

LABOR DEMANDS SPEECH FREEDOM

Chicago Federation Calls for Special Convention to Act on Gompers Case

BRYAN IS WARY

William J. Bryan, "friend of labor," had this to say when told of the sentencing of Gompers: "It is my policy to criticize either a court or their action. The commitment to prison of two men so prominent in the labor movement as Gompers and Mitchell is unique in the annals of labor movements in this country."

Thoroughly aroused over the decision against President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor for contempt of court in the Buck's Stove and Range case, denunciations of injunctions and judge-made laws are still heard from all directions in the labor world today.

No Definite Plans Devised

However, with the exception of a telegram to the convicted labor leaders authorized by the executive board of the Chicago Federation of Labor last night, and a call from Edwin R. Wright, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, for a special convention of that body, no definite plan of action has been decided upon locally.

There is something of a feeling among the leaders to let the matter rest where it is until the United States Supreme court has passed upon it, while others think that now is the opportune time to shape public opinion in favor of the labor leaders. No doubt it will come up in a forceful manner at the next regular meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor and various locals will also, perhaps, discuss it at their assemblies between times. Protest meetings and petitions are likely to follow.

"We have decided on nothing so far," said President Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor, "but we will be found going the right thing at the right time."

Chicago Federationists Line Up

The telegram sent out last night by the executive board after the regular meeting reads: "The executive board of the Chicago Federation of Labor pledges the fullest possible support of the hundreds of thousands of organized workmen and women of Chicago in your splendid fight for free speech and free press. Jails have no terrors which will deter the American citizen in the present contest for the perpetuation of our liberty and our demand for equal justice for all."

Protest from John Walker

A protest from John Walker, president of the Illinois district of the United Mine Workers of America, to President Roosevelt reads as follows: "Our right of free speech and free press as guaranteed by the constitution shall never be surrendered."

'RAYMOND' ON FEDERATIONISTS

Tribune Writer Thinks They Got Less Than What Was Due Them

"Raymond" who furnishes material with which the Chicago Tribune shapes public opinion, seeks to show that Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison got less than they deserved. The following are some extracts from his article in the Chicago Tribune this morning: "These three men have taken the ground that they were justified in defying an order of the court merely because they believed it had been wrongfully applied. If every one else in the country were to take the same ground there is not a court in the United States whose orders would be worth the paper on which they were written, because every criminal could assume that the court which tried him was acting outside of the law, and he could defy its process while a series of interminable appeals were pending."

Court Order Wrongfully Applied

"There was really nothing else for the court to do but to adjudge these men guilty of contempt and to pass sentence upon them accordingly. To have been otherwise would have been to invite a condition of absolute anarchy in the country. If an injunction order can be disobeyed by any man, either pending an appeal or otherwise, because he is advised by his lawyers that the injunction was wrongfully issued, no court in either civil or criminal cases, would be able to enforce any of its orders."

Such surprise is expressed here that John Mitchell should have permitted himself to become a party to such a defiance of the law. Gompers is a freemason, but Mitchell has had the reputation of being a level-headed and law-abiding citizen.

LOVERS FIGHT A DUEL TO THE DEATH OVER 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL

and, Dec. 25.—Because Julia Plo, would accept neither as her husband Formich and Michael Mikh last evening fought a duel with knives in a darkened room. Formich was killed after he had buried his knife in the neck of his opponent. During several boarders in the house a ring about the contestants. Referred the girl for whom the men attempted to interfere. Not until a long time had passed did she make her desire in her attempts to make the girl. Both proposed marriage to her yesterday. She refused both, saying that the man she loved was far away. Milanovitch supposed that Formich was the lucky man and challenged him to a duel. Milanovitch was taken to a hospital after he had been charged with murder. His condition is serious.

FARMERS' UNION SUFFERS DEFEAT

Alabama Soil Workers De-luded by Voting for Taft; Cotton Still Cheap

BY THOMAS N. FREEMAN (DAILY SOCIALIST CORRESPONDENCE) Leesburg, Ala., Dec. 26.—The farmers of the south are in utter despair. Gloom is marked on every face. In spite of three years' hard fighting the union has admitted defeat and nearly abandoned all attempts to boost the price of cotton. Starting out with a demand of three years ago for 15 cents a pound, the price has declined to 12 cents. They have been forced to sell nearly the entire crop this year for eight and a half cents a pound.

Faith in Taft Forlorn Hope

They caught at the last straw in November by voting for Taft. At some places, known always before as hotly Democratic, the Republican candidate received a majority. So sure were they that cotton would rise immediately as price that thousands of bales were piled up to market next day after election. Over thousands of bales were marketed on the 4th of November at one small town. Imagine the surprise when they found the price a dollar a bale less than the day before.

"I put it before them in this way: Suppose you had succeeded in getting 15 cents a pound for your cotton, don't you know that you would have been no better off? Everything you needed to buy would have been as much higher in price. As long as the capitalists raise the price of cotton, the higher prices for farm products won't help you."

More Existence Rewards Labor

No man who works for a living can get more than a bare existence for his labor. That is the "iron law" under capitalism. But when the farmer owns an equal interest with all other workers in the railroads, mines and factories, then will the labor be pleasant and the returns bountiful. But, my brother farmer, you will have to co-operate with the wage workers of the towns and cities in the mightiest struggle the world has ever seen, the struggle of the working class against the owning and idle classes for the powers of government, to enable you to secure your rights. Come now and join the great army. It is organized for the fight. It is called the Socialist party.

MOUNTAIN MEN TO DECIDE THE FATE OF BEACH HARGIS

Irvine, Ky., Dec. 25.—Twelve mountain men, in whose hands rests the fate of Beach Hargis, on trial for the murder of Judge James Hargis, his father, were sent to bed at 6 o'clock last night by Judge Adams after they had wrangled for five hours without reaching a verdict. At the close of a powerful concluding speech by Attorney A. Floyd Byrd the jury was sent into chambers about noon.

Byrd, who was a lawyer's implacable enemy of Judge Hargis, took the part of the dead feudist in the bitterest speech ever heard in the Kentucky mountains. He flayed J. J. Bach and Will A. Young, attorneys for Beach Hargis, saying that they were the chief of the war between the county while he was alive and then tried to save his murderer from the gallows. He is being made here that the jury will disagree.

BATTERED LINER GETS INTO PORT

New York, Dec. 26.—Battered by storms and deluged by seas that damaged the cargo, smashed the furnaces, and caused its passengers to become panic-stricken, the Fabre liner Madonna came in from the Mediterranean Thursday.

At the vessel's arrival under the lee of Staten Island in the early morning a number of the steerage passengers knelt on the dock in prayers of thanks for their safe arrival, for the ship had gone through experiences on the North Atlantic out of which not every one comes again to port.

Five of the Madonna's seamen are still suffering from injuries, and one of the six cabin passengers has four broken fingers. The saloon doors on one side of the promenade deck were smashed, the ports broken, the iron and leadwork, port battered and smashed. So that in one place it had to be lashed to prevent a section from being carried away. The wooden covering of the lifeboats were demolished and the stanchions were broken in several places.

"FORGET SELF, THINK OF BOSS"

Then You Will Become a Captain of Industry, Says a Rich Banker

Forget yourself entirely and think only of your boss, and if you survive the ordeal you will be among the successful. This is the substance of the advice being given to boys of today by R. J. Street, retiring on pension at half pay after forty-four years' service with the First National bank.

"The young men of today seem to be living in the future instead of the present," said Street. "They are always looking for something better and do not do justice to their present position."

Who Would Become Successful? If, however, all of the employees would follow this advice, Street does not venture to say who would then become successful, but it is likely that the matter would have to be decided with swords or fists by the employees. This advice, it is understood, of course, is to be followed only by a few, in case a majority of the employees are inclined to think otherwise. Then, and then only, it is known by all, will it apply.

College Education Would Help "I think a college education would help a man with money and influence. His mind would be more matured and broader than that of one starting to work as a clerk in an insurance office when he was 14 years old. He came to Chicago in 1885 and secured the position of office boy in the First National bank.

The department of justice, representatives of the Voters' league say, has already taken steps to thoroughly investigate all national banks serving as repositories for city funds. Testimony at the preliminary hearing was used in influencing the selection of depositaries, but up to this time only \$17,000 of this sum has been accounted for and only one bank publicly mentioned.

WORLD MUST END TODAY, OR PROPHET WILL BE TARRIED

Nyaak, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Lee J. Spangler, the prophet who predicts that this old world of ours is coming to an end today, has been preparing for his journey to the top of the South Mountains, where he invites all the saints to gather and all who dwell thereon. His predictions have so worked on some nervous women in this community that they are unable to sleep, and a few are on the verge of collapse.

FEDERAL POWERS AFTER GRAFTERS

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 25.—Representatives of the Voters' league, the civic reform organization that precipitated the municipal scandal by causing the arrest of seven members of the council and two former bankers, last night announced that they have received assurance of federal government help in the forthcoming prosecutions.

It is also the intention of the department, according to the Voters' league representatives, to begin prosecutions in the United States, court against former President Ramsey and former Cashier Vulsack of the German National bank, on charges of illegally using the funds of the bank in addition to the bribery charges in county courts.

TWO KILLED IN MINERS' BATTLE

Danville, Ky., Dec. 26.—A battle between strike promoting miners and five United States marshals took place at Stearns, a coal mining town sixty miles south of here in Whitley county, yesterday, and resulted in the death of two men and the wounding of several others.

"THE DAY AFTER—"



SOCIALISTS QUIT RUSSIAN DUMA

Two Members Suspended for Remarks and Rest Walk Out in Body

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST) St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The Social Democrats left the duma in a body during the debate on the budget, following a stormy scene between M. Pokorsky, Social-Democrat and M. Khomyakoff, president of the duma.

NEW ACTIVITY IN ARGO CASE

Inquiry, Thought Closed, Is Reopened Because of New Evidence

Important new information was received at the office of the district attorney this morning and the investigation into the charges of peonage at Argo was renewed. It was announced that the grand jury will resume the hearing of evidence on Monday, though it was understood that the case was closed Tuesday night. Evidence of such an important character has been received that the government has redoubled its activity.

Jews Called to First Duma

Many prominent Jews were summoned to attend the first duma from Finland, and one of these, Dr. Schmary, on Levin, is now in America. Dr. Levin also was a signer of the Viborg manifesto. He, like others, spoke his mind freely at these meetings, thinking the Russian authorities were sincere in their invitations to Jews to speak of their wrongs.

JOBLESS WOMAN EATS HER FILL, THEN SHOOTS HERSELF

Immediately after having partaken of a bounteous Christmas dinner Miss Christina Keath shot herself dead yesterday afternoon.

NO HALTER ON BEEF TRUST NOW

Having Once Escaped Federal Wrath It Is Said to Operate Openly Now

The government authorities at Chicago are on the trail of the beef trust which, having once passed through the government toils via the Immunity bill, has now resumed operations, and is said to be acting more openly than ever before.

