

THIS GRAFT NEGLECTED?

Lots of Things Go on in Red Light District Denizens Would Be Willing to Pay For

OPIUM IS BOUGHT BY DAILY SOCIALIST MAN

Resorts Are Run Wide Open in Defiance of Law; 'Does No One Get Cash for It?

In spite of the emphatic denials that the police collect tribute from the Twenty-second street "red light" district...

At the back of Sun Wah Lo and company's Chinese restaurant, 2122 State street, there is an opium den which is frequented by the "fends" of the district...

Aldermen's Great Power Hinky Dink, as Michael Kenna is called, together with John J. Coughlin, insurance agent, vice agent and alderman of the first ward, has great power with the Busse administration...

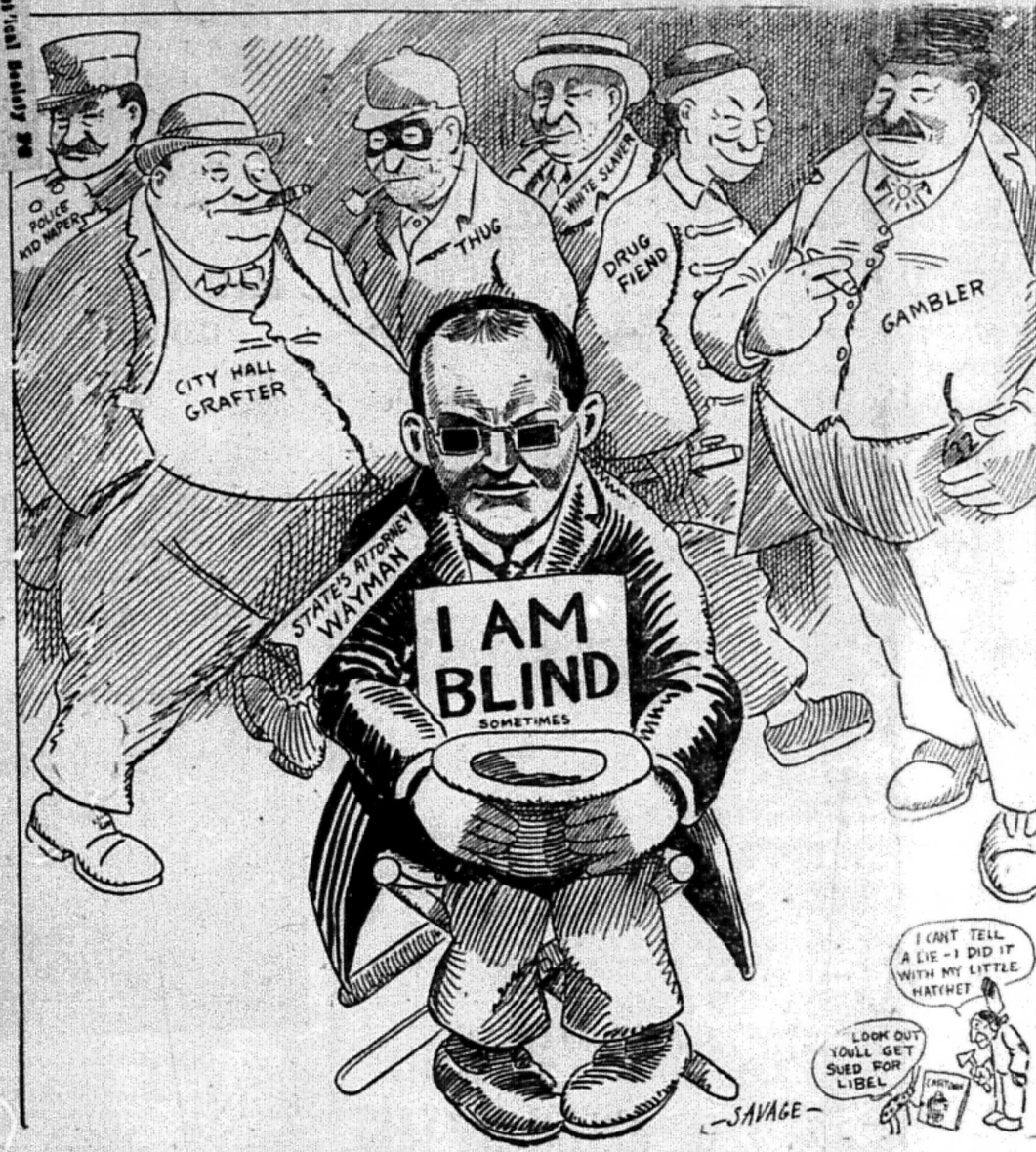
Shortly after 12 o'clock a half nude woman pulled up the window shade at 2026 Armour avenue, a resort peopled by Japanese women, a Japanese woman came to the door and beckoned to passersby.

There was soliciting going on at 2123 Armour. There were three girls in bloomers of an abbreviated pattern advising all passersby to come in and see "the big show." At 2109 Armour avenue the investigators entered.

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POOR OLD JOHN!



HE HAS "EYES THAT SEE NOT, EARS THAT HEAR NOT"

CATHOLIC WOMAN AIDS IN FIGHT

Many Non-Socialists Praise Work Being Done by Daily Socialist.

In addition to the large number of letters received from Socialists the country over, urging the Daily Socialist to stand by its guns in its expose of graft, a large number of communications are also being received from others who are not Socialists.

One of the most encouraging of these comes from a correspondent who signs herself "A Catholic Mother."

