

132,829 FREIGHT CARS ARE IDLE

An Increase of 11,655 During the Two Weeks Ending With November 25

BY MAX WOOD-SIMONS

An increase of 11,655 empty cars in the fortnight ended November 25 is scarcely the showing which our flamboyant anti-election optimists would have prophesied, especially on the stump.

Empties Increase 11,655

The fortnightly bulletin of the American Railway association on the car supply states that in the two weeks ended November 25 the number of idle cars in the country and on Canadian roads increased by 11,655, making the total surplus on that date 132,829.

PANIC BRINGS A BUILDING BOOM

Reduced Price of Materials Causes Idle Money to Be Invested in Flats

The reduced price of building material on account of the panic, giving the small investor a chance to "get busy," is the reason generally assigned for the increase in the number of building permits for the eleven months ending November 30 this year over the same period last year.

Metal Markets Quiet Down

The Iron Age reports that the iron and steel markets have quieted down considerably. The finished trades representatives generally speaking have been falling off, and some hesitation is developing.

Building Permits Increase

For the month of November, this year, the permits issued for the construction of buildings in Chicago were nearly double the figures of the same month last year, when there was a big slump on account of being right immediately following the panic.

Not Unusually Busy

Some of the workers in the building trades say that despite this increased number of permits over 1907, they were not unusually busy, for the flats and residences do not require so many employees as do the larger buildings.

Steel Trust Will Show Decrease

This would represent a decrease of approximately \$2,500,000 over the preceding quarter.

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Powderly, formerly head of the Knights of Labor, now commissioner of immigration, who has been accused of some rather shady transactions, is decidedly against the unfortunates that have to stand in a bread line.

WOMAN DEDICATES A BOOK TO HER DECREASED CAT

A 250-page book dedicated to the memory of a dead cat had been published by Mrs. Laura V. Green of Berwyn, prominent club woman and vice president of the American Cat Fanciers' association.

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MINERS WILL REPEAT DEMANDS

The tentative demands of the anthracite miners for a new agreement next April have been considered and answered by the operators.

OVER-PRODUCTION OF COPPER

All conditions are unfavorable to the copper market. The production of copper is still far ahead of consumption and increasing continuously.

"BIG STICK" TO BE LABEL SUIT

Roosevelt May Take Panama Fund Scandal Into Court Against Editors

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—President Roosevelt will strike with a criminal libel suit against Delavan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, and William M. Laffan, editor of the New York World.

HE MAKES CHARGE OPENLY

In the presence of Governor Deneen of Illinois and the committee of 100 which had come from the deep waterways convention to present to the president the resolutions adopted in Chicago last October, a delegate mentioned the Panama canal.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS BUSY

District Attorney Stinson at New York is looking into the facts to see if a criminal libel suit will stand on the matter published by the New York World, and it is declared on reliable authority that the district attorney at Indianapolis is doing the same.

DECLARES IT "HAS NEVER INTENDED ANTAGONIZE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY"

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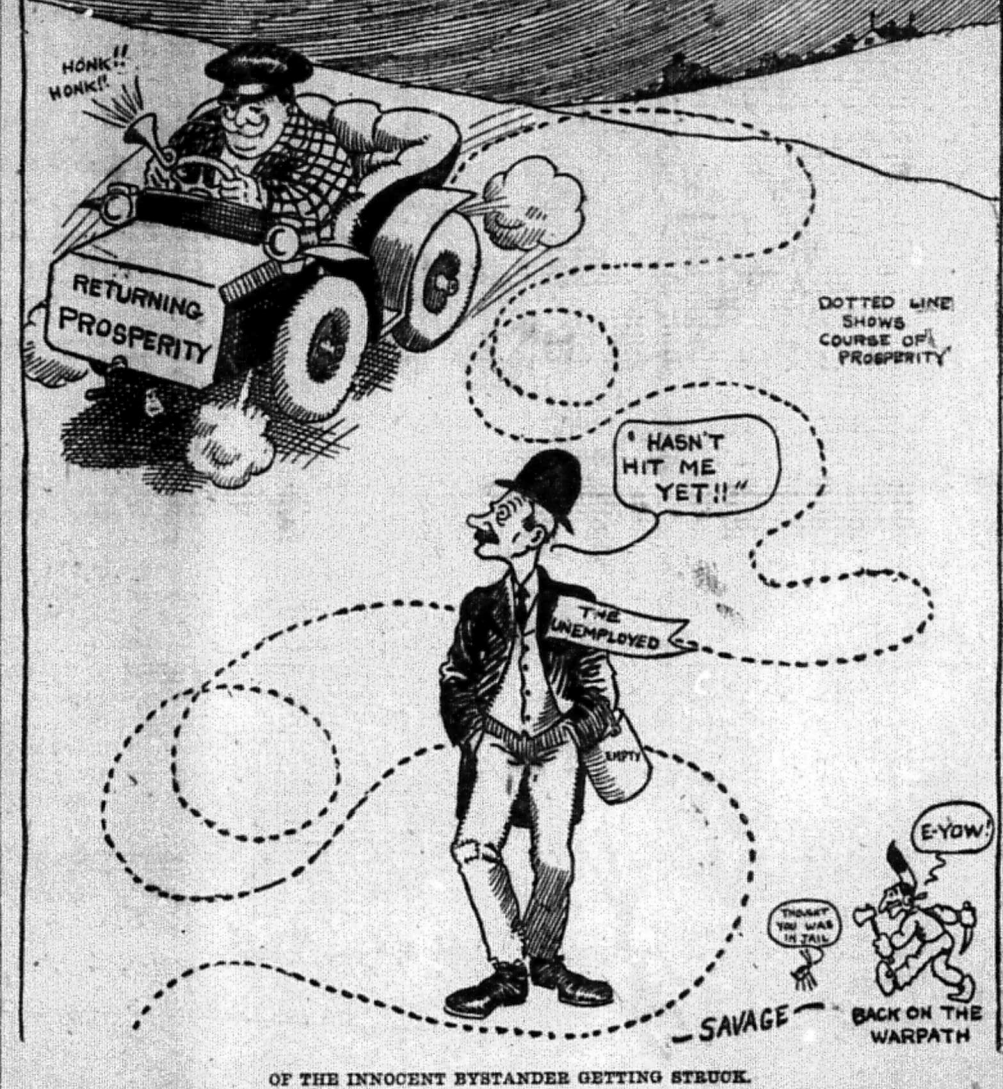
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GOLD FEET IN REFUGEE'S CASE

Russia Catches a Tartar in Juraw, Witness Who Refused to Give Names

When Juraw was arraigned in Judge Bethea's court this morning his case was continued until Monday, Dec. 14.