GRAZED BY LOVE, MARRIED MAN SHOTS GIRL AND SELF

At the hour which he had appointed to eat Christmas dinner with his wife, Sidney Lynden Roberts, 96 West Madison street, visited Ella Norden at 16 Walnut street, and after shooting her twice, turned his revolver upon himself and inflicted what probably will prove a mortal wound. Both are at the county hospital. The girl probably will recover, owing to the fact that one of the bullets was stopped by a corset steel.

BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY

A great quantity of railroad rate records will be produced before the federal grand jury to bring out any possible light as to what the shipping operations of the packers may show, relative to the existence of a great combine.

MORRIS THOUGHT TO BE TRUST HEAD

The head of the trust is thought to be Edward Morris, and representatives of each packing house meet at his office every Friday and it is thought, take their orders from him.

PRICES MADE BY "STRANGER"

Then a man enters whom no one appears to know. He looks around and nods toward one of the buyers. The two confer in a corner for a moment. A few minutes later drinks are swallowed and the buyers jump on their horses and head for the pens.

EATS DINNER AND KILLS WIFE

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 25.—The police last night were searching for George R. Holman, accused of having shot and killed his wife, Margaret, just after they had eaten a Christmas dinner, together at the home of his father here, following a separation of several weeks.

WHISTLE IF YOU NEED ANY MONEY

This Is the Way Financial Courage Is Kept Up, Says Wall Street Journal

BY MAY WOOD-SIMONS. "It must be confessed that most of us are whistling to keep our courage up." This statement of the Wall Street Journal represents the industrial situation.

"The best that can be said," continues the same authority, "is that business is mending very slowly. It never has recovered in twelve months, or twice twelve months, after a serious panic of the type of '97."

There were no indications of a recovery in the price of copper this week. The most of the business in electrolytic was on a basis of 14 cents a pound. The buying of copper as well as silver is on a smaller scale than at any time since the election.

Very Little Copper Buying A canvass of the leading producers and selling agencies indicates that no material improvement in the copper situation is anticipated in the near future. There has been no increase in the consumption requirements of the great electrical companies; foreign buying shows a very heavy falling off and copper held in speculative hands in Europe tends to keep the market in a depressed state.

Unless an unforeseen turn, such as the decision of numerous railroads to electrify their terminals or a good demand for copper products or a revival of the electrical industries here and in Europe, takes place in the next sixty days the copper market is liable to experience a smash.

Rail Production Lowest C. S. Trench and company say: "Our predictions that December would be an extremely dull month in copper has been so far fulfilled, and there is every indication that present conditions will show but little change for the balance of the month."

Of the steel trade the Iron Age states that "The steel corporation has 57 1/2 per cent of its pig iron capacity at work, while its mills are operating at an estimated 53 to 55 per cent."

The production of steel rails in this country for the current year will be the smallest in years past. According to estimates the output will be in the neighborhood of 1,800,000 tons, compared with 3,635,654 tons in 1907.

This heavy decrease in the steel rail production accounts to a large extent for the reduced percentage of operations of many of the steel plants in the current year.

Many rail manufacturers figure that the average life of the steel rail is ten years. It is remarkable, however, what a small tonnage of rail railroads can get along with in periods of depression.

The Pennsylvania railroad ordered 135,000 tons of rails for delivery next year, which is between 50,000 and 75,000 tons below the average annual consumption of this road.

There is reasonable prospect from present indications that the year 1909 will be a period of quite extensive government loans. First on the provisional docket is the Russian loan of \$25,000,000.

This will in certain respects be the most remarkable of the \$5,000,000,000 of Russian securities, because of its having been proposed in due order by the finance ministry to the turn, and there considered and passed upon favorably as a condition of being acceptable to the financial centers of Western Europe.

Furthermore, it has at different times been intimated that one of the results of the Balkan unrest would finally be the issue of some public loan, guaranteed by the concert of powers.

U. S. Likely to Borrow Finally the United States, with a prospective deficit of some \$100,000,000, together with the further output of more Panama Canal bonds before the end of the coming year, make certain that among the great national projects of financing we have to count even a country or rich in public revenue as our own among this country can produce.

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PEACE ON EARTH, SOCIALIST CRY

Great Victories Have Been Won Against War Mad Rulers in 1908

(From Thursday's Last Edition.)

"Peace on Earth." That is the militant message of the thirty million Socialists of the world on this Christmas eve of 1908.

The thirty million, who by their united influence have prevented a far more war, who have forced war-mad emperors to bow to the will of the people, who have broken the backs of nearly every bourgeois plot for jingoism during the past ten years, who have defeated the slaughter-plots in the Balkans, who have stopped the war-mad rulers from plunging the world into a bloody struggle between the multitudinous races in the southeast of Europe.

A Socialist Christmas. This is distinctively a Socialist Christmas, a Christmas in which Socialists may well rejoice at their victory in the "peace on earth" when the Balkan plot was nipped in the bud by the united Socialists of Europe.

Just as Jaures by his trip to Berlin and his speeches to the Berlin working men stopped a war between France and Germany over Morocco, so have the Socialist classes followed the plot of the ruling classes to precipitate a bloody struggle between the multitudinous races in the southeast of Europe.

"Peace on Earth," said a prominent Socialist on the Chicago Tribune, "Why then, Socialism, no more and no less. And we will one day have that big Socialist Christmas when there will be real peace, industrial peace, through-out the world."

Every concrete result which has been achieved for peace on earth during the past ten years has been achieved by the Socialists. Every result tending to the dismemberment of empires and the destruction of the military spirit throughout the world has been achieved by the Socialists.

What Socialists Have Done. Here are the struggles for peace in which the Socialists have had a hand during the past years:

The whole influence of all Socialists was thrown against the talk of war between America and Japan; the whole strength of the Socialists was thrown against the increased war budgets of Germany, England, Austria and Italy.

The Socialists of Serbia and Bulgarian denominated by parties of men, women and children against the war in the Balkans, and backed by the united sentiment of the Socialist bodies of Europe actually prevented a Balkan war, race prejudice had made half a dozen nations war-mad. The whole strength of the Socialists was thrown against the attempt to create strife between France and Germany.

It is not without reason the Socialists are celebrating Christmas and that their motto "Peace on Earth" is a well-earned escutcheon.

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LABORER PRESIDENT'S SALARY OPPOSED BY SOCIALISTS

Roosevelt's suggestion that the salary of the president of the United States be increased to \$50,000 per year has met with opposition from many quarters.

The resolutions point to the fact that as long as there are men and women in the country without work through no fault of their own, the executive should not be allowed an increase.

The Socialists also point to the fact that Abraham Lincoln in one of his speeches had said that \$25,000 was enough for any man.

CASTRO BOWS TO THE INEVITABLE

Issues Statement Which Amounts to His Abdication as Head of Venezuela

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Cipriano Castro today gave out a statement which amounts to abandonment of his claim to the presidency of the Venezuelan republic. The statement follows:

"After taking cognizance of everything printed in the newspapers from Venezuela I doubt the attitude therein attributed to the present government at Caracas. But I will have more to say on this subject when I am in better health than when I have full knowledge of what has occurred.

"In any event, I shall place no difficulties in the way of the present administration of Venezuela in settling the pending controversies with foreign governments, even if this should involve my own withdrawal from activity in the affairs of the nation."

General Castro will remain two weeks longer in the private sanitarium of Dr. Israel. He will give out no information concerning his future plans.

Goes to Pacify Holland. The Hague, Dec. 26.—The foreign office has been informed that Jose de Paul, until recently Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, left La Guayra today for Paris and The Hague on a special mission from the new Venezuelan government to open negotiations for the settlement of the disputes between Venezuela and France and Holland.

Dolphin Arrives at Willemstad. Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 26.—The United States gunboat Dolphin entered the harbor here this morning.

Coup Averts an Invasion. New York, Dec. 26.—The peaceful coup d'etat by General Juan Vicente Gomez, acting president of Venezuela, has saved the country from another insurrection which for several months had been planned in this city, and, according to statements by the promoters, was expected to be launched in January.

Not since the establishment in New York in 1895 of the Cuban revolutionary junta had there been, it is said, such elaborate preparation in this country for an armed uprising as that which General Nicolas Bolivar, a Venezuelan fighter, was making. The followers of Bolivar organized a junta in August and it authorized the issuance of gold certificates to the amount of \$1,000,000.

On the advice of counsel every requirement of international neutrality laws and international comity was met. Shipments of arms had gone forward and the junta was negotiating for the fast steam yacht Seneca.

General Bolivar was ready to sail next Monday on a Dutch steamer for Trinidad, there to assemble his chiefs and invade Venezuela, but President Gomez has asked him to return to Venezuela and assist in the restoration of peace.

U. S. RECOGNIZES GOMEZ BULE. Long Standing Trouble Between America and Venezuela Seems Settled.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—The United States has resumed diplomatic relations with Venezuela. William I. Buchanan has left on the cruiser North Carolina to investigate the situation, and should he report the new government capable to maintain peace and fulfill its treaty pledges Gomez will be recognized as the ruler by this country.

The government of the Netherlands in America's foreground in this action. The act of the Dutch authorities in ordering the cessation of the naval activities of the Venezuelan coast is practically an acknowledgment that Castro no longer has power and an expression of faith in Gomez's pledge of friendly foreign policies on the part of his government. This followed the suspension of the decree by Venezuela regarding the transshipment of merchandise from Caracas to Venezuelan ports. It is expected that the Dutch warships in Venezuela will be withdrawn.

The power of Gomez to maintain peace is not assured, however. There are many of Castro's friends still in the country, and they are attempting to stir up trouble. The plea of American residents at La Guayra that a warship be sent there is an indication of the current. This appeal, received yesterday, has been complied with. An Admiral Arnold having been dispatched there with a suitable command.

ONLY ONE GARDENERS' LOCAL. Florists Call Attention of Organized Labor to Union Label.

Gardeners and Florists' union No. 10615, desires to call the attention of trade unionists to the fact that it is the only union of the kind in Chicago that is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and that there are four retail florists entitled to use the label.

The local is asking the assistance of all friends of the organization, which the secretary says can be given by patronizing one of the four retailers handling the label. Local 10615 is said to be the first union of its kind in the city and has been in existence longer than any other union in an English speaking country.

WATER ATTACKS HEAD OF TRACE. Lunatic Says That He Just Wanted to "Pull Whiskers" of Fallieres

Paris, Dec. 26.—President Fallieres was attacked by a half demented water while walking in the streets yesterday. The man, evidently a hereditary revolutionary, inflicted no serious wound. He was unarmed and declared his only purpose was to "pull the president's beard," which he did.

I spite the apparent demented condition of the assailant, the papers seek to find some political cause for the attack. Many declare it was a royalist plot.

One journal, opposed to Fallieres, suggests that the political police may have wished to create a diversion with the object of distracting attention from the recent scandal concerning the death of Advocate Philippe Astresse, in which the name of Andre Fallieres, son of the president, was mentioned as having carried out an intrigue with M. Astresse's wife.

Struck on Head First. The attack occurred in a crowded street. President Fallieres, accompanied by M. Ramondou, his secretary, and two friends, was taking his usual morning walk when the man came up behind him and struck him a violent blow on the head, knocking his hat off. He fell and the assailant, who was carrying a knife, struck him on the neck in an effort to seize his beard.

