu has thrown a number of sailors out of work, and the unemployed are fomenting the popular unrest in the principality. The presence of the unemployed sailors in Cattaro and in this city is adding to the tension between the country and Austria. Many of the unemployed are joining the irregular mountain bands, and are committing many robberies.

Demand Big Sum for Idle

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)
Berlin, Dec. 7.—The situation of the unemployed in Prussia has grown so acute that a demand is being prepared for presentation to the Reichstag, declaring that the immediate appropriation of 250,000,000 marks for relief is necessary.

The secretary of state for the kingdom declares that it is impossible to arrive at any satisfactory statistics as to the exact number of the unemployed, but declares that he recognizes the fact that the situation is serious.

Stiresmann, national liberal, declares that the present recession to the ranks of the unemployed is directly due to the imperial policies.

SOCIETY BRINGS ITS STOCK NOW

Monday will mark the opening of the Horse Show at the International Amphitheater, where the Live Stock Show closes today. Utility will be replaced by futile display. The far-coated breeder, the farmer with slouch hat will give way to the fashionably dressed thoroughbred who will view the prize winners from the Vanderbilt stables and other great New York estates.

The heavy muscled Clydesdales, Percherons, Belgians and Shires fitted for pulling heavy teams in doing the world's work will be retained as a setting for the 200 dainty thoroughbreds which pull the carriages and minister to the sport of the American plutocracy. The French coach horses, the hunters and the gaited saddle horses shown at the live stock show will remain. The stable space which has been used for the steers, pigs and sheep will be refitted and receive the blooded fancy horses.

Alfred G. Vanderbilt's Oakland farm straggles the Sandy Point farm horses that wear the colors of Reginald Vanderbilt. Judge W. H. Moore's big New York stable and the animals of E. T. Bedford, the Standard Oil company magnate, were among those unloading at the live stock show sidetrack during the early evening crush.

Send notices of your union meetings to the Daily Socialist.

BALLOONS GET ARMY SECRETS

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)
Nancy, France, Dec. 4.—Balloons from the German side of the French frontier have been flying over the French fortresses for some time past and have been dropping on French soil with a persistency that has alarmed the French government.

Three or four times of late German balloons have been seen hovering over Verdun, the strongest fortress on the French frontier. At Belfort the same thing has happened.

Gain Army Secrets

It is quite possible for the occupants of the balloons to make very accurate sketches of the interior of the French fortresses, and in nearly every case where a balloon has dropped on French soil the occupants have been officers of the German army.

In the present inflated state of diplomatic opinion, the French government has not considered it wise to search the occupants of the balloons, but has advised the German officers every opportunity to return to their own country, taking their sketches with them.

M. Cambon, the French ambassador in Berlin, has made two protests to the German chancellor about the matter, and has been assured by the German government that the officers made no sketches of the French forts, and that the balloons tests were being made solely with a view of adapting a balloon to military uses.

Rescue Balloon Occupants

One of these balloons was swept over the whole of northwestern France from Belfort to St. Malo in Brittany, and narrowly missed landing in the sea. French sailors rescued the occupants from death on the edge of the Breton cliffs.

It is claimed by the Socialists of both countries that the balloon incident is but a part of the scheme to inflame the two peoples against each other, and that it has no real significance, the officers being able to get only a cursory view of the fortresses along the French frontier in their sudden passages over the cities where the forts are located.

STUDENTS HONOR HINDU HOMICIDE

Nationalists in Demonstration at Funeral of Murderer in Calcutta

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)
London, Dec. 7.—There is great disappointment here over the reception by the population of India of the manifesto of King Edward.

The Hindus have practically replied to the manifesto by saying: "We will no longer let ourselves be deceived by fine words," and the agitation continues throughout the empire from Simla to Trincomplee.

Attempts on Officials

There have been renewed attempts upon the lives of English officials throughout the northern part of the empire, and the demonstrations continue to worry the authorities, especially in Bengal, where the nationalists are up in arms. The Bengalese nationalists are all against the government. There is especial bitterness over the recent partition of Bengal into separate provinces, and the Bengalese nationalists are up in arms. There have been a number of very serious student demonstrations in Calcutta, Benares, Howrah, Darjeeling and other Bengal cities.

At Alipur a number of students were placed on trial for "demonstrating" against the partition of Bengal, and during the course of the hearing one of the students, named Kanai, shot the examining magistrate.