DELAY IN CONTEMPT CASE

Czar's Officials, Scared by Publicity, Seem Willing to Let Him Go

The Russian government has caught a tartar, and is trying to let go. The tartar is Martin Juraw, who refused to give up the names of his comrades in Russia, and defied United States Commissioner Mark A. Foote to send him to the gallows for his refusal.

CHANCE TO DROP CASE

The commissioner seemed to think that this was a great chance for the persons concerned to drop something which they wished they had not taken up.

SPEAKERS AT BENEFIT

Louis F. Post, Max Wood-Simons, John C. Harding and others will speak in defense of the refugees, Fourier, Rudowicz, Villareale, the Mexican, and others, at the protest meeting Sunday afternoon.

TAXIDOL CAN CHEAT; CITY SEALER FINDS OUT JUST HOW

City Sealer John Kjellander started two things yesterday—to wit: to detect taximeter cabs in the act of cheating—if they cheat—and to detect the methods by which said cheating may be practiced.

ALLIANCE IS PREPARING A PROTEST

The German element is equally insistent that the German-American National Alliance is also preparing a protest.

IF ALL CAME ABOUT WHEN, AFTER A CONFERENCE WITH OTHER CITY OFFICIALS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT AN ORDINANCE OUGHT TO BE DRAWN EMPOWERING THE CITY TO STOP AT ANY TIME IN ANY PLACE ANY TAXICAB AND TO OPERATE THE TAXICAB BOX DETERMINING WHETHER THE TAXICAB IS ACCURATE IN ITS DISTANCE MEASURING METHOD.

"CAN YOU FOLLOW CHEAT IF YOU WANT TO?"

"Oh, yes," was the monochalant reply.

"OH, YES," ASKED THE CITY SEALER IN SURPRISE.

"Well, my way would be to attach the registering box to the rear instead of the front wheels by means of the sprocket. Then, by running the car down a smooth, wet pavement, the driver could make the rear wheels revolve 168 times, and the machine would register double fare for each quarter mile.

"OH, YES," ANY OTHER WAY?

"Oh, yes. The driver can start the flag at the second point and then a single passenger is paying what it would cost to carry two or more passengers. Even then the driver could throw in a few extra miles for good measure.

"WHAT WAS THAT SENTENCE THE CHIEF REPEATED OFTEN DURING THE MEETING?"

"As near as I could make out it was 'We are all miserable sinners.'"—Chicago Courier.

SOLONS TO HIT AT ROOSEVELT

Congress Plans to Return That Part of Message Reflecting on Members

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Congress has scheduled for today a return to President Roosevelt of that part of his annual message to congress relating to the secret service in which the president reflected, in the opinion of the leaders of both houses, upon the members for restricting the use of secret-service operatives to those duties prescribed by law.

The first time such action was taken against the national executive was in the administration of President Jackson when he castigated congress for its attitude on the national bank question.

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Why Solons Are Mad Determination upon this line of action was all that prevented several members of congress from rising in their seats on a question of personal privilege to protest.

One of the most influential members in the house has privately stated that secret operatives appeared in his district in the last campaign and worked against his re-election.

Was Under Surveillance Another prominent member of a former congress, who became engaged in a controversy with the president over legislation, was defeated because of the report, alleged to be true, that congress of the legislation he was under the constant surveillance of the secret service.

Washington is agog at the probable secret action of President Roosevelt if congress persists in its present determination to take cognizance of the secret service portion of his message.

When A. Montgomery Ward heard, last night that Judge Dupuy in the Cook county Superior court had decided against him in the injunction fight to keep the Field museum off the lake front, he declared the case would be carried to the Supreme court.

WARD TO APPEAL MUSEUM RULING

FIVE BIG FIRMS ARE HIT IN PURE FOOD CRUSADE

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THEATER TO PRODUCE NEW PLAYS IS PLAYER'S IDEA

A. L. Erlanger yesterday offered reasonable excuse for the resurrection and reorganization of the somewhat time-worn statement that the theatrical syndicate is seriously considering the building of a new theater in Chicago.

Erlanger admitted that during the special meetings held with theater managers in Chicago on his present trip the subject of a site within the loop as well as the probable cost and size of the building had been discussed.

"At the present time we find it necessary to use all the theaters we control in taking care of the attractions of our own and associate firms," he said.

WANT LIONS TO EAT UP 'TEDDY'

That Is Roosevelt's Idea of What Wall Street Desires Animals to Do

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 11.—In a Washington special printed this morning in the Constitution, President Roosevelt is quoted as asserting that Wall Street hates him.

Could Settle Question The president is quoted as saying that he does not plead for a centralized government, but for a recognition of the power already vested in the national government.

Has "Thirst to Slay" Denver, Colo., Dec. 10.—Secretary E. W. Whitehead of the state bureau of child and animal protection, in an article printed in the monthly publication of the Colorado Humane Society, just from the press, entitled "Protect the Deer," says "President Roosevelt as a sportsman is furnishing to the American nation an example of ruthlessness and blood lust as far reaching as it is pernicious."

Resents Lust of Blood "If reports are true, he looks forward eagerly, exultantly, impatiently to the excursion to the other side of the world, whose prime object is to slay. We resent the lust of blood, the thirst to slay."

PINE KINGS PLAN LUMBER COMBINE IN BIG CONFERENCE

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 10.—Edward Hines of Chicago, William O'Brien of St. Paul and C. E. Smith of Duluth are engaging in a series of conferences looking to a deal to bring the lumber interests and holdings of the Northwest and West under one gigantic combination.