Col. Lasson and Secretary Ramondou sprang to the assistance of the president, dragged off his assailant, and turned him over to two special detectives who had been following the party on bicycles.

President Fallieres' case was broken in the struggle, but beyond a scratch on the ear he was not injured, and insisted on continuing his walk.

Wanted to Pull His Beard. As the detectives slipped the handcuffs on the man he cried: "I am unarmed. I simply wanted to pull the president's beard." When searched at the station house the president's assailant proved to be Jean Mattis, a cafe waiter, 24 years old, and a native of the town of Lyons.

Medals of Gen. Merleir, the former minister of war, stamps bearing the head of the duke of Orleans, a card of membership in the Patrie Francaise, and other royalist documents were found on his person.

During the examination Mattis boasted of being a royalist and talked confusedly of having done his "duty" and obeyed the dictates of his "conscience." Heaps of royalist reactionary literature were found by the police when they ransacked his residence.

Christmas Rife Kills. Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 26.—Walter Johnson, the 15 year old son of Martin Johnson, a drayman, was accidentally shot and killed Christmas day by his brother, Charles, 17 years old, who was shooting with a rifle at a small shed in which his brother was standing.

In the morning, while Charles was examining his Christmas rife, Walter went downstairs and entered a small shed in the back yard. A few minutes later Charles entered the yard anxious to see his rifle aimed at the doorknob of the shed and fired. His brother fell across the threshold shot in the left temple. He died a few hours later.

Santa Claus Keeps Appointment. New York, Dec. 26.—Wm. Mahoney, a Staten Island teamster, while hurrying to the home of a friend in Brooklyn Thursday night, where he was to act as Santa Claus, fell and slipped under a roll of carpet at the Manhattan side of the Brooklyn Causeway, where he was carrying were scattered and spectators who rushed to the man's aid noted to their horror that one of his legs was swinging limply from the knee, apparently having been all but severed.

False Whiskers Cause Fire. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 26.—Lee Wagner was probably fatally burned Thursday while playing Santa Claus at a family reunion. Clad in a gray Santa Claus costume, which was set off by a great bunch of cotton whiskers, Wagner was lighting the cotton whiskers, caught fire. The flames spread with lightning rapidity and he was burned before they could be extinguished.

Burned at Christmas Tree. trying to extinguish a Christmas tree which caught fire early yesterday morning at his home in this city, Nathaniel Butler was so badly burned about the face and body that it is doubtful if he will live.

Frederick Plugge also was burned in endeavoring to put out the fire, although not seriously. The damage from the fire amounted to several hundred dollars.

Drops Dead at Festival. Marion, Ind., Dec. 26.—William F. Koepen, aged 40, president of the Koepen Mould works, dropped dead at his home yesterday while decorating a Christmas tree for his children.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 26.—Holiday accidents here from the use of explosives resulted as follows: Harold Brock, 7 years of age, was injured by the premature explosion of a firecracker, receiving a powder burn in the eye from which the sight may be lost.

George Hedon had his shoulder dislocated from being hit from a runaway wagon caused by the explosion of a giant cracker under the horses.

CARNEGIE TO USE \$150,000 AS "SMOKE CITY PURIFIER"

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—It is said that Andrew Carnegie has put up about \$150,000 in order to clean Pittsburg up morally, following the municipal bribery scandal, in which it is alleged 87 councilmen, all but six, have been found to be venal. The story told in the fashionable Duquesne club and the Pittsburg club is that the same man who told Pittsburg conditions to President Roosevelt also went to Andrew Carnegie and laid an array of facts before him. The result, according to rumor, was that he authorized expenditure of \$150,000 in detective work, etc. He is said to take the same stand that Mr. Spreckels did in cleaning up San Francisco.

SORROWFUL SIDE OF CHRISTMAS

Returning home exultant and eager to exhibit the Christmas presents they had received at the home of a friend, Lillian and Morris Lukeman Jr. found their father and mother and two sisters dead in their residence at 183 Hastings street. The members of the family had been killed by gas which escaped from a broken fixture.

The dead are: LUKEMAN, MORRIS, 37 years old. LUKEMAN, ELIZABETH, 46 years old. LUKEMAN, PRISCILLA, 15 years old.

When the unhappy children arrived at their home they found curious crows gathered in front of their father's door, above which the family lived. Soon afterwards the four bodies were carried down a narrow flight of stairs and both children became hysterical and gave way to paroxysms of tears.

The discoverer of the tragedy was Isadore Hansen, 542 West Twelfth street, who, as was his custom, reached the store of Lukeman at 6 o'clock in the morning to deliver his bread and pastry. The store was quiet and showed no evidences of having been opened. Hansen, while trying to arouse the family, scented the odor of gas, broke into the store, and when he learned that the fumes came from the flat telephoned to the Maxwell police station.

The police found the body of the father near the bed of one of his daughters. Evidently he had attempted to awaken his family after he was aroused by the odor of the gas. The windows were all closed.

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Santa Claus Keeps Appointment. New York, Dec. 26.—Wm. Mahoney, a Staten Island teamster, while hurrying to the home of a friend in Brooklyn Thursday night, where he was to act as Santa Claus, fell and slipped under a roll of carpet at the Manhattan side of the Brooklyn Causeway, where he was carrying were scattered and spectators who rushed to the man's aid noted to their horror that one of his legs was swinging limply from the knee, apparently having been all but severed.

False Whiskers Cause Fire. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 26.—Lee Wagner was probably fatally burned Thursday while playing Santa Claus at a family reunion. Clad in a gray Santa Claus costume, which was set off by a great bunch of cotton whiskers, Wagner was lighting the cotton whiskers, caught fire. The flames spread with lightning rapidity and he was burned before they could be extinguished.

Burned at Christmas Tree. trying to extinguish a Christmas tree which caught fire early yesterday morning at his home in this city, Nathaniel Butler was so badly burned about the face and body that it is doubtful if he will live.

Frederick Plugge also was burned in endeavoring to put out the fire, although not seriously. The damage from the fire amounted to several hundred dollars.

Drops Dead at Festival. Marion, Ind., Dec. 26.—William F. Koepen, aged 40, president of the Koepen Mould works, dropped dead at his home yesterday while decorating a Christmas tree for his children.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 26.—Holiday accidents here from the use of explosives resulted as follows: Harold Brock, 7 years of age, was injured by the premature explosion of a firecracker, receiving a powder burn in the eye from which the sight may be lost.

George Hedon had his shoulder dislocated from being hit from a runaway wagon caused by the explosion of a giant cracker under the horses.

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SALOON WAR IS TO BE RENEWED

The saloon issue will be raised in the city election in April if the canvassers of the No License league succeed in getting a sufficient number of signatures to a petition for the submission of the license or no license question under the local option law.

These petitions now are being circulated under the direction of John H. Hill, who had charge of the attempt made at the fall elections following the passage of the act.

The first effort to have the matter submitted to the voters was without results, the canvassers being unable to secure enough signatures. At that time the failure was attributed to insufficient organization had not been perfected.

In endeavoring to have the question submitted in the spring the league has begun early and is trying to build up an organization in every precinct in the city.

Approximately 100,000 names will be needed to have the proposition placed on the ballots for the municipal election and the canvassers are going after them.

Although the first copies of the petition were placed in circulation about a month ago the systematic work is just starting. A meeting of the executive committee of the league will be held on Monday at the rooms of the Chicago Law and Order league and further details of organization will be discussed.

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FIND CURE FOR "STUDENT EVIL"

Russian Starving Scholars Advised to Train Manually as Well as Mentally

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Moscow, Dec. 26.—The Russian bureaucracy has found a cure for the "student evil," and it is as insidious as all other methods of reform discovered by the czar.

Told to Work with Hands Therefore the authorities here have been giving advice to the students in their official organs.

"Cease trying to fill your heads with sedition and science and learn to work with your hands."

Sleep in Barn Stall In Moscow, Odessa, Tver, Tula, and other university cities the usual habitation of many of the students is a bed curtained off in a kitchen, and in many instances it is merely a straw pallet behind the curtain.

Some of the students sustain themselves by doing odd jobs as waiters for servants, or washing dishes around the poorer restaurants, and many of them have been reduced to living in barns in sections curtained off from the animals.

FORGIVES DRIVER AS SHE DIES; BLAMES HERSELF Although search for the driver of a brick wagon which ran over and fatally injured Ellen Downey, 61 years old, 708 West Sixty-first place, last week is being continued by the Englewood police, he will not be prosecuted.

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FLAT FIRE KILLS BOY AND ROUTS TWENTY FAMILIES

New York, Dec. 26.—A boy was killed and three men and a woman were seriously burned while the lives of many others were saved only by prompt and heroic work by firemen and the tenants themselves in a fire that wrecked the five-story home at 122 West 127th street early today.

LOOKER, MRS. ALICE, 50 years old, burned about the face and body; condition serious. LOOKER, CHARLES, her son, 25 years old, burned about the head and face.

LOOKER, HARRISON, another son, 23 years old, hands and arms burned. MULLEN, DAVID, a fireman, burned about the hands and face.

The building was damaged to the extent of about \$15,000. Three calls for additional equipment were made before the flames were under control, and when the firemen first arrived on the scene it looked as if there would be serious loss of life.

Irrespective of Their Beliefs Belgian Children Must Carol for Leopold

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Courtrai, Belgium, Dec. 26.—Irrespective of their religious or political convictions or those of their parents, the school children of Courtrai have just been forced to go to church en masse and there sing a "Te Deum" in honor of his lascivious majesty, King Leopold of Belgium.

The spectacle of innocent school children being compelled to go to church and sing a hymn in praise of the great moral leper in Europe was so disgusting that it has aroused the Socialists of Courtrai, and vigorous protest will be made against the parliament against the outrage upon common decency perpetrated by the authorities of Courtrai.

Children Protest Themselves The children themselves protested violently against being compelled to participate in the demonstration.

The capitalist press of the city, and especially L'Etrole, the organ of the royalists and clericals, is full of hypocritical congratulations to the king about the "loyalty" of the children. So far from showing shame at the outrage, this paper is advocating that the children be "allowed" to participate in a great street parade, which the clerical press is organizing in celebration of "the annexation of the Congo."

Socialist Papers Fight It The matter has been so vigorously taken up by Le Peuple at Brussels and other Socialist papers that it is a laughing matter if the authorities will a second time attempt to outrage public feeling as in the matter of the "Te Deum."

BURIED PEAR TREES IN PLACE OF NEGRESS' CORPSE Macon, Ga., Dec. 26.—A crowd of grief stricken colored people comprised an assignment of fine pear trees to a grave at Hollingsbrooke yesterday afternoon just at dark, thinking they were the body of Tooger Adams, a negro woman, whose death was due to a lynch mob from another negro woman in Tybee last Saturday night.

Word was given out that the body was terribly slashed by the woman's assailant, and for that reason, together with the long delay after death, the body was not opened until the afternoon train yesterday. When the box arrived containing the pear trees it had so much the appearance of a coffin that the party took umbrage.