Honored the Homicide

Kanai was taken to Calcutta and hanged for the murder. His funeral gave rise to a tremendous nationalist demonstration, and his body was covered with purple flowers by the nationalists who taken to the burning ghat. Subscriptions were also started to erect a monument in his memory, and so strong is the public feeling that the authorities have not deemed it wise to interfere with the proceedings for fear of provoking a popular revolt.

This is only one instance of the general unrest throughout India, and therefore there is great disappointment in Downing street, where it was thought that pacific manifesto of the king would allay the popular excitement.

SIX TIMES A BRIDE, SHE TIRES OF MATRIMONY NOW

Danville, Ind., Dec. 7.—"I am tired of men anyway," said seventy-five-year-old Mrs. Lucinda Nixon-Blauevelt-Hanlon, of Stillville, this county, and who recently was deserted by the last one. She was her sixth wife, and her first two husbands died and the others were divorced.

In June, 1896, Mrs. Hanlon became the bride of Benjamin Hanlon, of Stillville, who in fifty-five years has had some two hundred husbands. She has been married six times, and her last husband, who was a large landowner, died in 1907. Six months later the two were reconciled and remarried.

Several days ago Hanlon sold a quantity of stock off the farm and collected a large sum of money. Shortly afterward he received a letter from his wife in England, and he appeared to be much worried over the contents. He disappeared and is missing from the county. Mrs. Hanlon says she is confident her sixth partner in life has deserted her.

BOYS NARROWLY ESCAPE AN UNTIMELY END BY DYNAMITE

Hibbing, Minn., Dec. 7.—A bonfire started by some boys among rubbish in an abandoned tin pit fired some dynamite or other explosive concealed under the debris, and caused the terrific explosion that shook Hibbing Saturday afternoon, according to the story the boys have given.

The youngsters were walking away from the fire when the explosion occurred, else they would have been blown into eternity.

They lit the brush and set down to see the blaze when one of the boys said he knew of another tin pit a short distance away, whereupon the whole party trooped off to investigate. They had got about 500 feet away from the big bonfire when the explosion took place. They were all thrown to the ground, while dirt and small sticks rained down upon them. None of them was really hurt, however, and they quickly got up and took to their heels.

MAN TRIES SUICIDE TO GET AWAY FROM A LOAN SHARK

"Hounded by a loan shark," was the explanation of his trouble given by Morris Schachter, 35 Johnson street, who tried to commit suicide last night in the Palmer House. Schachter bought a revolver, went to the hotel and fired a bullet against his temple, but the ball glanced and merely inflicted a scalp wound. He pulled the trigger twice more before another cartridge exploded, but the bullet went wild.

He was attended by the Palmer House physician, who did not believe the wound likely to prove fatal.

When he recovered Schachter said he came to Chicago a few months ago and fell into the hands of a loan shark. He said he paid steadily on his loans week after week and he learned yesterday that he still owed practically as much as he had borrowed in the first place. Seeing no hope of getting out of debt he bought the revolver and tried suicide.

EMPEROR SOON TO PUBLISH DIARY OF HIS 20 YEARS' BULB

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Considerable astonishment has been provoked by the announcement of the coming publication of a diary by the Kaiser. This volume, which is to cover the events from the time of his accession to the throne to the present day, will appear under the title "Twenty Years' Rule." It will contain 800 pages and will be bound in leather. It will cost 6 marks.

DOGGEREL VERSE SAVES WIFE—MURDERER FROM DEATH

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Doggerel verse written by William B. Branch, convicted murderer, presented his electrification in the electric chair. Branch was to have paid the death penalty at 10 o'clock this morning, but by order of the state justice commission, which had been notified by Branch, the execution was indefinitely postponed. Here are the doggerel verses which kept Branch from paying the penalty of his crime.

"These verses in the volume of gifted, in which we have written, And now we remain just one true fact, And have recorded their act, And justly signed their own name."

The lines were written in his cell by Branch and he reads them with a certain pride. Branch's counsel showed the verses to a special commission sent to Auburn by Governor Hughes. The commission, headed by Justice Purdy of the state commission in Albany, will report to the governor, and if he sees fit the execution will not take place.

Branch divorced his wife in the Erie canal June 1, 1882, at Rochester, because of his Mrs. Mary Gilmore, a young widow, who was then in the hands of a loan shark. Branch was then in the hands of a loan shark, and he was then in the hands of a loan shark.