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Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 11.—Running at a rapid rate to make up lost time on the Northern Pacific North Coast route, a train of the trunk about twenty-five ten-foot passenger cars, loaded with McKean, twenty miles east of here, last night and rolled over on their side.

CARNegie IS SUBPOENAED ON TARIFF REVISION

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Andrew Carnegie must appear before the ways and means committee of the house and tell what he knows about the tariff.

FARMER SLEEPS A WHOLE WEEK AND THEN EXPIRES

Logansport, Ind., Dec. 11.—After being asleep exactly one week Peter Snyder, a farmer living near here, died today. A week ago he worked all day, but he did not arise the next morning at his usual time and his wife was unable to arouse him.

RECONCILED WITH HUSBAND

Forced through the recital of this story more than a hundred times, Mrs. Rice is now preparing to leave the city to hide herself and seek rest.

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NOT GUILTY OF RUSTIN MURDER

Davis, Accused of Shooting Omaha Doctor in Death Compact, Is Freed

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 11.—The jury in the case of Charles E. Davis, charged with the murder of Dr. Frederick T. Rustin, today returned a verdict of not guilty.

Davis, the state alleged, shot Dr. Rustin at the physician's own request, after the latter had entered into a suicide pact with Mrs. Abbie Rice. The woman testified she and Rustin had agreed to poison or shoot each other, but that her nerve failed.

Mrs. Rice to Leave City Her nerves shattered by the long wait in jail after the tragic events culminating in the death of Dr. Rustin, and brought to the verge of prostration on the witness stand while repeating her harrowing story, Mrs. Rice will seek a retreat with her husband and recuperate and forget.

Under the grueling questioning and cross-examination, her life story has been bared before the eager, curious crowd that has filled the Criminal court room every day since the beginning of the trial.

Clings to One Story The trial, the most famous in the history of Omaha's criminal annals, brought out a startling story of illicit love and the craving of a man for death.

Mrs. Rice's story, which she confessed to having transferred her affections to the clergyman. Sullivan on the witness stand related that he and the defendant were married in 1888 and lived together until 1892.

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"SCOTTY" HERE, BUT HE IS TAME

Miner of Death Valley Who "Burns Up His Money" Spends Day in City

Walter Scott, Death Valley "Scotty," the enigma of millionaire proclivities, who caused a panic in several Chicago hotels a year ago when he offered a prize of \$100 for the best looking chambermaid and paid a bootblack \$25 for blacking his shoes, is en route today from Chicago to New York on the Twentieth Century Limited.

Scott was the guest for a day of Benjamin Wilson, a member of the Board of Trade, who knew him in Arizona and who caused a stir when he plotted Mr. Scott in his sombrero and blue flannel shirt with a flaming red tie through the crowd of brokers on the floor.

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SEWING MACHINES ARKAM & JACKSON BLDG. WITH POLEY & WILLIAMS, 31 1/2 Dearborn--New and second-hand machines, \$5 and up; repairing by experts; free estimates; free catalogues for all machines. Tel. Harrison 122.

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ONCE RICH, NOW LIVES ON CHARITY

Bent and Aged New Yorker, Ruined by Bank Crash, in Chicago "Broke"

BY F. S.

Showing the faint and lingering signs of prosperity, Morris Stein walked into the Municipal Lodging house the other night. His face was white and pinched, and his 55 years seemed extended to over 60, for it is very hard to walk the streets for two nights in midwinter. His beard was black, slightly flecked with gray, and he was of medium height.

Very different was this Morris Stein from the Morris Stein who beamed at the customers who used to enter his tailor shop on Broadway in "Little Old New York." Stein was a rising man till the panic hit New York, made banks totter, the financiers tremble and sent thousands of small enterprises crashing to destruction.

Picking Himself Up

Morris Stein was "picking himself up" after the crash when he entered his tailor shop on Broadway in "Little Old New York" only were the fragments of the \$250,000 real estate syndicate which he and his eight partners had formed and into which had gone \$22,000, the painful product of the labors of Morris Stein, the four children of the Stein household had looked on their father as the man who was to become the Pierpont Morgan of the tailor's trade. Mrs. Stein looked on her husband's real estate as the basis of another fortune like that which built the Astor billions from canny investments in New York real estate.

When the banks began to fail and reputations to crumble, when the uncaught gentlemen of Wall street turned on Heinze and Morse and hurled them from the inner temple of the great gaming house of America, there was very little chance for rising real estate magnate like Morris Stein. First the real estate syndicate broke to splinters under the hammer blows of the panic. Then the stanch tailoring house of Morris Stein fell into small fragments.

Wealth and Hopes Vanish

But worst of all was the fall of the hopes of the Stein children, and Mrs. Stein, who had hoped to enter the "400" by the golden ladder which was to be built by valuable real estate held in the name of Morris Stein.

Then Stein's heart, as well as his pocket broke, and he started out to make his way anew. He beat his way to Chicago, where he arrived a short time ago.

"No," he declared, "I will not go back to New York broke. I could not stand the shame."

So he was gathered up by the finely drawn net of the United Jewish Charities and started on the road to financial recovery. Some day he will be one of those things his children dreamed he would be. Either that or that grim destroyer of dreams—death—will come and cut short the realization of Stein's hopes.

PANIC HITS OAK PARK HARD; 400 TELEPHONES TAKEN OUT

Four hundred telephones have been taken away from the citizens of Oak Park. This cruel step was taken by the Chicago Telephone company when the subscribers failed to pay the rental charged for the use of these important instruments.

This I said to indicate a degree of poverty among the lawyers, traders, schemers, patent medicine men and clerks who make their home in the western suburb. To lose your telephone in Oak Park is to lose credit at once. Men hang on to their telephones long after their food supply has been reduced because of the hard times, so this suspension of 400 telephones appears to indicate that the "panic" had hit Oak Park and hit it hard.

The company was very rude about the matter. It simply sent a crew of workmen out, armed with wire pinchers, screw drivers and hammers. This crew was not "to reason why," so it marched in and took the instruments. Where admission was denied the wires were cut outside were cut.

HEARING ASKED BY OAK PARK 'L'

President Clarence Knight of the Oak Park elevated road has woke up to the fact that he and his line are in serious trouble. He rushed to the mayor's office with a loud complaint that he had been treated unfairly; that he had no chance to state his side of the case before the council committees which decided on such drastic methods.