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GOULD WEAALTH TO AID IN QUEST OF STUDENT'S SLAYER New York, Dec. 26.—Miss Helen Gould has placed detectives on the track of the person or persons responsible for the murder yesterday of Van Dright Sheldon, a New York university student, who was found fatally shot in the home of Dean Charles H. Snow of the College of Arts and Applied Sciences and died a few hours later.

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GOPHERS PLEAD FOR RUDOWITZ

Meeting Called by Prominent Minnesota Educators Enthusiastic for Refugee

(DAILY SOCIALIST CORRESPONDENCE.) Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—A tremendous mass meeting for the benefit of Christian Ansoff Rudowitz has just been held here, and a branch of the Political Refugee Defense League formed, for the purpose of abrogating the treaty with Russia.

Cyrus W. Northrop, president of the State university, presided and struck the first sympathetic note when he declared that he would oppose every treaty on earth which would seek to return to a despotic government a man whose only crime was that he tried to reform his country.

Serious Question for United States "For myself," he continued, "I shall be sorry for my country, and shall be disappointed if America is forced to give up Rudowitz. It is a very serious question that the burden of proving him to be a common criminal and not a political refugee, be fully and completely sustained by the demanding government; and

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Organizing Big Smelters Official announcement is made that a large smelting and refining company is organizing, the object of which is to build smelters in mining districts in this and other countries.

STANDARD FORM OF RESOLUTIONS Congress Appealed To to Terminate Extradition Treaty Because of Its Abuse A standard form of resolutions was adopted last night at a meeting of the Political Refugee Defense League, for submission to the auxiliary bodies of the league and to all organizations protesting against the violation of the right of asylum by Russia.

Polish Branch First to Adopt The resolutions as set forth have been adopted by the Polish branch which held a meeting at St. Casimir's church on last Monday.

TRAMPS BEAT, BOB AND CREMATE AN AGED HERMIT Richmond, Va., Dec. 26.—J. A. Gollahon, 75 years old, of Broadford, Smyth county, a little town near Abingville, was beaten and robbed, and left for his own house, which was set afire by tramps, who are thought to have known that the old man had money around the premises.

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A CAT DEVOURS FACE OF BABY

Infant Is Pounced Upon in Cradle During Night by Man-Eating Feline

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Brussels, Dec. 24.—A horrible story of a man eating cat has just reached here from Thann, in Upper Alsace. The cat belongs in the family of Michael Fuchs, a tanner. It had always been a very tame animal and was the pet of all the family, including the baby, until a few nights ago, when the parents had gone to bed, leaving the baby sleeping quietly in its cradle.

Eats Away Little One's Nose The cat had eaten away the little one's nose, and had practically torn all the skin away from the forehead. The clothing had been torn from the little body by the claws of the animal, and it is expected that the baby will die.

Killing Many House Cats A number of small children from among the neighbors of the Fuchs family have come forward and offered to supply the skin necessary for the purpose of grafting, in order to save the baby's face.

RYAN QUILTS DIRECTORATE OF 31 BIG CORPORATIONS New York, Dec. 26.—Thomas F. Ryan, admittedly one of the greatest powers in the financial world, announced yesterday afternoon that, yielding to the advice of his physician, he had resigned from the directorate of thirty-one corporations. The only enterprises in the management of which the noted financier retains a hand are the Morton Trust company, the National Bank of Commerce, and the American Tobacco company.

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A CAT DEVOURS FACE OF BABY

Infant Is Pounced Upon in Cradle During Night by Man-Eating Feline

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Brussels, Dec. 24.—A horrible story of a man eating cat has just reached here from Thann, in Upper Alsace. The cat belongs in the family of Michael Fuchs, a tanner. It had always been a very tame animal and was the pet of all the family, including the baby, until a few nights ago, when the parents had gone to bed, leaving the baby sleeping quietly in its cradle.

Eats Away Little One's Nose The cat had eaten away the little one's nose, and had practically torn all the skin away from the forehead. The clothing had been torn from the little body by the claws of the animal, and it is expected that the baby will die.

Killing Many House Cats A number of small children from among the neighbors of the Fuchs family have come forward and offered to supply the skin necessary for the purpose of grafting, in order to save the baby's face.

RYAN QUILTS DIRECTORATE OF 31 BIG CORPORATIONS New York, Dec. 26.—Thomas F. Ryan, admittedly one of the greatest powers in the financial world, announced yesterday afternoon that, yielding to the advice of his physician, he had resigned from the directorate of thirty-one corporations. The only enterprises in the management of which the noted financier retains a hand are the Morton Trust company, the National Bank of Commerce, and the American Tobacco company.

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4% Improvement @ Refunding Bonds, Amount \$50,000. --Payable, Dec. 1st, 1912--Interest Payable Annually.

The Workers' Publishing Society, publishers of the DAILY SOCIALIST, are about to issue \$50,000 of 4 per cent improvement and refunding bonds.

The proceeds of these bonds are to be used for the purpose of enlarging and improving the Daily Socialist and for paying off the present mortgage indebtedness of the Publishing Society, it being expressly provided by the Trust Deed through which the bonds are to be secured that at all times an amount of bonds at least equal in amount to the outstanding indebtedness secured by prior mortgages shall be reserved exclusively for the redemption of such indebtedness.

The bonds will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$50, \$25 and \$10. It is hoped that as many as possible will purchase bonds of the larger denominations in order that the minor bonds may be left for purchase by those who cannot afford to purchase the large bonds.

The undersigned Board of Directors, recently elected, wish to impress upon those interested in the welfare of the Daily Socialist that a united action resulting in the quick disposal of the whole issue of bonds will be much more effective as an assistance to the Daily Socialist than slow action. By the supply of a few thousand dollars at a time little more can be accomplished than a slow and gradual improvement, at considerable loss. By quick action and an immediate supply of ample funds it will be possible not only to clear off all debts, except current accounts, but to make the paper so attractive and to increase the circulation to such an extent that the monthly deficit will be wiped out, and that profitable progress thenceforward may reasonably be expected.

It should be understood by those who have saved money that by investing a portion of it in Daily Socialist bonds they will NOT put the money beyond their own reach for four years. These bonds are made payable to bearer and can be as readily transferred as money itself, and the management of the Daily Socialist will make it its business to assist those who at any time may desire to sell their bonds in finding a purchaser, by advertising without charge, and by personal efforts.

COMRADE STOCK & REAL ESTATE AGENCY Offers high grade OIL STOCKS, MERCANTILE STOCKS, etc., to comprise with a percentage from \$10.0

CUBS' GROUNDS TO HOLD 40,000 West Side Aggregation Buys Baseball Park; Big Improvements Planned

Those Cubs have bought the residence they have been renting for so long. The papers have not been made out yet, but C. W. Murphy and the other owners of the Cubs have closed a deal with John R. Walsh and A. G. Spaulding for the transfer of the property at Peck, Lincoln and Wood streets. Will accommodate 40,000 people.

Grand Stands a Novelty When the new grand stands are built they probably will be quite a novelty. It is the intention of President Murphy to inspect, under the avoidance of an architect, all the big grand stands in the country and then decide on his plan for the West Side plant. Special attention will be given the Philadelphia American League park, bearing in mind that it is by all odds the finest ball park in the world, having been built at an expense of \$400,000.

KETCHEL NOT TO BOX KELLY Middleweight Champion Says Purse Is Not Big Enough Stanley Ketchel has no present intention of boxing Hugo Kelly. This was evidenced yesterday when the middleweight champion passed through the city on his way to Grand Rapids for his Christmas vacation.

CHANCE SHIES AT PAY QUESTION But Has Signed Contract to Play with National League Los Angeles, Dec. 25.—"Frank Chance will remain in the National League as long as his playing ability holds out."

ENVOY MAY BE AN AMBASSADOR Pekin, China, Dec. 25.—The foreign board has received a cablegram from Tang Shao Yi at Washington, saying that the Washington government has responded favorably to the proposal made by China to raise the Chinese legation at Washington to the rank of an embassy.

MOTHER GIVES BABY POISON, THEN TRIES TO KILL SELF Mrs. Josephine Kratzer, 20 years old, after giving her 16-months-old son poison, attempted to commit suicide shortly after 9:30 o'clock this morning in the kitchen of her home, 16 Bellevue place.

NEW RACING RULES PASSED Jockey Club Does Away with Passes and Field Stands New York, Dec. 25.—"Everybody who wishes to see racing next season will have to buy a grand stand badge or remain outside the local race tracks. There will be no field stands for the two years. This has been decided by the jockey club stewards."

JEFFRIES SEEKS A NEW MATCH Fight Promoter Sends Challenge to Winner of Battle in Australia Los Angeles, Dec. 25.—James J. Jeffries, proprietor of the Jeffries Athletic club and former heavy-weight champion, has sent a challenge to Australia to fight for the winner of the Burns-Johnson fight in Sydney to fight the winner of the Kaufman-Barry fight in Los Angeles, the contest to take place in this city. The telegram was sent to Hugh D. McIntosh, who is managing the world's championship affair in Australia.

MAKE TWIN FORMS COMPANY TO PROTECT NOM DE PLUME Albany, N. Y., Dec. 25.—The Mark Twin company of New York, capital \$50,000, organized to secure to the author the right to his name in the name or now de plume "Mark Twain" filed articles of incorporation yesterday.

THE HUSTLERS' COLUMN BY A. W. MANCE. AFTER CHRISTMAS

Comrades, by the time you read this Christmas will be over, but the class struggle, exploitation, starvation and want in the midst of superabundance will still be the portion of the wealth producers. Think of the incongruity and absurdity of it all. Think of the millions of dollars' worth of machinery lying idle and the millions of able, willing and trained workers standing outside the factories vainly longing to be permitted to produce the necessities of life that they and their loved ones may live ever decent animal lives and have the common necessities, food, clothing and shelter.

Now, comrades, you know what it is that is standing between the workers and all that goes to make life worth while. You know that it is nothing but the pitiable stupidity and lack of solidarity of the workers themselves. You as Socialists know this, and as hopeless as the task may appear to you, it is the mission of the Socialist to turn on the light that the other workers will also see it.

What are you doing to help on this work of education? If you have no better plan we ask you to join us in our effort to reach them through the Chicago Daily Socialist.

There are very few of you who could not get two or three of these who have more or less interested in Socialism to become a subscriber at least for a short time to the Daily. Then we feel certain that we'll finally bring them to see that Socialism offers the only hope—the only way out.

Get subscribers; go after them. Those you can't get, send us their names, and we will see what we can do by a few sample copies and a letter.

Below is the follow-up letter we send to all addresses sent out through the publicity fund scheme. We are beginning to get returns from this work. There is no limitation to the number of people who can be reached through this method:

Dear Sir: A friend of yours sent your name to us with the request that we send a sample copy of the Chicago Daily Socialist. We gladly complied with the request and hope you received the same.

The Chicago Daily Socialist is a newspaper owned, controlled and published by Socialists in the interest of humanity, and especially the working class, using that term in its broadest sense.