J. P. MORGAN'S SON-IN-LAW SEEKS DIVORCE; FALLS IN TRAP



Why will lawyers be indiscreet? That is the question which James M. Putman is asking his attorney, who appeared before Judge Mack this morning, and in presenting Putman's case of desertion against his wife, showed in evidence a letter in which an alleged confession of Putman's infidelity escapes was made. As a result Putman's most pathetic story of a cold and heartless desertion was broken and Putman left the court under the storm of judicial displeasure.

Here Is the Way of It

The way of it was this: James M. Putman was put on the witness stand to prove his plea of desertion against his wife. He told a sad story. It seems that six weeks after his marriage in 1903 his wife left Chicago for Manitou, Colo., to care for her sick sister. There was much correspondence. Putman declared, and then his wife signified her intention of staying at Manitou some time. That was in 1903. In May of 1908 Putman alleged that he had received a letter from his wife, saying that her mother was dead and that she wanted him to come to Manitou. He came and found his mother-in-law living. In fact, he visited at his mother-in-law's home for three months.

At various times during this period he asked, he claimed, that his wife leave her mother and come home with him. This she refused to do. After three months of failure he came home. Up to that point Judge Mack had been sympathetic. Putman left the stand and his mother was called.

Then an idea seemed to strike Judge Mack, for he called Putman back and asked how his wife had been notified of the suit. Putman was not sure that she had received notice. Whereupon the judge quizzed him.

Acknowledged Money of Wife

Then Putman's mother, defending her son, said that he had to write to her to get money to return from Manitou to Chicago.

"If you could not pay your own fare how did you expect to bring back your wife?" asked Judge Mack.

"I should have worked and saved money," said Putman.

"How long did you work while she was in Manitou?" asked Judge Mack.

"What did you do the rest of the time?" asked Judge Mack.

"Walked around," said Putman.

"Did you know before you went to Colorado that your wife would not live with you any longer?" asked the judge.

Fatal Letter Is Produced

"Yes," said Putman, and his counsel produced the fatal letter and handed it to Judge Mack.

"Ahem," said counsel, as he saw the judge start to read the whole letter. "There are a lot of purely family matters in it."

"What is Jim?" said the judge.

"Me," said Putman.

"Ahem," said the judge, and he read the letter in silence.

"This letter to your mother refers to a confession which your wife declares you made to her that you had been chasing round with many girls. Your wife says that she will not come back to you for that reason."

"That is all untrue," said Putman.

"You can't get your divorce," said Judge Mack.

"Not with the case in its present shape. You don't even know that your wife has not already divorced you in Colorado."

A Scene Outside Court

Outside of the court room the indiscreet counsel was a matter of interest to Putman and his mother.

"Why did you ever hand over that letter to the judge?" asked Mrs. Putman. Counsel hemmed and hawed, and waved and hemmed, but it had been done.

The letter which Putman had said would prove that his wife had refused to return to him said: "I would not pollute myself by living with him again."

"All of which shows that lawyers should be discreet."

SEEKS DIVORCE; FALLS IN TRAP

Wronged Husband Accuses Wife With Desertion but 'Affinity' Creeps In

Why will lawyers be indiscreet? That is the question which James M. Putman is asking his attorney, who appeared before Judge Mack this morning, and in presenting Putman's case of desertion against his wife, showed in evidence a letter in which an alleged confession of Putman's infidelity escapes was made. As a result Putman's most pathetic story of a cold and heartless desertion was broken and Putman left the court under the storm of judicial displeasure.

Here Is the Way of It

The way of it was this: James M. Putman was put on the witness stand to prove his plea of desertion against his wife. He told a sad story. It seems that six weeks after his marriage in 1903 his wife left Chicago for Manitou, Colo., to care for her sick sister. There was much correspondence. Putman declared, and then his wife signified her intention of staying at Manitou some time. That was in 1903. In May of 1908 Putman alleged that he had received a letter from his wife, saying that her mother was dead and that she wanted him to come to Manitou. He came and found his mother-in-law living. In fact, he visited at his mother-in-law's home for three months.

At various times during this period he asked, he claimed, that his wife leave her mother and come home with him. This she refused to do. After three months of failure he came home. Up to that point Judge Mack had been sympathetic. Putman left the stand and his mother was called.

Then an idea seemed to strike Judge Mack, for he called Putman back and asked how his wife had been notified of the suit. Putman was not sure that she had received notice. Whereupon the judge quizzed him.

Acknowledged Money of Wife

Then Putman's mother, defending her son, said that he had to write to her to get money to return from Manitou to Chicago.