Mayor Bussee assured him if that was all he was complaining of the matter could be easily arranged. So he called a meeting of Track Elevation Expert Rayner and Chairman Foreman of the transportation committee for his office this afternoon, and Knight has full permission to talk to them as long as he wants to. The plan is to have Chairman Lippis of the track elevation committee introduce the mandatory ordinance that evening.

"All we want is a fair deal," declared Knight. "We are perfectly willing to elevate the tracks in Austin if anybody can show us how we can raise the money. But we cannot elevate without the money to do it with."

'PAT' CROWE, EVANGELIST, HOLDS HIS FIRST SERVICES

Pat Crowe, the former outlaw, assumed the evangelistic role last evening, but, because of the quality of his audience, his first appearance in his new part was lacking in the Billy Sunday characteristics with which it was expected he would deck his platform utterances.

Before addressing a hundred persons at St. Mary's hall in Evanston he had been told that an exhortation to turn from crime might not prove fitting or effective under the circumstances, and he was given a rehearsal by Mrs. Fannie McG. Woodmansee, county superintendent of the W. C. T. U. prison work, and all the sensational features were pruned carefully.

The result was a talk, more argumentative than pleading, for the anti-saloon and the prison reform movements, delivered by a self-possessed, undemonstrative, neat appearing man who seemed not unaccustomed to occupying attention.

THESE SPIRITS ARE OSCULATORY

Raps and Kissing Are Heard at a Seance; Nothing Else Materializes

It is no unusual thing nowadays for the good Chicago people to converse with the spirits of their beloved dead—or at least to think they do. It is quite a usual thing to step into the parlors of a medium on certain evenings, when the particular spirit enticer is not reading palms or "materializing" palms and whole arms. Grief stricken women, especially, delight in hearing kisses and loving messages from the dead and hurrying to the seances anxiously. Why shouldn't they, when it only costs them 25 cents to converse with the spirits?

Spirits Sometimes Obstinate

Last night was seance night at the home of "Prof." Charles Dudley in his little cosy parlor at 535 North Clark street. By half past eight the little room was filled with long faced, palpitating men and women, the latter predominating. There also were some skeptics, but these kept quiet, for they had come to be convinced and determined to give the "professor" a good chance.

Promptly at eight thirty the "professor's" wife locked the doors, after a short talk by the medium, in which he warned all that sometimes the spirits were obstinate and did not appear. He closed his talk with a plea that those who see things they fail to understand should abstain from criticizing the same. He then instructed all to join hands and keep their feet firmly on the floor. After this he brought out a megaphone and placed it on the floor beside the table on which the spirits were to gambol. A guitar was also placed face up on the same table. Then the lights went out, putting the room into total darkness.

For a while deathly silence prevailed, broken only by the gasping breath of the expectant women. Then the medium's nervous voice broke the silence with a harsh chant in which some of those present joined. The chant consisted of an invitation to the spirits to come and converse with the mortals anxiously awaiting them.

Chant Attracts the Spirits

Nothing resulted and the chant was repeated. Towards the close of the second invitation, a "breese" passed over the heads of the petitioners and a rap sounded on the table.

"Hal! the spirits are here!" exclaimed the medium. "Let us greet them, friends."

A deep lunged anxious "Oh, Oh!" sounded around the room, followed by a general, "Good evening, kind spirits."

"Now, friends," said the medium in the darkness, "let us ask them ques-

tions. You will answer, kind spirits, won't you?"

Rap-rap-rap, came the answer.

"Is James here?" inquired the medium.

Rap-rap-rap!

"Ah, yes, noble James is here," sighed the medium.

"Now, friends," continued the medium, "ask for the spirits of your dear deceased friends, and they will let you know whether they are here or not."

Souls of Dead Silent

Upon the advice of the medium, each person asked for two of his dead relatives, calling them by name. Then the spirits became stubborn and would not respond. Something, according to the medium, was wrong in the room.

It was decided that the stove, which had a smoldering fire in it, disturbed the spirits, for they did not take advantage of the megaphone, which was within the radius of the light cast by the stove. The light was turned on and a cover placed over the stove, thus doing away with the objectionable feature.

Once more the lights were turned out and the chanting resumed. The spirits took a long time arriving, and many songs had to be sung. Finally the whiff of air was again felt, and a bang on the table caused those present almost to spring to their feet with alarm. Then upon a question of the medium a hoarse voice could be heard above the table.

Iliya Prefers Spirit Realm

"Iliya-Iliya," gasped the voice.

"My gracious!" cried a woman in the darkness, it is my own dear sister Iliya. Are you there, sister?"

"Y-e-s," gasped the voice.

"Are you happy Iliya?"

"Y-e-s."

"Would you want to return?"

"N-no."

Similar questions followed as the spirits announced their names, and the women were in ecstasies. The spirits, however, were not able to remember incidents of their earthly life for some reason or another except when they were reminded of these and then they assented readily. A spirit who had been a musician on this earth appeared, but when asked to play the guitar, violently could only bang the guitar, violently, notwithstanding the fact that he had been an enthusiastic player of that instrument.

A Danish woman then asked for her Sigfried and he answered her with a good loud knock and began to talk in English, which the woman could barely understand. She spoke to him in her native tongue, but there was nothing doing for the spirit. He had forgotten his native tongue. They had evidently adopted English as a universal tongue in his realm.

Another fiasco resulted when a reporter for the Daily Socialist asked for the presence of his two brothers. He waited anxiously for an answer, and one weak and another sledgehammer knock answered him.

Yes, they were present all right, decided the medium, but somehow or another they failed to give their names. Probably it was because the reporter had not given any names, as the others had done, and the spirits had forgotten that they had been called. At any rate, the spirits were impostors, for the reporter had no deceased brothers.

Megaphone Becomes Lively

The final collapse came when the reporter from pure inquisitiveness reached out his foot in the direction of the megaphone and knocked it over. He had barely done so, when it came flying in his direction and barely missed his nose. As if by magic, the spirits ceased to talk, and no amount of chanting or pleading would cause them to resume. This was evidently due to the fact that the reporter had placed his foot on the megaphone and held it down. The result was that the room was lighted up once more, and a general comparing of notes resorted to.