If you are interested in human progress we feel sure you will want the Chicago Daily Socialist. If you are opposed to Socialism, the best way to equip yourself to fight it is to keep yourself well informed as to what the Socialists are doing.

The Socialist party is organized and aggressive in every country in the world. The numbers voting for its candidates have been increasing with leaps and bounds. The Socialist vote of the world is now 10,000,000.

Socialism and the labor question are the real great world questions that confront statesmen, thinkers and men of action demanding a solution. No matter which side of this struggle you are on, we do not believe you can afford to be without the Chicago Daily Socialist.

Enclosed you will find subscription blank giving full particulars as to subscription price, etc.

Yours fraternally, A. W. MANCE, Hustler Editor, C. D. S.

EVERY LITTLE HELPS

In looking over Comrade Berlyn's article in last night's Hustlers' column I thought the least I could do would be to donate \$1 to the cause. I met the comrade here in East Chicago, and to say that he is the real stuff is putting it mildly.

For the last year I have hardly made even a bare living or I would have done more for our paper, but every little helps. You will hear from me again soon. Merry Christmas.

C. J. KENNEDY, East Chicago, Ind.

HUSTLERS' BULLETIN BOARD

- M. Jackie, Milwaukee, Ill., renews his subscription to the Chicago Daily Socialist for four months and says: "I have my subscription renewed, but I had to wait till I had the money to renew it. The Daily is just like my bread. I have to have it."

YOUNG OFFICERS EVIL TO ARMY

Gen. Bell, Chief of Staff, in Report Objects to Their Appointment

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—The most urgent need of the army of the United States at present is an adequate remedy for the evils resulting from detached service of officers, says Maj.-Gen. J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, in his annual report made public today. He also says that the time has arrived when the United States can no longer afford to maintain an "antiquated army for peace needs, nor an army with an antiquated organization."

Objects to Young Officers According to Gen. Bell, the number of officers on detached service is 691. The result is characterized as disastrous and among other things is given as the first cause for the large number of desertions among enlisted men.

Gen. Bell dwells at length upon the bad effect of young and inexperienced commanders, upon whom the responsibility falls in the absence of officers, to perform duty, in large part dictated by congress and required by the good of the military service.

Gen. Bell says that it is a "discouraging fact that in case of a sudden outbreak of hostilities with a first class nation there are not sufficient regular and reserve troops, even when reinforced by the national guard of the various states, to form infantry support for our sea coast fortifications."

An "Antiquated Organization" The infantry arm is referred to as too weak numerically for the services required of it even in time of peace.

In proof of this Gen. Bell says that since Jan. 1, 1908, many regiments have passed more than half of their time in a tropical climate, insufficient time, therefore, being allowed in the United States for the officers and men to recuperate from one tour of service abroad before another begins.

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Speaks for Liberal Appropriation The scarcity of engineer officers is due chiefly, Gen. Bell says, to increase in river and harbor work, fortifications and the construction of the Panama canal. A compliment is paid to the signal corps for "great developments in scientific warfare."

Gen. Bell says that the efficiency of the cavalry and infantry in small arms shooting is probably greater at the present date than at any time in history.

No More Raw Recruits The old days of forming an army, with more or less efficiency, out of raw recruits is passed, he says. The idea that all that is required to make a soldier out of a man is to put him in uniform and place a rifle in his hands is denounced as a relic of the nation, and one that cannot be too strongly opposed.

Where To Go

All Socialist speakers are urged to emphasize the necessity of pushing the circulation of the Chicago Daily Socialist at all meetings where they can cooperate.

New Thought (Sunday) Society, Theaters, 200 North Dearborn street, 8 p. m. every Sunday. Dr. W. H. Watson, lecturer. The quartet will sing from "God Rings of France," accompanied by Mrs. DeLoz.

The Young People's Study club, an organization organized by the First District of the Twenty-seventh ward branch of the Socialist Party, meets every Saturday at 102 Milwaukee avenue. The club is at present studying "The Struggle for Existence" by Walter Dill.

A presentation of R. Lippink's "Socialist Party of America" by Frieda Adler, 102 Milwaukee avenue, Monday, December 22, in the evening. The play will be given in German with a synopsis in English. A full program of other social and athletic events have been proposed. Dancing and refreshments will be served.

A reunion of all Y. P. C. members and friends will be held at the League Hall, 102 Milwaukee avenue, Saturday, December 27, at 8 o'clock. Refreshments and entertainment will be served.

Woodworkers' local No. 11 will meet Thursday, December 24, at 233 Milwaukee avenue. Milk Wagon Drivers' union No. 73, 1 E. of Walker, will meet Thursday, December 24, at 147 Randolph street.

Regular meeting of the Grocery and Market Workers' local No. 11, 102 Milwaukee avenue, at 8 o'clock, Saturday, December 27, in the evening. Refreshments and entertainment will be served.

Woodworkers' local No. 11 will meet Tuesday, December 29, at 233 Milwaukee avenue. Milk Wagon Drivers' local No. 11 will meet Tuesday, December 29, at 233 Milwaukee avenue.

Chicago Daily Socialist wishes to announce that the book department will be open for business on Sundays hereafter between the hours of 9 and 12.

The Daily Socialist Purchasers' League

MAY WOOD-SIMONS, President. MRS. NELLIE ZEH, Organizer and Secretary. J. O. BENTALL, Treasurer. CHARLES W. GREENE, Manager.

When you go shopping don't forget to take the advertiser's list with you, which we published yesterday. By consulting this and putting yourself to a little inconvenience you will be able to supply most of your needs.

Besides these advertisers there is another class which should not be overlooked. This class does not sell merchandise, nevertheless it is a very necessary part of society.

In this class may be found our professional friends, the doctors, lawyers and dentists, whose cards appear regularly in our Business Directory.

Our Real Estate advertisers often have propositions to offer that are worthy your consideration, and the Barter and Exchange department contains many good bargains.

When calling on any of these tell them of the D. S. P. L. and its object. Give them to understand that it is your intention to stand by your paper.

There are three advertisers on our list to whom we wish to call your special attention. The first is the First National Grocery Company, 58 Wabash avenue, tel. Central 5812; the second, the Prize Hand Laundry, 1077 Sheffield avenue; tel. Graceland 1491.

We mention these because they have but recently come to us and have something to offer that we really need. All comrades living in the vicinity of the Prize Hand Laundry should rally to its support.

The First National Grocery Company, situated conveniently in the downtown district, fills a long felt want, and we are sure will be liberally patronized by our readers and friends.

The third advertiser to whom we wish to call your special attention is Samuel A. Bloch, the Bookman, 681 North Oakley avenue. Comrade Bloch is a member of the Fifteenth Ward Branch and an enthusiastic worker for the cause of Socialism.

Give him your magazine subscriptions this year, comrades, and prove yourselves true to the principle of co-operation. The following is a miscellaneous list of advertisers which may also interest you:

- RESTAURANTS: Dr. Percy L. Clark, 116 East Randolph street, 25 South Clark street, 131 East Van Buren street, 101 South LaSalle street, 101 South Dearborn street, 101 South LaSalle street, 101 South Dearborn street, 101 South LaSalle street, 101 South Dearborn street.

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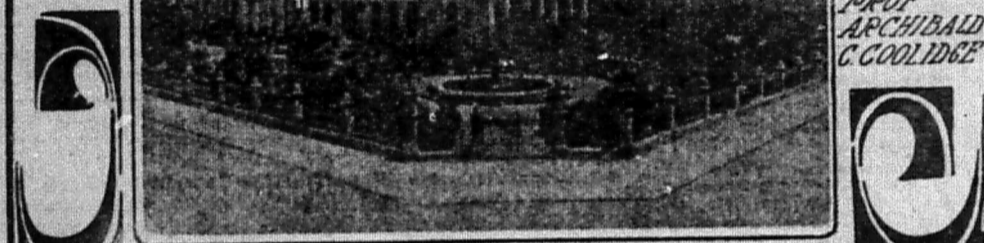
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HOUSE OF CONGRESS, SANTIAGO, CHILE

The pan-American scientific congress, which begins its session in Santiago, Chile, today, will bring together a remarkable array of the world's scientific men. It is expected to contribute much to the progress of science in South America. Among the delegates to the congress to represent the United States are: W. H. Holmes, chief of the bureau of ethnology, Smithsonian Institution; Colonel William C. Gorras, United States army, chief sanitary officer of the Isthmian canal commission; Professors Bernard Moses, university of California; William Benjamin Smith, Tulane university of Louisiana; Paul S. Reinsch, university of Wisconsin; L. S. Rowe, university of Pennsylvania; William R. Shepherd, university of Columbia; Archibald C. Coolidge, Harvard university, and Hiram Bingham, Yale university.

"THE PHILANTHROPIST"

JUST A STEEL MILL STORY

BY ROBERT DYORAK

(Continued from Yesterday)

It was reluctantly that Lowrie wended his way toward the river that evening. He walked as if in a dream, and it was with a sense of pleasure that he heard the bridge bell give warning of the coming of a steamer. He leaned up against one of the bridge pillars and meditated. His mind was so occupied with his dilemma that he failed to notice the bridge swing back into place, and it was only when the policeman in charge of the crossing gave a warning about that he aroused himself from his dream. There was a galloping of hoofs. Lowrie gave a leap and just missed the wheels of a bus by a few inches. The driver swore as he looked back, and the policeman shook his head in a mystified manner. "That fellow is goin' huz or he name ain't Jerry O'Donnell," he muttered.

Lowrie laughed bitterly as he crossed the river. Suppose he would have been run over or accidentally pushed into the river, he mused, would it not be better? What had he to expect in the world but misery. Not for himself alone, he cared little about his own comfort, but for those he loved, those who depended upon him. Was it not only the other day that his wife had figured with him as to what would be done with his pay for the next three weeks? John's wife had said: "John, first of all we will pay the landlord his rent and then we will buy the children some shoes and clothing. God knows they need it. Lilly's shoes are falling from her feet, and she has worn the dress she has on now for the last year. Willie's coat is torn at the elbows and Charlie is almost naked. The good old soul. In her worry over the children's welfare she had forgotten herself entirely. She, who had nothing more than a wrapper on her back.

Yes, that had figured it all out very nicely. His first ten dollars—for that was all he had—would pay the landlord his rent, and the rest—oh, bitter thought! that was what hurt. This rest was—forthcoming. The children would not get new clothes as a Christmas present as they would have to wait until the new year. He had planned to buy her as a surprise. They all would be mighty lucky to have enough to eat, even if he secured new employment, which was almost out of the question, for the boats had been on for four months and twenty thousand men were out in the streets looking for work.

He would be just another. Harassed by such thoughts as these Lowrie turned into a lonely deserted street, lined with old decrepit shambles. He passed them one by one until he arrived in front of one that had the proud distinction of having a tree in front of it. A tree that the surge had brought home from the woods and planted there some years before. Just before he entered the door he braced up and put on as pleasant a look as he could command. Why did he do his wife's sorrow by looking gloomy. She surely would have enough to bear without worrying over him, he figured.