"If you could not pay your own fare how did you expect to bring back your wife?" asked Judge Mack.

"I should have worked and saved money," said Putman.

"How long did you work while she was in Manitou?" asked Judge Mack.

"What did you do the rest of the time?" asked Judge Mack.

"Walked around," said Putman.

"Did you know before you went to Colorado that your wife would not live with you any longer?" asked the judge.

Fatal Letter Is Produced

"Yes," said Putman, and his counsel produced the fatal letter and handed it to Judge Mack.

"Ahem," said counsel, as he saw the judge start to read the whole letter. "There are a lot of purely family matters in it."

"What is Jim?" said the judge.

"Me," said Putman.

"Ahem," said the judge, and he read the letter in silence.

"This letter to your mother refers to a confession which your wife declares you made to her that you had been chasing round with many girls. Your wife says that she will not come back to you for that reason."

"That is all untrue," said Putman.

"You can't get your divorce," said Judge Mack.

"Not with the case in its present shape. You don't even know that your wife has not already divorced you in Colorado."

A Scene Outside Court

Outside of the court room the indiscreet counsel was a matter of interest to Putman and his mother.

"Why did you ever hand over that letter to the judge?" asked Mrs. Putman. Counsel hemmed and hawed, and waved and hemmed, but it had been done.

The letter which Putman had said would prove that his wife had refused to return to him said: "I would not pollute myself by living with him again."

"All of which shows that lawyers should be discreet."

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It Shall Not Be

The right of asylum on American soil shall not be surrendered. The alliance between Russian beasts and American bonds shall not be sealed with a human sacrifice.

The blood of Christian Rudowitz and Jan Janoff Pouren shall not cement the union of political and financial autocracy.

There can be no clearer cases than these. The very documents offered by Russia prove their character as political refugees.

The only associate of Rudowitz who fell into the grasp of Russia was shot as a political criminal for the VERY CRIME FOR WHICH RUDOWITZ IS SOUGHT.

The very fact that millions of Americans are protesting against their extradition proves them part of an international political movement.

Officers of the revolutionary government under which they were acting testified for them.

They were part of a revolution against tyranny tenfold larger and better organized than existed on American soil July 4, 1776.

They were engaged in a war in which more lives were lost than in the French revolution, in which greater battles were fought than those of Bunker Hill and Monmouth.

There are fifty thousand others in America as guilty as they. If Rudowitz is a criminal so is Martin Juraw, who offered his own life to save his comrade, and offered it again rather than endanger other comrades.

If these men go back every man or woman who has dared to lift hand or voice against tyranny must be delivered up to the tyrant he fought.

These men are not being surrendered because of evidence. They are not to be given up because of the terms of a published treaty, disreputable as these are.

American government would dare to PUBLICLY consummate a treaty under which these men could be given up to death.

They are the sacrifices of some secret agreement to maintain at once Russian credit and Russian tyranny.

THE EXPOSURE OF THIS SECRET AGREEMENT WILL SAVE THE LIVES OF THESE MEN.

If the great mass of the population can be made to know what is being attempted these men will be saved, and what is of infinitely more importance, the right of asylum on American soil will remain inviolate.

There must be a swift organization of thousands of meetings. There must be a circulation of petitions, a rousing to action of the indignation of the millions who will denounce and prevent this proposed outrage if they can but be made to realize it.

Capitalism has done much to debauch and weaken the spirit of justice in the American people, but we do not believe they are quite ready to give up that little measure of human liberty that has been so painfully bought.

The next few days will tell the story.

Striking at the Base

Do the workers of Chicago understand the full significance of the report of the grand jury on the question of ballot frauds? Here are some sentences from their report that should be well learned by every person in this city:

"From the facts coming to our knowledge we express serious doubt whether there has been any honest general or city election in Chicago for years past. We report that in our opinion much of said fraudulent voting was done in pursuance of general schemes of corruption, the nature, character and extent of which we had not the time to fully develop.

"Almost universally we found the persons immediately responsible for many of said election frauds to be men holding elective offices and men holding responsible subordinate positions in the service of elected or appointed county officials, and, of course, paid by the taxpayers."

Understand what this means. "For years past" the voters of Chicago have been going to the polls under the impression that they were determining the policies of government and deciding upon the officers to conduct the municipality. Now they are told by a grand jury that these elections were not settled by the votes cast but by the frauds of those now "holding elective offices."