While the discussion was on the reporter studied the megaphone, which had been kicked under the table by the medium, and saw that it was put up in the shape of a telescope. The tip was narrow and gave the sound of a child's voice. The middle section was larger and gave a medium voice. The last joint was very wide and resembled the voice of a big man.

The table had a platform at the lower end, on which a child could sit comfortably and rap on the boards, which were arranged so that they gave loud or weak knocks. The medium wore rubber shoes, and a closet in the corner was rather drafty.

The general ending up of a conversation with the spirits was a kiss.

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AID THE STORE CLERKS

It is not lack of feeling—simply of thought—that Christmas shopping lays such a heavy burden on store clerks and delivery men. One way in which you can help lessen their burden is by telephoning your orders.

There are many things intended for Christmas gifts which you can order quite as easily by telephone. A little explanation may be needed in some cases, but the store will attend to your wants.

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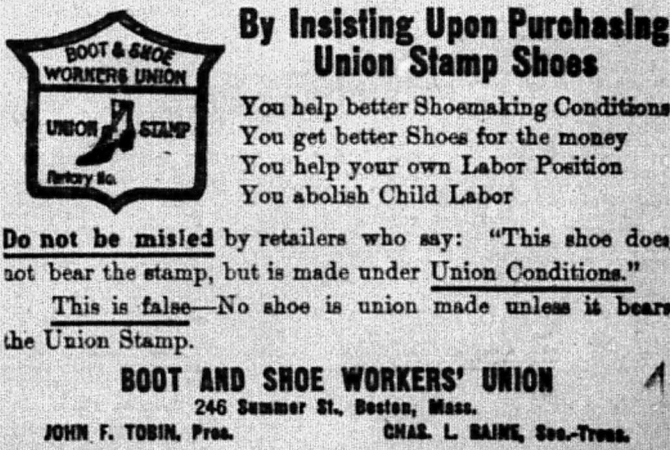
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2 for a quarter fast black nice seamless socks at 6 cents. If you want 6 pairs guaranteed to wear 6 months the price will be 1.20 extra—take my advice, save your money, don't pay for that guarantee.

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OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

WOMAN SPEAKS AT OXFORD UNION

For the first time since its inauguration, eighty years ago, the Oxford Union has been addressed by a woman. She was received with great enthusiasm.



MRS. MILLICENT GARRETT FAWCETT, L.L.D., FIRST WOMAN TO SPEAK BEFORE OXFORD UNION

question for debate was "That in the opinion of this house the time has come when the government should be urged to remove the electoral disabilities of

but the side to which she gave her adherence lost by thirty-one votes. The debating hall was so crowded that permission was given members to sit on the floor and in the gangways.

A Female Agitator

BY KITTIE SPARGO HULSE, (Author of "The Little White Hand.") "Thus the prince recovered the princess and carried her that day to the capital of Persia, where he alighted with her in the midst of the palace. And they had a grand wedding and all lived happily ever after." "Is that all?" asked little Mildred Curry, wisely. "Couldn't you read us just a little more?" "Not another one today, my pet. Now run away, all of you, and play 'King William' or 'Farmer in the Dell.'" Away they went in a wild race to their favorite playground. Rachel Montgomery looked after them with a quite maternal expression of pride and affection that did not escape the observation of a young man, who, swaying lazily in a near-by hammock, had been watching the little group. He strolled over now and seated himself on the grass beside her. "You must be very fond of children, Miss Montgomery, to give them so much of your time," he said. "Yes, I am very fond of them—with a certain wistfulness of expression that puzzled Hamilton. They need my time more than the grown-ups. Many of us can look back to our childhood and see how a few days' companionship—or even a few hours, perhaps—has

ture under the name of the "vision-graph." The Pegasus of the Greeks and the "enchanted horse" of the Persians are probably only names for ancient flying machines, that we may live to see duplicated.

"An elopement by airship! How romantic! Just fancy! The inventor is Hamilton, but Rachel disdained to notice the interruption and continued. "The sorcerers who caused their victims to assume the shapes of birds and beasts were merely hypnotists who caused them to believe that they had assumed such shapes and to act as if they were just as our modern hypnotists do.

"The frightful dragons of the ancients that were about breathing forth fire and smoke and seeking whom they might devour—might they not have been locomotives, or traction engines, or even automobiles?" "We have nothing to compare with the 'magic carpet' but with pneumatic tube transmission still in its infancy we need not despair."

"And, anyhow, we have the theoretical theory of the projection of the astral body to investigate, and some learned professor is liable to stumble onto the discovery of the fourth dimension at any time!" teased Hamilton, with laughing eyes.

"Nevertheless," returned Rachel, with undisturbed equanimity, "I believe these tales that have so long been regarded as the most extravagant creations of the imagination, have a foundation in fact, and if correctly interpreted contain nothing more wonderful than the achievements of modern science which we accept as a matter of course.

"Think of the X-rays, the kinestoscope, the telephone, the graphophone! Suppose all knowledge of their production to be lost, and consider the forms tradition would assume in regard to them, among the ignorant and superstitious, during the lapse of a thousand years!"

"A noted Chinaman has told us that China does not want our machinery; that China tried machinery ages ago and the starving masses rose in their wrath and destroyed it."

"If we could only have access to authentic records of that time we should find, I think, that ancient Chinese carried the science of machinery to a higher degree of perfection than our modern scientists have done so far."

"The origin of the tales is lost in the mists of antiquity," we are told, but to me they are evidence of a wondrous civilization that has passed away."

"Rather hard on the Darwinian theory, isn't it?" asked Hamilton, wickledly. "No, indeed! A civilization whose chief blessings were monopolized by a greedy few were not fit to survive."

"Well," responded Hamilton, "I am inclined to believe that all that is has been and will be again."

"It may be so," said Rachel. "Still I believe that progress is the law of the universe."

"For a moment they sat silent, the woman gazing into the infinite blue depths beyond the eastern hills, the man gazing into the blue depths of her eyes."