In the small backyard he saw his wife bent over a little plot of celery and carrots, picking some for the soup she was making. He did not disturb her—in fact, he was half glad that more respite was granted him for the breaking of the sad news. Entering the kitchen, he hung up his coat and hat in a commonplace manner and fondled the children, who clamored over him. When his wife entered she found him washing the sores off his face and hands. She finished the supper, set the table and fed the children while he glanced over an evening paper and read of the return of prosperity, which was reported in the financial columns of the sheet. The report brought back to him his own condition, and with a sarcastic laugh he flung the paper from him spitefully. "What is that, what is the matter?" she inquired, noting his bitter look. "Has someone offended you in the shop?"

"No, no, dear, even if they did I wouldn't think of it at home," he answered, trying to look as cheerful as a rooster. "I'll come let us finish our supper. Nothing ails me." The plain meal was finished in silence.

Lowrie did not feel like beginning a conversation and his wife left him alone. He was not something was wrong, notwithstanding his assurance to the contrary. His looks looked his denial. Shortly after the dishes had been washed and the table there was a knock on the door and the landlord, a fussy, portly German, entered. "Well, Mister Lowrie," he turned, "how will it be with your rent today, 'til I get it?"

Lowrie's face paled slightly and he was on the point of asking for a standing order when a sudden resolution took hold of him. "Yes, Mr. Schmalz, you will get your rent. Here are the bills due you. The German grabbed the bills and departed. "Here, Lilly, take this dollar," called Lowrie to his wife, "I will undoubtedly be the last one I will hand you for some time to come. I have—been—laid—off." The last sentence came from his lips slowly and he turned his head away. His wife looked at him with surprise written all over her features.

"Laid off?" she gasped, "then—why—why did you pay the landlord, John?" "Oh, I didn't intend to at first, Lilly, but you must realize what would have happened. The oil curmudgeon wouldn't have wanted to take my money if I had not worked and what then? We would have been forced to move, and where? You see, in this way we can at least stay here a month and as for the rent, if it comes to it, I'll secure money." "But, John, how about the children?" interposed his wife. "How will you buy them the clothes and shoes?" "I will then only today that they would be the same as the presents from Santa Claus and they have received all day. This is terrible."

"I know it is, Lilly. I know it is," muttered Lowrie, sadly. "And God knows I have never been in my heart as bitter as I am now. I am almost broken with misery, dear. The wife looked at him and turning to the door she called out to the man who had just paid his bills. "I am obliged to you, dear, dear," she cried, "don't worry any more. We will do the best we can. It is not your fault that you were laid off."

The next morning after eating a light breakfast consisting of coffee and some home-baked rolls Lowrie set out to borrow some money from his friends. It was raining and he received a number of them with poor results. The majority of them had not worked for months and were on the verge of starvation themselves and those that did have work figured ahead and claimed they would have to wait for the rainy day. One of them, however, a grocer, told him that towards the end of the month, if nothing unforeseen happened, he would let him have ten dollars, but that he would have to wait until the next day. Lowrie returned home towards the evening and both he and his wife went to bed with evil forebodings.

Day after day Lowrie went out in search of work and day after day he returned home with a heavy heart and weary. Every place he applied for work he found hundreds on the same errand. At night he would lay in bed and go over his life. Here he was, a middle-aged man, the father of six children, out of work. His arms were strong and his body robust. What had he accomplished during all his years? True enough, he had served Uncle Sam for three years. He had disobeyed his father and joined the army when yet a young man of nineteen, where instead he should have learned a trade or gained some other valuable asset to life. Instead he squandered his time. What had he now to show for it? Nothing but a little bit of army experience, which went for naught with employers. Then again there were six children and his wife, all right, but they were suffering for their necessities. What a miserable end. Ah, it struck terror to his heart to think of it all and it was all his fault. The employers were not to blame, they had not needed his services and he had no right to expect anything. Yet, notwithstanding all his railing against himself, he felt that he had a right to at least earn a living if he was willing to work. With such thoughts as these he worried himself to sleep, but not a night after night.

When the first month of his idleness was up, Lowrie visited the grocer and borrowed the ten dollars promised him. With this he paid the rent, which was the surprise of the landlord, who had yielded at the request of his poor tenant. This much done with the grocery and meat market bill increasing in size, he set out once more in search of work. (To Be Continued.)

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Table with multiple columns listing various businesses such as Lawyers, Typewriters, Stationers, etc. with their addresses and services.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

WOMAN'S WORK

The World's Work, for December, says the English women "have not advanced as far or as rapidly in the diversity and multiplicity of their occupations as their American sisters, but of late years they have made rapid strides in many of the higher professions formerly reserved for men." The article points out that government has noticed the excellent work they have done in missions, nursing, and schools, and has called for them to come out into public life. The women are now recognized as making capable inspectors in almost all departments. "They have come well to the fore in science, many having distinguished themselves in this direction, especially in research work." There are now several lady architects, and in the opinion of the writer of the article, this is a profession for which a woman is particularly fitted, and in which a wide field of usefulness is possible for her, as she is more at home than a man, and has more opportunities of seeing what is required in a house. There are over a hundred lady doctors in London, and six hundred in the United Kingdom. Women are more likely to overlook and consequent "breakdown" than men. Out of "women who work" more than half are domestic servants. Dressmakers and milliners come next as to numbers, then the "professions" (teachers, doctors, nurses, etc.).

Socialist Woman Speaks in New Orleans

Mrs. Alvin Porter, New Orleans, La., is one of the most active Socialist women in the south. Recently she spoke for the Eora club in Gibson hall, Tulane university, on the "Socialist Platform." Among other things she pointed out the position that Socialism takes on the question of woman suffrage. She stated the fact that it is now so generally known by all those who are acquainted with the facts concerning the conditions in Finland that the suffrage there was secured for women through the activity of the Socialists.

To the Workers

CHARLOTTE PERKINS STETSON Shall you complain who feed the world? Who clothe, who house the world? Shall you complain who are the world? Of what the world may do? If from this hour you use your power! The world must follow you! If from this hour you use your power! The world must follow you! The world's life hangs on your right hand. Your strong, your skilled right hand; You hold the whole world in your hand. See to it what you do! For dark or light, for wrong or right! The world is made by you! For dark or light, for wrong or right! The world is made by you!

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Cook County Socialist Sunday School

The Cook County Socialist Sunday school will meet Sunday, Dec. 27, at 10 a. m., at 412 West Division street, corner Robey.

Terrible Mistake

"I made the mistake of my lifetime the other day," complained a young woman to a friend in a tram, as the two rode into the town together. "What did you do, dear?" asked her friend, sympathetically. "Oh, it's too stupid to think of, I feel crushed over it. You know I called on Mrs. Blank, who has met with a recent affliction. I had just one card, and, as I did not expect she would see me, I wrote 'Condolence' in one corner and had it ready to leave."

The Red Umbrella

Bobbie and Elsie were sitting in the garden trying to amuse themselves with their picture books, but they were such old ones that they knew every one of them by heart. "Don't you think," said Elsie, "it's about time we had some new picture books?"

Bobbie arose from his chair in a rather lofty fashion and said, "No, I don't think we want more picture books—at least I don't. I'm getting sick of a book, they are all alike for little boys or girls." He looked rather scornfully at Elsie as he said this. "Elsie's eyes flashed with indignation as she answered, 'Perhaps you would rather buy a book so that you could find out if it again, and then you'd know how little you really are! You're not so big, else Carlo couldn't have pulled you out of the stream.' Bobbie hung his head over the grass in a sulky sort of way and said, 'You promised never to mention about the boat any more.' For Elsie had teased him terribly, and although he was very grateful to Carlo, he still felt humiliated at the thought of being carried in a dog's mouth instead of on his back. Elsie called it being 'his master,' instead of 'his servant,' which made him very angry, and it was after one of her teasing bouts she had promised never to refer to the boat again.

"Tell, Bobbie, what would like ink-like instead of books?" "I don't know," said rather saucily. "Would you like a train?" "No; you can only play with them in the house or on the veranda." "A croquet set?" "No; that's another girl's thing." "What do you care for anything alone, and you haven't got any boy friends around here?" "I know that." "Well, then, don't be so nasty about girls' games." After a moment's silence she jumped up and clapped her hands, saying, "I know what you would like." "Well!" "A battery set with bows and arrows. You stick the target up against

FOR SOCIALIST TOTS

who felt that he ought to do something in return for all Elsie's thinking. On he went, and she sat down to wait for his return. He seemed a long time gone, considering he had only to get it from the hall of the house, which was so close at hand. Presently he returned, with the umbrella under his arm. "What made you so long?" said Elsie. "Long!" he answered. "Think yourself lucky I'm here at all, for Auntie Maud was asleep on the veranda and I was scared lest I'd waken her, so I had to creep slowly, for she'd be real mad if she knew we were playing with her umbrella. I'm glad to be back at home's peace either, for I might shoot Carlo, or one of the squirrels."

"I've thought of a plan," said Bobbie gleefully. "That field beyond the corn patch; there's never anyone 'cept an old cow." "Oh, that's a good idea," said Bobbie. "But it's a long way to the house." "That's better," said Elsie as he held it shelteringly over her. Suddenly a terrible roaring noise reached their ears. "What's that?" they both said at once. He looked at one another with scared faces. Another roar, this time nearer, reached them, and they looked behind only to see a large bull rushing madly after them with his ugly head down.

"It's the red umbrella! Close it quickly," said Elsie, white with fright. They started to run as fast as their legs would carry them, but the animal was steadily gaining on them. Then, thud, thud, came the sound of his feet, and roar, roar, came from his foaming mouth. "Oh," said Elsie, "if only Carlo were here!" Bobbie, who was almost breathless, just managed to cry out, "Carlo, Carlo!" when his foot slipped and he fell, pulling Elsie with him. Elsie lay on her back, only to see the bull dash madly past them—but what was that clinging to his back? "Look, Bobbie, look! It must be Carlo!" And so it was. He had heard the cry from Bobbie's lips, and with his wonderful instinct had divined their danger. With one bound he had fastened his teeth into the animal's back, and did he relax he held until the mad brute had rushed headlong into the stream, where he was carried along by the strong current and dashed over the weir.

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Deceiving Labor

The opinion of Judge Wright in the contempt case against Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison would not have been complete without a few crocodile tears over labor. So we hear him whining about the poor laborer in "Texas, Florida, Maine and Oregon," whom he says has "been betrayed, hoodwinked into the stand of an enemy of law and of social order."

For a society that is based upon deceit, that lives only by lying to the laborer and exploiting him by trickery, this plea is the height of hypocrisy. It has not been the union officials that have "betrayed him into the stand of an enemy of law."

His indictment is of the union. His denunciation is directed at the principles of unionism. IT IS THE EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION AND NOT THE LAW THAT IS SPEAKING THROUGH HIM.

His attack upon the union shop, declaring that it restricts the right to labor to those who hold a union card shows this. He knows that the union refuses no nonunion man the right to work, but only insists that UNION MEN BE NOT COMPELLED TO WORK BY THE SIDE OF THOSE WHO ARE THE BITTEREST ENEMIES OF UNIONISM.