This means that Chicago has ceased to have a republican form of government. It means that government no longer rests upon fraud. It means that those who wish to influence the policies of that government must either change the present condition or else resort to other means than the ballot to exercise any influence upon the management of the municipality in which they live.

Nothing would please the powers that are behind this destruction of the suffrage more than to drive the working class to that violence which is its only hope when the ballot is taken away. The rulers of society did this once. The result was such a setting back of the working class movement as no other city in America has known.

Chicago does not stand alone in this situation. In Denver it generally agreed that the result of the election depends far less upon the casting than the counting of the ballots, and from this counting the Socialists are debarred. The same situation exists in a greater or less degree in many other cities.

Incidentally it might be well to recall these facts to some of those who are offering such wise advice concerning the Socialist vote in Chicago.

Distrusting the Czar

The attorney for the Russian government in the Rudowitz case protests against distrusting the evidence presented by that government. He claims that "full faith must be given to all statements of a friendly power."

The Russian bureaucracy forfeited all right to trust or faith by anyone when it organized its own subjects and led them up to the machine guns. Faith in the czar was shot to pieces on Bloody Sunday. It died upon the Nevsky Prospect beneath the bullets of the Cossacks and the blows of the nagaiaks.

The whole history of that government has been one of the most contemptible lying and treachery. It has issued manifestos and proclaimed liberties only to entrap to their death those who were fools enough to trust its word.

It has announced legislative chambers only to destroy them when they dared to perform their functions. It has proclaimed elections only to use them for corruption and tyranny.

That any lawyer should dare to speak of the good faith of such a government is an insult to the decency of an American court.

ORGANIZATION LETTER TO LOCALS OF INDIANA

AUTHORIZED BY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Every Socialist worthy of the name knows that the progress of the working class depends upon how deeply they understand the significance of the words "Workers of the world, unite!" In other words, how much they realize the strength and power of organization.

For this reason many willing hands have constructed the Socialist party and those of us that have joined it are continually asking the non-member Socialist to join it, too. Thousands have done so and continue to pay dues and work in its ranks. But the bulk, after paying the first month's dues, dropped out. Why? Some of the answers are: They moved away, they were not clear, they were afraid after they had signed of losing their jobs.

Slowly, however, some of us realized that part of the fault might be ours by failing to interest them after they were in. In various ways various locals have tried to answer the unspoken question of the new member, viz: "Now I am in, what shall I do?" No adequate means yet exist for the exchange of the ideas and experiences of locals trying to answer this question. The suggestion is therefore made that each delegate to the next state convention bring with him a short written report of the activities and methods of his local during the year. This for the purpose of aiding the other locals. The following are a few ideas and plans now in use which have given satisfaction:

Local Meetings Have the local meet every week if at all possible. If the local meets the first and third of the month and fourth weeks you will find that the member who does not come often too indifferent to make the calculation in his head as to which is the right week. Or, if he does come, comes on the wrong night, spoils his temper, not to take active interest again for some time. Commence promptly and close promptly. New comment upon the importance is impossible. Delay in closing meetings is the bane of all organizations, and at the same time preventable to a large degree. Delay in closing meetings tires out everybody. Remember that most of our members are working people who have to get up early in the morning, do not devote all the time to a discussion of business. Learn how to condense. Nothing wears a visitor more than a two or three hour discussion over the spending of fifteen cents for postage, especially when each member rises one after another and says, "Comrade Chairman, I fully agree with the last speaker when he said..." and then repeats the argument of the last speaker without the addition of a new idea. A good plan is to set a time when routine business shall close. Rigidity adhere to it and then discuss Socialism the rest of the meeting by means of papers, readings, study courses, questions, etc. Get Robert's Rules of Order and so learn the basic rules of parliamentary practice in an hour. You will thus save yourself and the local lots of valuable time.

Officers In addition to the officers of the local ordered by the state constitution, the following additional will be found necessary. Press Reporter.—His or her duty to be to keep the party and its affairs before the local capitalist press, especially before and after each meeting. A most important duty to be filled, under the local's direction, is the answering of any adverse criticism or comment against Socialism in the local papers. Organizer.—This is used to mean the member whose duty it is to expectantly look after getting new members into the local. In a properly working local the organizer should not be expected to do much personal work. He should be constantly finding out where it is and then laying it on the shoulders of some inactive member.