Rachel rose abruptly. "Let's get our kodaks," she suggested. "Yes," assented Hamilton, eagerly. "We'll go down to the old water wheel. The light is just right now and I can get a fine Rembrandt of you if you will allow me."

(To be Continued.)

The Tariff in Cactus Center

BY ARTHUR CHAPMAN

We've observed down here in Cactus all this tariff fixin' talk—How some fellers want it lowered on steel rails and hides and chalk; And we had the other evenin' a debate hard to beat. Dence Biddle havin' challenged the views of Standpat Pete.

They talked till well toward mornin' about the tariff raisin' and lowerin' Of tacks and soap and frogs' legs, of pups and chicken crates, Of Swiss cheese, tin and leather, of canned goods, glass and furs, Of saddles, chaps and headgear, of horseshoe nails and spurs.

There wasn't harsh words spoken until the Standpat gent. Remarked Dence didn't savvy what "ad valorem" meant; And Dence said "ad valorem" was the Injun name for horse.

And Standpat gives a beehaw and the shootin' starts, of course. They shot holes in each other, and they weren't out for weeks; They wounded Bill, the barkeep, and his barroom's full of leaks;

And we feel right now in Cactus that the tariff's mostly right. But the rates on shootin' tools should be raised clear out of sight.

Conservation of Water Resources

In his annual report the director of the Geological Survey says that if the United States were to provide for the investigation of our water resources on a scale of thoroughness equal to that of Switzerland it would appropriate \$11,000,000 annually, a sum 110 times greater than the present annual appropriation for similar work in this country. An extension of government investigations of water resources has long been advocated by engineers, who realize that our work in this direction is not commensurate with that done in many countries.

The average annual damage by floods in the United States has never been accurately determined, but such investigations as have been made indicate that the loss must be at least \$100,000,000 a year. In many parts of the United States the proper expenditure of an amount equal to one year's local loss by floods would prevent future damage in other localities the cost would probably equal the loss of two or three years. Many of the rivers being interstate, federal action would be required in most cases.

Several hundred million dollars have been expended by the government for river improvement, and it is probable that as much if not more must be expended during the next decade. What ever may be the system under which the United States shall make its improvements, all engineers agree that thorough inspection of rivers is absolutely necessary to the final solution of the problem.

The United States is expending \$40,000,000 in the construction of irrigation systems, the success or failure of which depends on the water supply. Measurements over a short period of years will determine the point. The continued investigation of the water resources of the country is necessary to safeguard this great expenditure.

More than 80,000,000 acres of the best agricultural lands in the United States are unproductive because of drainage. These lands extend over so wide an area that their drainage is a national issue.

Protecting Ostriches

When Cape Colony decided a few months ago to put a stop to the exportation of ostriches and ostrich eggs some of the Cape farmers who wished to develop their business in German Southwest Africa were permitted to take their breeding stock across the border. At the same time the Cape authorities asked the German colony to place the same restrictions upon exportation. The colony has declined to do so and the Cape law is now to be enforced without any exception.

Thus is an especially important phase of the protective principle enforced. It is easy to appreciate the Cape Colony point of view. Its farmers have reared the business of ostrich farming, but little came of the movement. In 1883 Cape Colony started its ostrich farms. For years the enterprise seemed doomed to failure, but costly mistakes taught many lessons. One of them was that to make the business pay well ostriches must be bred for feathers just as the best cattle are bred for milk or beef.

The idea was a great success and scientific ostrich breeding has placed the business on a very profitable basis. The Cape has its ostrich book, just as we have our records of short-horns or Percherons. The birds of finest descent bring \$1,000 or more for breeding purposes. The highest price yet paid for a pair is about \$5,000. A good ordinary bird is worth only about \$200. The improved race of ostriches is yielding finer plumage and more of it, and the feather exports in 1906 were worth \$7,000,500.

On My Eighty-fourth Birthday BY ROBERT BAKER Today I'm eighty-four years young. Am growing younger day by day, The inspiration of my song, Is to point a higher, better way.

A long eventful life I've spent, With ups and downs in my pathway; I care not, however, to regret, For I have worked for a better day. I've been on the gory battle plains, Mid shot and shell and cannon's rattle, I sought to free the chattel slave, In many a stormy, hard fought battle.

I'm now engaged in a larger fight; The field of strife is every where, Not with sword and cannon's rattle; The light of truth I seek to bear.

An Apt Comparison His majesty's inspector was testing the class in general knowledge. "Now take," he said, gravely, "your teacher, I expect, has explained to you the meanings of most of the mottoes which apply to the months of the year. Thus, 'If February gives much snow, a fine summer it doth foreshow,' and 'In January if sun appear, March and April pay full dear.' But I wonder which of you can remember what comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb?" There was an awestruck silence for a few moments, and then a pale-looking boy said: "Please, sir, it's our landlord when he gets his arrears paid up!"—London Answers.

A Statesman Shortly after Mr. Gladstone's death a local politician delivered an address up on the life of the statesman before a school. When he had finished, he said: "Now, can any of you tell me what a statesman is?" A little hand went up, and a little girl replied, "A statesman is a man who makes speeches." "Hardly that," answered the politician, who loved to tell this story. "For instance, I sometimes make speeches and yet I am not a statesman." The little hand again went up. "I know," and the answer came triumphantly, "a statesman is a man who makes good speeches!"

OMAHA CORN EXPOSITION



The International Corn Exposition being held in Omaha is one of the largest agricultural undertakings brought to successful fruition in many years. All of the corn states are represented by interesting exhibits, and the United States government has taken advantage of the opportunity to demonstrate many new ideas in farming and the uses of farm products. Chief among the government exhibits is a complete plant for the manufacture of denatured alcohol. One thousand medals are offered as individual and state prizes, and there are many trophies in the form of silver cups for the best yield of corn per acre in the various states. This illustration shows the Omaha auditorium, where the show is being held and the committee which has it in charge. The men in the group, from left to right, standing are Bruce McCullough, E. Buckingham, E. L. Haller, T. F. Sturgess, D. B. Fuller, Rome



conquest of the forest by at least a century. No other plant can produce the same amount of food under the peculiar conditions of frontier life. No other plant can be utilized for food at so many stages of its growth and with such slight preparation. It is now, and always has been the basis of the great live stock industry. The hog and the fat steer are little more than condensed walking corn-cobs. Indirectly, therefore, it is the foundation of the great packing industries and all the affiliated forms of production. In the form of glucose, it has built up the most extensive system of adulteration known to an age of adulteration, and most fortunately it is the only adulterant that is more healthful than the substance it imitates. An enumeration of the products that are produced from corn and cob and stalk would take columns, and reach from pipe to paper, rubber, 'olive' oil, and every American warship is protected by a layer of cornplith.