The hypocritical wail which he quotes from Van Cleave and Parry about limiting the daily earnings of the workers is especially dishonest. He knows that if the union really limited the earnings of its members that the class he serves would be maintaining an army of union organizers.

A Wave of Reaction

When any system of society is approaching its last days it almost invariably seeks to repudiate whatever principles of liberty it invoked when it was in its youth.

Today the same report comes from a multitude of countries. In Germany an effort is being made to restrict the suffrage. In England it is the conclusion of every observer that for the moment reaction is triumphant. The Russian autocracy has succeeded in temporarily crushing the revolution. It has done more. It has compelled Switzerland to give up its age-long principle of the right of asylum and to surrender Vassileff. It has so completely dominated France that the rights gained by the great revolution have been abrogated almost completely.

The same phenomena is evident in the United States. Who would have believed a generation ago that the entire colored race could have been disfranchised without a protest from the Republican party? Who would have dared to predict at the time when Carl Schurz was occupying a cabinet position that within a few months after his death great mass meetings would be held in all the principal cities to defend the right of asylum for political refugees?

It is not hard to account for this wave of reaction. Capitalism having fulfilled its mission, and being threatened by a rising working class, takes refuge in methods which ruling classes throughout all time have used to maintain their supremacy.

In other words, this is simply an example of the "darkest hour" that comes just before the dawn, for alongside of this wave of reaction on the part of governmental authorities all over the world there is also to be found a great increase in the strength of the Socialist movement. Furthermore, even the reaction is largely concerned with the FORMS OF GOVERNMENT rather than with actual events in society. The very governments that are repudiating these long-established rights are frantically turning to a variety of reforms in the hope of placating the revolt of labor.

In short, the wave of reaction is being met by the rising tide of Socialism. For the moment reaction seems to triumph, but the great cosmic forces of history are with the Socialist movement, and it is but a question of a few years until reaction will be submerged in the triumph of the workers.

Waiting for Reinforcements

The Chicago Socialists have been working with every energy at their disposal to maintain the Daily Socialist until their comrades outside shall have had time to be heard from. They do not believe that those who have worked so hard to create this paper will fall now when the need is so great in urgency, so small in amount.

We cannot say that this is the "last call." It can be if there is continuous support to anything like the extent that has been given in the past. The present circulation leaves but a small deficit. New advertising contracts have been signed for the coming year that will almost meet this deficit, and the growing circulation in Chicago will bring greater income soon. But for some time to come there will be no surplus to carry over a period of neglect or indifference.

But right now there is the question of keeping the paper alive until it can realize upon the resources that are available. There are more than eight thousand workers who have sent in subscribers, bought stock or loaned money in the past, or in other ways showed that they really wished the establishment of a daily paper that would dare to stand for those who do the work of the world.

A little assistance from each of these—a bond from one, a purchase of subscription cards from another, a single subscription from each one, means the instant transformation from despair to prosperity. Will you stand aside and let others bear your burden? It would be a disgrace to the Socialist movement to stop AFTER SUCCESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. The present deficit can be borne with no great sacrifice by anyone if it continues. It can be abolished by the addition of a few thousand new subscribers. Ten thousand more would turn it into a handsome surplus.

Under these conditions we here in the office are helpless. We can only report to you who put us here, and ask what we shall do.

ANECDOTE OF ROOSEVELT

BY CHARLES HOWARD FITCH

In 1889 I was "mechanical engineering on a job of cable road construction in Providence Rhode Island. My nearness to Boston caused me to make some trips to the Hub of the Universe, where I saw Edward Bellamy in the height of the fame of his Socialist work: "Looking Backward" (whose disciples were organizing as "Nationalists"); also William Morris and the Episcopal minister, W. D. P. Bliss, who were publishing a paper called "The Dawn," as organ of the Christian Socialists. I decided to take a course of study at Harvard University, which I was qualified to do as post-graduate student, having received both Bachelor and Master degrees from Yale. I may say that, in point of scholarship, much about Harvard looked puerile to me, and some of the professors, to say nothing of the students, seemed so youthful that I naturally thought of them as wearing short pants. But my studies in 1890 were chiefly with Doctors Everett, Toy and Lyon, all of whom were philosophers, and men of large intellect and broad catholicity.

Roosevelt was one of the "kids," a rather spoiled child of wealth and class recently graduated, and advanced politically by favoritism until he was holding I think the position of Civil Service Commissioner for the state of New York. He was regarded by the undergraduates as quite a proud product of Harvard, and the announcement that he would lecture on Civil Service Reform brought out a crowd.

I sized him up from that lecture, which concerned the still-important subject of corrupt politics in our large cities, and the remedy for this corrup-

tion. We might strike out the last clause, because he had no remedy, but he showed two directions in which reform was being attempted. In some cities aldermen and councilmen were elected to represent local districts or wards only, and the reform movement was an effort to elect specialists at large. In other cities officers at large were found to be corrupt, and the reform effort took the shape of a movement for close local representation, so that the rascals could be watched by their neighbors. But these also were corrupt, and that was about all there was to the lecture, which concluded with the Rooseveltian grin, and a round of loyal applause from the undergraduates. That lecture is a type of pretty much everything that the president has done. It boasted great things, "split the ears of the groundlings," got the applause of the unthinking, and yet was entirely inconclusive and superficial.

But what more could anyone in Roosevelt's class say? Cutting down through the surface what was I able to see between the lines and below the surface of that lecture? I saw a despoiled working class furnishing out of its own body the carrion which caused the political vultures to gather together. In this was the "rotten pot," the rotten pot, which caused the corruption of civic politics. Pharisaical politicians keep up the cleansing of the outside of cup and platter, while within, still unwiped, is the extortion and excess coming from the spoliation of the working class. Where the carcasses was, where the industrial war leaves its working class victim, there the vultures are gathered together. It matters little whether they be local ward vultures or vultures at large. The smell of spoils brings them. What Roosevelt then as now was and

is either too fat-witted to see, or too crafty to acknowledge, is the class struggle.

There was one more circumstance to that lecture. It reminded me of the story of the man at a reception party who wanted to make conversation with the host man, and who, as so often happens at reception parties had nothing significant to say, but finally broke silence with the remark: "I affirm that Sampson was the strongest man." "No," answered the gentleman addressed, "there is one stronger. You are, for you have dragged Sampson in." It had nothing to do with the science of civil service, even superficially, but Roosevelt dragged it in. He said: "In New York I am a member of the Four Hundred, and I enjoy it very much." No applause greeted this boast, for probably few if any of the boys present were accredited membership in Ward MacAllister's class of classes. Even a Harvard undergraduate can sometimes see and hear where speaks the snob, and for a man to boast of his snobbery before men who have no stand-in with the class of snobs of which he makes his brags is certainly rank politics and no politeness.

Oh, let us remember when the cheap and pinchbeck, the tinsel and the dross of human character are brazened forth as representative of manhood in America, that the presidential office too often illustrates a low average of development. How can it be otherwise, when the great working class has no representation in our government? The people who have the great virtues and produce the great values are over-ruled by snobs, and that condition prevails which was described by Addison in his words: "When fools prevail, and hapless men hold sway, the post of non-or is a private station."

TYPES OF OUR TOWN

BY LEE F. HEACOCK

The Socialist of Our Town is a man with a mission—a purpose that he never forgets, a propaganda that he never neglects, and a cheerful assurance of his position that makes him eager for debate at all times, all places and under all circumstances. The least educated Socialist will not hesitate for a moment to argue economics with the most learned of professors; the busiest Socialist will leave off his work to put forward his doctrine; the least humble Socialist asks in the ownership of the earth by the whole people.

The Socialist is a literary gourmand, and essentially a student. Evolution is his bulwark and science his artillery. He is sarcastic often, and always in deadly earnest. There is none so high that he will do him reverence; none so low he will not admit to equality of opportunity and privilege with himself.

A most uncomformably accurate controversialist, he seeks the argument and hails the opportunity to debate. There is no topic broached in which he may not see a change for an entering wedge to open it to Socialism. He will sit up all night to argue for Socialism or to hear argument against it.

If his opponent is a devoted orthodox Christian, he points out to him the similarity of Socialism to the doctrine of Christ, quotes Scripture and Socialism in parallels, calls his attention to the Christian Socialist Fellowship, an organization of 300 ministers, and asks as his climax, which is nearer the program of Christianity, the present system or a system reorganized under Socialism.

If his opponent is a deliver into sci-

entific truth, he uses science and evolution as his weapon. He indorses all social systems of history as developments toward Socialism; he traces the history of the proletariat through slavery, serfdom and independent craftsmanship to the machine and specialized industry as a part of a great system.

If his opponent believes, but holds the fulfillment of Socialism an empty dream, he points out the growth of the organized movement from nothing 60 years ago to 8,000,000 of dues-paying members in the world today, and 50,000,000 adherents and boasts of the solidarity of the German movement, against which all of the other political parties have been forced to combine for safety.

Against him argument is useless, for he is trained by his reading to demolish argument; and, as a matter of fact, those outside of the movement know so little about it that what they conceive to be choice arguments and conclusions may be easily turned to profitable account by the Socialist—for most of the "arguments" against Socialism now in daily use are arguments against the utopianism of Plato, Moore, Owen and Bellamy and have little or nothing to do with the scientific Socialism of Marx, Engels, Bebel, Blatchford and Debs.

He thumbs great tomes in the reference library, and searches the papers daily for references to Socialism. The desire for new light on the subject amounts to a passion. He never loses sight of the primary object—which is, not to make votes for his candidate, but to make converts to Socialism. That the dues-paying membership of the party has grown from

16,000 to 53,000 in four years is evidence of the success he has attained in this country.

He hails with delight the announcement of organizations perfected to fight the extension of his propaganda, well knowing that all previous attempts to fight it have resulted in turning the minds of more people to his doctrine. Continuous success has made him confident. If they will but study and argue with him he feels no doubt of the outcome.

He meets the stock arguments off-hand. Accused of being a "free-lover," he calls your attention to the fact that the early Christians were accused of cannibalism and infanticide by the ancient Romans, and points to the pure and beautiful home life of well-known Socialists like Debs. Accused of being a hungry "have-not" anxious to "divide up" the property of the "haves," he points to the rich Socialists like Hunter and Phelps-Stokes.

Accused of espousing a foreign and un-American movement, he refers to a recent census of the American Socialist party which showed that 90 per cent of the members of the party are American born. Met with the argument that Socialism is impractical, he asks you if, having tried a distant approach to Socialism in our postal system, you would care to have the national postoffices go back to private ownership like that of the express companies.

Of a truth, he is a hard proposition to deal with, the Socialist of Our Town, who refuses to be "demolished," who courts opposition, who rejoices in persecution and who meets one's choicest platitudes with facts and figures in awful array.—From the Cleveland News.

A COUNTRY SEAT



All the Difference "There!" As the door-bell rang twice in succession, Von Blumer jumped up from his seat with a look of intense annoyance, and turned around swiftly to face his wife.