Committees The average local will be found to have a long string of committees for this, that and the other. They meet irregularly as a rule and give unsatisfactory reports. Closer inspection will show that a few hard workers are generally committees of one. Therefore as soon as possible have your local adopt the following method if it has thirty members or more. Let the local once a year elect one or two committees, that shall subdivide into committees of one for each department of local work. Each member shall report on his department each week to the committee. A summarized report shall be entered on the minutes and the reading of the minutes to the local will constitute its report. Seven is a good number for this committee and names including the organizer, literature agent, financial secretary and press reporter by virtue of their office. It should have the detailed work turned over to it and should see that it is performed, not so much by its members as by the committee. The chief duty should be to aid and direct the organizer in the erection and maintenance of a "political machine" in the following manner:

(1) Collect dues from all members in the district two months in arrears or more. These names should be given the organizer in the erection and maintenance of a "political machine" in the following manner:

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(4) Each worker, as soon as possible, should make a complete canvass of his district, keeping the record in a tabulated book, so that some time be taken to receive the local know not only how many Socialists votes are to be expected, but also how many of the other kinds. All such workers should meet once a month with the central committee to present their reports and to receive the work from the organizer. This will result in a healthy rivalry between the workers, and in the case of factionalism it often turns it from personalities to useful work for the local.

District and County Organizations The state law of Indiana demands a chairman and secretary for each district, county and township. This is a legal necessity that we have these officers. However, from our own standpoint of solid organization, it is important that the district be organized and at once, so that they may plan by the aid of committee organization work for the coming year in their district, county or township, as the case may be.

Literature Meetings are very valuable in arousing interest, but it is reading that makes them stick. Free literature should not be distributed unless it is done in a systematic manner, such as by being parcelled out to the precinct workers, or by means of a "riding squad" of the workers each section of the territory in turn. Then one may be reasonably sure that each house receives one piece and not one house three pieces and two others none. If the riding squad has its own house, a comrade distribute literature to the workers as they enter the gate in the morning—that is, if the factory is running. This means that for days after pieces of it will be around the factory, causing endless discussions. Pamphlets, books and sub. cards should be on hand at every meeting, whether the speaker is to bring his own or not. Start a good lending library with a few Socialist books. Loan them to sympathizers and workers, charging a nickel or dime for the use. Then with the money buy more books. If there is a public library in your town have a list made by the librarian of all books in the library on Socialist, economics and kindred topics. They are generally glad to do this. Get signatures from members and others that specific books on Socialism be put on the shelves if there are few there. Then get people to read them by carrying the names and library numbers in your pocket as you go round your district.

Propaganda and Street Meetings The safest and justest way for small and even large locals to hold indoor meetings is to charge a small admission fee. Have the collection arranged in advance. Do not distribute literature at regular intervals as much as possible. For this purpose get in touch with the state office's circuit riders. Have the collection arranged for before the meeting commences and do not miss anybody. Above all, do not be bashful if you ask a working man for a donation, for it is his movement for his interest that we are trying to interest in. Do not distribute literature until the close of the meeting. Have a strong box and torch at all street meetings ready for the speaker. One large local has a woman comrade take the collection at all street meetings. She passes through the crowd slowly, asking for donations in a low tone during the progress of the talk; they report success.

Women If charity begins at home, surely Socialist propaganda ought. Every male comrade should therefore consider it his duty to interest the women of his home in Socialism. Bring them to the meetings whenever possible and get them to join the local. When there are enough of them, help them form a women's club where they can interest the women who cannot attend the local meeting at night, at the same time having them retain full membership in the local.

Children Not much has yet been done in a systematic manner to interest children in Socialism through the Socialist Sunday schools are growing. A good plan is to raise a fund of, say, five or ten dollars, and offer it as a prize to the pupil in the public school who writes the best essay on a Socialist topic. The child of a member of the party should be excluded from the competition. By this means the children are induced to read Socialist literature and bring it up for discussion with the teachers in the classroom.

New Members The entrance of a new member should be made impressive in some simple way and can be done in the following manner. Let the candidate, if present, step before the meeting at acceptance. The chairman or comrade appointed for the purpose will then repeat the following pledge, while the rest of the comrades stand: Comrade _____, we accept you into this organization, which is known as Local _____, Socialist party, understanding that you are conscious of the fact that a great struggle is going on between the world producing classes, and that this struggle will continue until the workers join themselves together and by the aid of the ballot take over the powers of government, which will use for the benefit of all the people instead of the few capitalists, as at present. We understand that you clearly understand this class struggle, and will do everything in your power to overthrow the present class basis of society and usher in the co-operative commonwealth, where all workers shall receive the full value of the product of their labor. You are pledged to support our principles, platforms and candidates under all just conditions. Are you willing to take this pledge? (I am.) It gives me pleasure therefore to welcome you with the hand of comradeship and bid all other comrades do likewise.