FOR SOCIALIST TOTS



NEW MEMBER OF SOCIALIST PARTY

The youngest member of the Socialist Party in Chicago, for that matter in the world, is Lillian Dorothy Haver, of 203 West Windsor avenue, Jefferson park.

The new thirty member, whose membership was taken out by her father

BABY CORN

A happy mother-stalk of corn Held close a baby ear. And whispered: "Guddle up to me, I'll keep you warm, my dear, I'll give you petticoats of green, With many a tuck and fold To let out daily as you grow; For you will soon be old."

A funny little baby that, For though it had no eyes, It had a hundred mouths; 'twas well it did not want to cry. The mother put in each small mouth A hollow thread of silk; Through which the sun and rain and air Provided baby's milk.

The petticoats were gathered close Where all the threads hung hung. And still as summer days went on— To mother-stalk it clung; And all the time it grew and grew— Each kernel drank the milk. By day, by night, in shade, in sun, From its own thread of silk.

And each grew strong and full and round, And each was shining white; The gorse and seams were all set out. The green skirts fitted tight. The ear stood straight and large and tall. And when it saw the sun, Held up its emerald satin gown To say: "Your work is done."

"You're large enough," said Mother Stalk. "And now there's no more room"



few days after her birth, is a bouncing nine-pound baby girl, the daughter of M. E. Haver, the "man who sells the Socialist books," and Lillian M. Haver.

For you to grow." She tied the threads Into a soft, brown plume— It floated out upon the breeze To greet the dewy morn, And then the baby said: "Now I'm A full-grown ear of corn."

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After reading the announcement in yesterday's paper of the Daily Socialist Purchasers' League you must be interested in the project and want to know more about it.

We want you to gain all the information you can and ask all the questions you like and we will do our best to answer them through the columns of the Daily. The very first thing to be done is to organize the purchasing power of our readers by securing pledges from them to purchase enough goods from those merchants whose advertisements we wish to obtain to warrant them giving us their ads.

This can be done if every reader will cut out the pledge below and mail it to us with an optional initiation fee of ten cents.

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I hereby pledge myself and family to purchase from merchants advertising in the Chicago Daily Socialist goods in the following lines, and to approximately the following amounts, provided such stores are satisfactory to me:

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- Hats—\$.....per month, or \$.....per year.
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- Furniture—\$.....per month, or \$.....per year.
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- Cigars and Tobacco—\$.....per month.
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- Socialist Party member?.....
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- What merchant do you prefer?.....
- Are you willing to have your name published in the Daily?.....
- Remarks.....

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Some History Lessons Needed

Someone ought to start a night class in American history for the benefit of the Inter Ocean editorial staff.

Did the editor of the Inter Ocean ever hear of the tarring and feathering of Tories, a method of torture not yet adopted by any Russian revolutionist?

Speaking of arson, the destruction of property without due process of law, and in time of peace, did the Inter Ocean editor ever hear of the burning of the Gaspe?

Did the editor of the Inter Ocean ever know that while in Russia almost the entire population, aside from the government officials, is opposed to the autocracy, in the American revolution there was, almost to its close, nearly as many Americans in the British army as in the continental?

In comparing these two great struggles for liberty, did the editor of the Inter Ocean ever stop to consider the comparative grievances of the two countries?

These are the things against which Rudowitz and Pouren were fighting. THESE ARE THE THINGS WHICH THE INTER OCEAN IS DEFENDING.

Adding to the Dick Law

When a few years ago the Socialist press pointed out the provisions of the Dick militia law, the very existence of the law was denied.

Now that the law has been put into operation, so far as the state militia is concerned, with the effect of increasing at a single stroke the standing army of the United States by nearly tenfold, all that the Socialists stated of the law is being demonstrated as true.

There is another phase of this law, most dangerous of all. That is the one providing that every able-bodied man between eighteen and forty-five may be drafted into service at any time and used as a strikebreaker.

Roosevelt now proposes to enlarge just this portion of the law, and has sent a special message to congress on that point.

The Socialist Masked Ball

There have come to be two great events in the amusement side of Socialist activity in Chicago. One of these is the annual picnic each summer, the other is the annual masked ball given in mid-winter.

It should require no urging to secure the presence of every Socialist at the Seventh Regiment armory on that occasion. Every Socialist should do more. He should see to it that at least fifty of his acquaintances are provided with tickets and are present.

On the success of that ball depends in a small degree the possibility of Socialist activity during the coming winter.

If "Adam God" had chanced ever to have attended a Socialist meeting what an opportunity it would have given to write editorials and preach sermons on the way in which Socialism tends to inspire its believers to violent acts.

It is not that congressmen object to being watched by secret service men so much as occasionally being caught and sent to the penitentiary.

When making your Christmas purchases bear in mind that money expended with the Daily Socialist advertisers helps your paper.

When We Had Debtors' Jails

In 1828 it was estimated that 75,000 persons were annually imprisoned for debt in the United States, and at that date the practice had been abolished in at least two States, namely, Ohio and Kentucky.

The average of the debts for which persons were deprived of their liberty was small—under \$50, in the jail of Dedham, Norfolk county, Mass., out of a total of fifty-two debtors confined within its walls only nine owed more than \$50 and sixteen owed \$10 or less.

A local society for the relief of debtors confined for small debts procured the release of fifteen persons whose debts added together amounted to only \$122, an average of less than \$8.

In a jail located at Hudson, N. Y., in the course of the year whose September 25, 1858, a total of 125 persons were committed for debt, of this number forty-nine were held for "run debts," in Philadelphia forty cases

FILLING UP THE BAND

BY ERNEST POOLE

His name was Berger, but he didn't live in Milwaukee. He lived in a city where Socialists as yet were only sprinkled here and there, about one to every block.