"Have you been shopping again?" he inquired, anxiously. "No, dear," said Mrs. Von Blumer. "I haven't been out of the house today." "Then," said Von Blumer, throwing down his paper with a gesture of impatience, "it's callers. No sooner does a man come home from his work in the office, worn out with the day's struggle and prepared to settle down to a quiet evening than his peace is disturbed by some confounded here. Society is all very well in its way, but what do these people care for us, or we for them? Here I was just congratulating myself that I would be able to get a good night's rest, and now the dream is over. I've to sit up and exact myself to be pleasant to a lot of idiots that I wish were in Halifax. It's just my luck—tired out—all broken—Halifax what is that? A note? Ungh! Ah, yes, of course! Where are my boots! Not a moment to lose! Show him into the parlor, Dinah. Where—"

THE VOICE OF TOIL

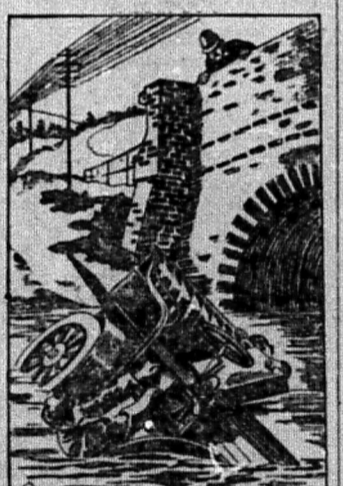
WILLIAM MORRIS (Afr: "Ye Banks and Braes.") I heard men saying, leave hope and praying, All days shall be as all have been; Today and tomorrow bring fear and sorrow, The never ending toil between, When earth was younger, midst toil and hunger, In hope we strove, and our hands were strong; Then great men led us, with words they fed us, And bade us right the earthly wrong. Go read in story their deeds and glory, Their names amidst the nameless dead; Turn then from lying to us slow dying In that good world to which they led; Where fast and faster our iron master, The thing we made, forever drives, Bids us grind treasure and fashion pleasure, For our hopes and other lives. Let dead hearts tarry and trade and marry, And trembling nurse their dreams of wealth, While we the living our lives are giving, To bring the bright new world to birth. Come, shoulder to shoulder, ere earth grows older! The Cause spreads over land and sea; Now the world shaketh and fear awaketh, And joy at last for thee and me.

GOOD REASON WHY



Porcupine—that's funny. My mamma never like see that way.

RIGHT AGAIN



The Intelligent Officer (seeking to explain the motorist's situation)—Ah, I suppose yer'd bin warned, as there was a p'lice trap 'o' the side of the bridge!—Sketch.

Effective Defense

"We propose to show, gentlemen of the jury," said counsel for the defense, "that it is impossible for the defendant to have committed this crime. "In the first place, we will prove that the defendant was nowhere near the scene of the crime at the time the crime was committed. "Next we will offer the indisputable testimony of persons who saw defendant on the spot, and who did not see the defendant commit the crime. "We will show that no poison was found in the body of the deceased. "Not only that, but we will prove that it was put there by the prosecution in this case. "We will furthermore show that the deceased committed suicide. "And last, but not least, we will prove, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the deceased is not dead. "In view of all which corroborative facts, gentlemen of the jury, we respectfully ask for an acquittal."

On the Stage

A melodrama of the most stirring kind was being given in a theater in a small provincial town. In one of the critical scenes the hero suddenly became aware of the fact that he had come upon the stage minus his poniard. Without a moment's hesitation he made a dash at the traitor, exclaiming:—"Die villain! I mean to strike thee with my dagger, but I left the weapon in my dressing room, and will therefore, strange as it is in the presence of this indulgent audience."

THE RADICALS AND THE CONSTITUTION

BY ROBERT HUNTER

Recently there met in St. Louis a convention of radicals—a few of those old Populists who never yet bent the knee to plutocracy.

For many years now they have fought a straight fight against both capitalist parties. They could not be bribed or flattered or licked into one of the old parties. It is easy to do the popular thing. It is difficult to do the unpopular thing. These old radicals have done what their conscience dictated, whether it was popular or unpopular.

The papers now report that they have decided to abandon their party and to work with us. Well, here's a hearty hand of welcome. We can't have too much of the uncompromising stuff which they are made of.

But one decision of the conference amused me, and that is the call for a constitutional convention. "This handful of radicals is going to send a petition to their lords and masters asking them to revise the constitution of the United States—that idol of their lords and masters.

It appears to me like crying for the moon. The constitution of the United States will never be changed by begging, by petition, by any appeal whatsoever. It will be changed only by a political revolution which will place in power the Socialist party.

A group of men who can't elect a single man to congress is wasting its time trying to amend the constitution of the United States.

If an election to a constitutional convention were held today, the convention would be packed by corporation-owned Democrats and Republicans, and when these gentlemen got through amending the constitution it would be infinitely worse than even it is today.

Why should the powers which rule this country allow us to change this constitution when we haven't strength and unity enough now even to pass a harmless little law in congress?

Think of what a superb piece of machinery for defeating the will of the people this constitution is.

If the people want any reform measures, and make enough clamor about it, the house passes the bill, and it is left to the senate to kill it.

If the people are very determined, the senate passes the bill and leaves it to the president to kill it.

But if the people are in a rage the president signs the bill and leaves it to the Supreme court to kill it.

Now, does any intelligent man suppose that plutocracy is going to give up political machinery like that?

No, friends; it's madness. It's a wild, unreasonable, visionary project, doomed in advance to disappointment and defeat.

As a matter of fact, it is not the constitution of the United States which troubles us, oppresses us and robs us. It is the ruling class which does that, and it uses the constitution as it would ANY OTHER law to carry out its will.

Have you ever noticed that the senate, the executive and the judiciary never interfere in the slightest with anything plutocracy wants, and that the constitution never yet stood in the way of its obtaining what it wants?

Well, remember this also. When the people come into power the senate, the executive, the judiciary and the constitution will never stand in the way of anything the people want.

There is not today a single shred of authority in the constitution of the United States to permit the judiciary to declare a law passed by congress unconstitutional. It is a case of pure usurpation. The Supreme court has the power because plutocracy, which rules our government, wants it to have the power.

Even if the constitution were changed a thousand times, even if the Supreme court, the president and the senate were all abolished, the people would get no more than they get now so long as plutocracy rules.

Plutocracy rules in every country of Europe without a Supreme court to declare laws unconstitutional. It rules in England without the king having the power of veto.

It rules in England without a powerful senate. It has only a weak, senile body of incompetents, called the house of lords, who dare not interfere with any law that the house of commons is determined to pass.

Plutocracy rules with one kind of law in Germany, with another kind in England, and with still another kind in America. It rules because it has the power to rule.

No, it is not so much mere mechanical changes in our political machinery that we want. These will come when we have strength enough to force them, and until then they would do us no good even if we had them.

"Laws are like cobwebs, which may catch small flies, but let wasps and hornets break through." As long as we are ruled by wasps, and hornets, and plutes, and so long as they INTERPRET our laws, just so long will our legs get tangled up. And it does not matter whether we make the cobwebs or they make them.

What we want now is not laws, but power, and we shall never have power until we get organization and unity among all the oppressed.

We shall get nothing of any real value until we have the power to take it. And to get power means hard, laborious, never-ending work in education, agitation and organization.

Mr. Dooley has well said the constitution does not follow the flag; it follows the election returns. Why not amend them first?

COLORADO

BY W. B. NICKERSON

Had the state of Colorado been named "Colorless" it would better have matched my impressions of it. Coming into it from the Kansas side, the gaunt, colorless plains of Kansas pass into the more monotonous seared plains of Colorado, tenanted by ugly cabins and lean, woeful cattle crowded about most pitiable, blanched hay stacks, or roaming about like the homeless men of our cities in search of a mouthful to eat.

Pueblo springs up, a barren, smoky town, out of a wilderness of cracked mud plains cut by dry washes, and Colorado Springs comes into view from out of a somewhat similar desolation. The former claims a population of 40,000 and the latter 35,000, and each claims to be the most beautiful and most beautiful town in the universe. The former is "wet" and the latter "dry," but both have alike evolved a culture like that of eastern cities, where steam heated flats, tile and trust buildings and autos go side by side with "coffee stands" for the workman's lunch, Salvation girls with the joyful Christmas bells and crippled beggars on the frosty curbs with hat in hand.

The Rockies frown down upon the sham cities of Colorado Springs. They, too, are now colorless, and as ugly as a gigantic ore dump. I have seen mountains, fringed at their crests with colorful, their slopes a mass of trailing vines and at their feet the

verdure of giant forests, but here these mountains are as bald and ugly as if just dumped out of the garbage wagon on to a Chicago prairie.

"Perhaps I came at the wrong season and in an unkind mood. "I'm sorry," the owner here beavil the high taxes and rents the high rents, meanwhile the favored class live in security and ease on their dividends, do no useful work and travel about like and yon.

There is a live Socialist local here with a conspicuously ugly hall on Inverness street (pronounced Wafano), between Nevada and Trejon (pronounced Tewan). For this miserable shelter the yppy forty dollars per month. It is painted a dark red on the front and emblazoned with a large, orange-red sign all over one side.

The local at Colorado Springs holds its business meetings every Thursday and a public meeting Sunday evenings, at which an admirable program is carried out, including lectures, music and criticism. What active propaganda is attempted I cannot now say.

Pueblo was full of homeless men searching for work, so was Topeka, and the woods, if there were any, would be full of telegraphers out of jobs, for I saw droves of them. The railroads are putting in telephones and turning them loose wherever it can be done. For the workman the romance of the frontier and the color have faded in "Colorado," and it is all ugly and unlit. This is my impression.

It only remains now for this wonderful civilization of ours to cover the top of the Rockies with "loop the loops," "bump the bumps," summer hotels and nickel theaters. Santa Fe Hotel, Colorado Springs.

TO THE EDITOR

Stories for Children I was with considerable interest that I read the proposal of Charles F. Lewis to rewrite "The Boy Adam" for children. I consider this a most excellent suggestion. This story, as written, would satisfy the insatiable craving of the child quite as well as fairy tales and legends, with the additional merit of being clean and developing a real understanding of the child's mind. I think the best thing being set in educational fare tales and legends, the chief result of which seems to be a brainwashing of their minds. To a certain extent the child traces the mental development of the race, and if this be true, a real story of primitive life, freed from rubbish, will hold the attention of every child. I believe that I've suggested of Camille Lewis will result not only in the rewriting of "The Boy Adam" and similar stories, but also in the evolution of a juvenile literature that will pave the way for a scientific conception of the world to adolescence. Green Bay, Wis. ALBERT CHERNEY.

Favors National Constitutional Convention

I have been reading the call for a national constitutional convention by William English Walling. You invite expressions of opinion here in mine. I think the Socialist should not lose an opportunity to come in touch with a radical movement. We are in favor of a new constitution; then why not say so? If we favor a different method of getting one than the gathering at St. Louis, it is our business to join them with a force large enough to control action. If we cannot do that, at least we will have had the ear of a vast number of radicals, and that in itself would accomplish great good. We are organized strong enough and understand the fundamental principles of Socialism well enough to steer clear of the dangers of faction. I consider this a great opportunity for the Socialist to spread the principles of Socialism. MARGARET DOYLE BROWN, St. Louis, Mo.