More Detailed Information Any local or comrade can obtain more detailed information than is contained in this general statement by writing to the state secretary, whose office exists mainly for that purpose.

SHAME OR JUSTICE?

BY JULIUS DEUTELBAUM

Russian tyranny against all the principles of freedom for which the fathers of this country fought.

Even the very treaty with the czar, a treaty sneaked through in the dark while the people were not watching, states in the simplest language that if a case of a political nature no surrender shall take place.

Now it is up to Uncle Sam either to shame this country and become an ally of the Russian czar, or set Rudowitz free and guarantee him, as all other political prisoners are guaranteed, freedom of person and privilege, and keep him from the impertinent annoyance of the Russian government instead of delivering him up to the "Riga museum" or some other Russian torture chamber.

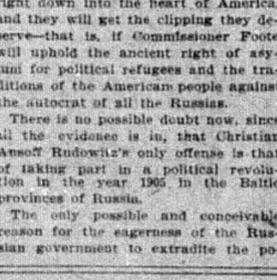
Which is it going to be, Uncle Sam—shame or justice? It is for you to answer.

Hitler refugees of 1905 and 1906 is that it desires to subject them to the regular process of torture, which forms a part of the Russian system, as well as to hold them up as a horrible example before the eyes of the people who may be inclined to revolt in the future against the tyranny of the czar.

Uncle Sam going to smear his hand with blood by upholding and approving the oppressor of Russia, the thing in human form whose methods are a blot upon present day civilization, or forgoing to let the czar take his own medicine for misruling his country, with the aid of a degenerate nobility?

The American people do not approve of the czar or his methods, nor will they approve of such an overriding of the popular will as an alliance with

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"Is that office open now?" "Yes, but it will close in about a minute," said the polite officer, glancing at his watch.

"Well, then, I'll come again in the morning," I said, frowning man, "what's the matter with the reservoirs?"

"I didn't know they were out of order. I supposed they were full of water."

"Then why is it we don't get any water in our house?"

"I'm sure I don't know."

"Do you think they could tell me at the water works office?"

"They might give you some information."

"What time does the office open in the morning?"

"Ten o'clock."

"What and closes at four?"

"And closes at four, ma'am."

"I don't know, lady. Some places say it is open in the morning, but other places say it is a chamber, but I don't know, lady. Some places say it is open in the morning, but other places say it is a chamber, but I don't know, lady."

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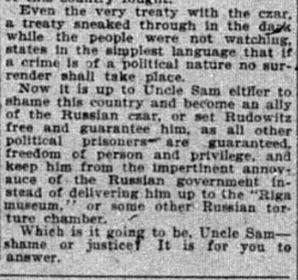
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While he was waiting in the parlor, before being shown to the sick room, he fell to talking with the little girl of the house.

"It is very gratifying to know that your mother thought of me in her illness," said he. "Is Dr. W. out of town?"

"Oh, no," answered the child, in a matter of fact tone. "Dr. W. isn't away. Only we thought it might be something contagious and we didn't want to take any risks."—Lippincott's.

He Counted A physician who had had scarcely any sleep for two days called upon a patient—an Irishman—who was suffering from pneumonia. Sitting down in a chair beside the sick man, he bent his ear to his chest to hear the respiration, calling upon Pat to count.

The doctor was so fatigued that when the patient had counted up to ten he went to sleep with his ear on the sick man's chest. Awakening, he heard Pat still counting. "The thousand and one," said he, "is a thousand and a sixty-six."—Harper's Weekly.

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BY JOHN M. WORK

In a capitalist sheet the other day I saw an editorial which said that there are a lot of fellows loafing around on the pretext that they are unable to find a job, and it wondered why they did not go out and take up some of the new land.

Thus do the lying capitalist newspapers add insult to injury when a workman is down and out and cannot find a job wherewith to feed himself and his wife and babies.

Go out on the new land, indeed! Supposing, for the sake of argument, that there is good land to be had for nothing, please tell us how a penniless man can transport himself and family a thousand or two of miles, build a house and barn, dig a well, buy a team, a wagon, a plow, a harrow, a seeder, a cultivator, a harvester, etc., and live until he grows and markets a crop?