"Yes," he said, at last. "I don't sound so bad." There was another pause. Berger rose abruptly and went over to the window, stood scowling down into the tenement street.

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But little MacDougal was losing no chances. His nights, all except Sundays, were taken by his work. But now, as the autumn campaign drew on, he began to go out every afternoon late, at the hour when the streets were filled. He took Berger with him, he spoke on corners—spoke hard, and at first Berger was the only audience.

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"Won't it?" asked McDougal, with a cock sure, fawning grin. "Why not?" "Because," said Berger, placidly, "you poys ain't got a band. Und mitout a band—" he blew smoke expressively into the air.

"Huh! Now look here!" MacDougal began to explain from beginning to end. "Please, please!" groaned Berger. "All right. The talk is good. At last, in a spasm of pain and rage, he seized his horn and blew one shattering blast, blew Marx into small atoms—up to the clouds—brought the janitor up from the basement.

As the months went on they got promoted. MacDougal hated sausages. Berger was a Dutchman. They cooked their own meals. They now agreed to eat sausages twice a week, with Socialism for gravy. At all other times both were sternly forbidden.

MacDougal saw his chance. He ate nothing—he just talked. And whether from the force of his words or the soothing influence of the repeat, as the week's went by, Berger's ears and mind

He proclaimed no great change in his attitude. The state, said Berger, would use it just as the owners now use all but a fraction of it; that is, invest it in some of the multifarious ways leading to the reward of labor. It is simply a question whether state as against individual control would prove more productive, which, judging from experience of the state and individual management so far as yet tested, may gravely be doubted.

Other more exaggerating misrepresentations will be commented upon later. But note the point in which these men both agree. There is no particular reason to object to big fortunes, they contend, since the income is reinvested to give labor work and pay.

Therefore, the Socialist reasons: Labor which gives all power and means to control capital should itself control capital. Socialists want government ownership, but only as the working class becomes powerful enough politically to insure that the interests of the workers will be protected.

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After stating that even extravagance employed labor and that nothing can be spent except by paying for labor he continues: "When the Socialist, therefore, speaks of all wealth going back to the state,

WHAT IS A NEWSPAPER?

BY ROBERT HUNTER

Yesterday I asked this question. Today I ask it again. In the old days a newspaper was often, as Artemus Ward said, "the arched-median lever which moved the world."

But today the readers of a newspaper hardly pay for the white paper it is printed on. The thing which makes the mere go is the revenue paid the paper by advertisers. It is all but owned by the advertisers. It is mostly a billboard sent into your home.

A couple of weeks ago the proprietors of the Philadelphia newspapers were called to a conference by the Retail Merchants' Association. The editors were plainly told, in important financial journal reports, that they could no longer attack upon the street railway company.

Most of our modern newspapers have appetites and interests, but rarely principles. Devoid of conscience, prostituting themselves to men of wealth and to those who make use of their billboards, they have finally become powerful tools in the hands of those modern feudal chiefs who now control our industries, our commerce and our government.

Even now they suppress news which it is not advisable to let you have knowledge of. Even now they distort news. They malign your friends. They exalt your enemies. They make and unmake for you your heroes according as it profits them.

Some New Books

BY OLAF NORMAN

An important and useful "side line" among Scandinavians in the United States, who often have experienced difficulty in obtaining accurate and authoritative information on Socialistic subjects in their own language.

The first part contains the regular almanac, followed by more than fifty pages of an "Historical Calendar," giving a list of the dates of most important events in the world's history, including the Socialist and labor movement, from the earliest times to the present day.

Such an almanac has just been received from the Socialist party of Norway. It is entitled "Arbeider Kalender" (Workers' Calendar), and its contents reveal that the little volume is an important and valuable addition to the Socialist almanac publications.

The editor and compiler, H. Osterholt, House of the People, Christiania, has given to workmen of Norway and to Norwegians and Danes in America and other parts of the world a most valuable handbook in "Arbeider Kalender." The new book of course is for the year 1909 and is the first of its kind published under the auspices of the Norwegian Socialist party.

Does it matter, not at all, that children work while grown-up men, capable of willing, stand with idle hands? Is it nothing to the worker that individual ownership leads to periodic stagnation so that millions are unemployed and suffer as millions have suffered the past year?

Single Taxes Today I received the first copy of the Daily on my new subscription. The Daily is great and there is no editorial in it every day worth the price of a year's subscription alone.

Commonwealth of that insistent, branded Henry George in this fashion: "traitor." But what is the use of that? Mr. Editor, I have only read one book? Mr. Editor, I have a friend who used to make his living peddling trash in the summer time and who during the winter season gave lectures on "Moralism and the Liquor Question." He was a single taxer, too, and one day when he was roaming through a remote part of Canada, he was caught by a free access to land he became a convert to a more advanced philosophy than single tax. He said, "I had this idea of being a devotee of the citizens of my way to vote for 'home rule.'" E. J. HIGGINS, Philadelphia, Pa.

Universal Brotherhood "When I read in your paper of December 1 'An Appeal from East India' my heart jumped for joy, for it was through the teaching of my good friend, the Bharat of Calcutta, India, that I became a Socialist. When I read your paper I found everything that I had been looking for. I had been looking for a more advanced philosophy than single tax. He said, 'I had this idea of being a devotee of the citizens of my way to vote for 'home rule.'" E. J. HIGGINS, Philadelphia, Pa.



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INDUSTRIAL MONARCHS TALK

BY MILA TUPPER MAYNARD

Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Carnegie have each given a disquisition on Socialism in the current number of World's Work. Only brief discussions, to be sure, in the midst of other matter, but worth noting.

Mr. Rockefeller tries to give an idea of how difficult it is to give away and divert his money to best help society and in this connection says: "It may be asked: 'How is it consistent with the universal diffusion of these blessings (i. e., various elements of material advantage) that vast sums of money should be in single hands?'"

He then absurdly states that the "absorption of private property, and equal compensation" are the two pillars of revolutionary Socialism, but that these are far off if they are ever reached and are "under the form of Socialism would not be seriously objectionable."

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