Even supposing that insurmountable difficulty to be overcome, he would find himself constantly robbed by the same horde of grafters who rob him whenever he has a job now and who rob him of his job whenever they feel like it. The farmers on the so-called new lands have discovered that, try as they may, it is impossible to escape being robbed by the capitalists so long as the capitalist system exists. Witness the enormous Socialist vote in Oklahoma and other agricultural states.

But the land is not free. With a few exceptions, it has to be paid for, from fifty cents to several dollars an acre. Then, the water rights cost from twenty to sixty dollars per acre in addition. And, without irrigation, most of it will raise nothing but sage brush and jack rabbits.

It is nothing short of a crime to fling such a proposition in the face of an unemployed man.

Besides, why should workmen go to the ends of the earth to get a living, and leave the enemy in possession of the good things they have earned and been robbed of? Is it not more manly to stay and fight for their rights?

No, thanks, we will stay right here, and fight for our lost heritage. Robbery doesn't suit us any better one place than another. We propose to keep right on agitating until the robbers are dispossessed and the workers come into their own.

AN APPRECIATION OF A NOBLE LIFE

BY OLAF NORMAN

No greater sacrifice to the god of capitalism and profits ever was made than the death of Thorolf O. Lewis. A constant preacher against the system of industrialism, which is more concerned with profits than with human life, Lewis became a victim of the crushing, grinding, break-neck speed industrial system which annually takes its toll of thousands of human lives.

Few men understood that system better than he, and therefore few were more zealous in their advocacy of its abolition. He was interested in many things that go to make life endurable under industrial slavery, but above all things he was a Socialist. The international Socialist movement was for him the one great thing to work for, to live for, to die for! The steady advance of the working class throughout the world toward industrial freedom was to him a source of greatest inspiration. His devotion to working class interests and to all that is high and ennobling in human life is an inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing him and especially to those to whom he was near and dear.

The story of Lewis' death is a sad one. He was killed in a blast while engaged in superintending the work of railroad construction at Cheney, near Spokane, Wash. The accident occurred on Thanksgiving day. He was over-seeing the work and to reach a vantage point he took a path that led him down the side of a small hill, which obstructed his view of a series of lighted fuses in the mountain side. Lewis was blown backward several feet and sustained terrible injuries. He died a few minutes after being placed on a cot at the Spokane hospital, never recovering consciousness.

Physicians announced that he was not subjected to a moment's suffering from the effects of the blast. On Saturday, Nov. 28, the body was sent from Spokane and on the following Wednesday morning it arrived in Chicago. The funeral, as has been announced previously, was held on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 2, from the chapel at Mt. Olive cemetery. The Rev. George E. Rygh of Chicago performed the last rites. Only a few close friends and relatives of the deceased attended the burial, members of the family desiring the funeral to be of a private character.

Thorolf O. Lewis was born at Bergen, Norway, July 28, 1880. From his mother he inherited a highly sensitive and artistic temperament, and from his father, who was a cigar manufacturer and merchant and a leader in middle class circles, he inherited the keen, analytic intellect, which was nothing short of brilliant. His mother died when he was 5 years old, leaving the boy only to take care of himself. This developed in him that self-confidence and independence of action which characterized him throughout his short but eventful life. In his school days he was always at the head of his class and he was the natural leader of the boys of his own age. He received a good education, supplemented by extensive reading and personal observation and experience in many lines of human endeavor. He was early attracted to Socialism. Once when viewing a procession of workmen in the streets of Bergen, on May 1, he asked his father how it was that working-men, who worked so hard every day, wore such shabby clothes.

"My boy," answered the father, "you will always find that those who work hardest get least money for their clothes and food."

Lewis never forgot that explanation. From that time on he was a Socialist.

Lewis joined the Socialist party shortly after his arrival from Norway. He was a member of the Seventeenth ward branch and was an active and energetic worker in the movement. When in Chicago he served as county central committee member and he was organized as the best auditor the Socialist party of Illinois had up to his time of service on the state auditing committee.

Lewis' death is a great loss to the party. It is a particularly hard blow to his relatives and friends. His prospects were bright for a useful and honorable life to himself and to society. His short life was spent in doing good for others. There is no blot of dishonor on his escutcheon. His entire life was pure, sweet and noble. He was a man of keen and brilliant intellect, witty, of sharp senses, a kind and loving son and brother, a good comrade, a true friend. He was a man among men. May the life and deeds of Thorolf O. Lewis, with their lofty idealism, be a source of inspiration to all young Socialists throughout the world.

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