"God's most holy blessings on your brave and noble hearts," she writes, in all reverence. "For His sake keep up the work you have begun. It is the cause He died for."

May Be Her Girl Next "I can't sleep well nights thinking of the awful hell holes open to catch my boys and girls and some other mother's boys and girls. And why should I sleep, and how can any mother sleep when she realizes it may be her boy or her girl next?"

"Have we not priests or ministers to help you in this noble work? If so, where are they? I am not a member of your party, but recognize in you a band of God-fearing men. Enclosed please find \$1. One dollar is to spread your paper for the welfare of my children, and one dollar is to spread it for the welfare of other mothers' children."

"We are taking bread and butter out of our mouths to send this money, but gladly we make the sacrifice, and only wish we could do more."

I cordially congratulate you on your courageous exposure of rottenness, sheltered and fostered by "powers that be," writes E. W. Stahl, of 11 Van Buren street.

"I am not a Socialist, although at times I have felt that I wanted to be one after thinking about the Standard Oil company and the United States senate."

"But I am a citizen, and I trust a patriot, and so I am glad that there is in Chicago a paper with such a zeal for public purity and municipal righteousness, that dares to reveal the cancers of the city of Chicago in all their loathsome putridity. May the surgical operation come soon. Why not call a big mass meeting to discuss conditions?"

NATION'S GRAIN YIELD LARGEST

Record Crop Gain of 722,000,000 Bushels Over Total of 1908

The greatest crop of cereals ever raised in the United States is growing to maturity, according to indications in the July report of the department of agriculture. A gain of 722,000,000 bushels in all grains over the totals of 1908 is promised and the record yield of 1909 will be exceeded.

Corn for the first time passed the 3,000,000,000 mark, and oats are put at more than 1,000,000,000 bushels. The values of these great farm products on the basis of probable prices will approach \$2,750,000,000. December corn closed on the board of trade yesterday at 56 cents.

Worth 50 Cents to Farmer Figuring the crop as worth 50 cents to the farmer, wheat at 40, oats at 40, rye at 70, and barley at 50, these totals are obtained:

Table with 2 columns: Grain Type and Value. Total value is \$2,750,000,000.

WOULD SELL HIS BABY FOR \$500

New York, July 8.—Harry Beach, 23 years old and out of employment, and his wife, both of whom have been hungry much of late, have offered their two-weeks-old child for sale for \$500 cash.

When Beach's first wife died, two years ago, she left him with two children and he married his present wife six months later. In discussing their offer of the new baby for sale, Beach and his wife said that to keep the child would be only to inflict their hardships upon him and that by selling the boy they would provide him with a good home and bring prosperity to themselves.

"Blind Tigers Are Plentiful" Galtport, Miss., July 8.—According to a statement issued today by the city clerk, forty "blind tigers" are Galtport in the last six months.

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Larceny Charge Made Against Irisu Lace Maker Is Practically Disproved by Witnesses' Testimony; Details of Case

A raving maniac, so irresponsible that she "had to be held down in bed"—that was the description of Ella Gingles after her torturing, given on the witness stand this morning by Mrs. Sophia Lindermann, 474 La Salle avenue, in whose house the girl lived at the time. Mrs. Lindermann declared that the girl raved and screamed and called upon Miss Barrette not to cut her after she had been removed to a bed. The girl's ravings, Mrs. Lindermann said, were such that it was necessary for a strong man to hold her down in the bed to prevent her from hurting herself.

Mrs. Lindermann declared that the cuts were quite visible on the girl's arms and that she saw them. She also declared that they were deep as far as she knew.

ABSENT HEALING RELIC OF PAST

Chautauque, N. Y., July 9.—Is mental telepathy and treatment of disease in absentia merely the witchcraft of Salem days done up in a modern dress for the delusion of the supposedly level-headed twentieth century?

That it is all this as well as the most profoundly dangerous scientific mistake that has been made in ages, was the unqualified opinion expressed here this morning by Dr. Earl Barnes, recognized authority on psychology.

A Dangerous Superstition

"When we say, however," he said in reference to the theories of mental telepathy and absent treatment, "that one mind can dominate another without the subject's knowledge, we have given expression to one of the most dangerous superstitions of all the ages. If we can dominate another's consciousness at all, we can dominate it for evil as well as good, and this is witchcraft pure and simple."

"That society is much in the wrong in keeping persons at work at occupations that put a man's on the physical scrap heap in a few years was stated as an emphatic conviction by the speaker."

"We have no right to put human beings to work on the plea of productivity if their mental life is destroyed by it," he declared. "We are still our brothers' keepers, although we are trust magnates."

SAYS ELLA GINGLES WAS RAVING MANIAC

expected and was a big surprise to many who had figured on a much larger amount.

Tremendous Corn Promise The preliminary estimate of the area of corn planted is placed at 109,000,000 acres, an increase of 7,218,000 acres, or 7.1 per cent as compared with the final estimate of last year's acreage. The average condition of this crop on July 1 was 83.3 as compared with 82.5 a year ago, and suggests a crop of 1,117,000,000 bushels. This is the largest indicated yield in the history of the agricultural department.

The report shows the condition of oats on July 1 to be 85.3, as compared with 85.7 on June 1 and 85.7 on July 1, 1908, indicating a crop of 1,050,000,000 bushels. The condition of rye is placed at 91.4, as compared with 89.6 on June 1 last, and 91.2 on July 1, 1908, indicating a yield of 215,000,000 bushels. The condition of barley is given at 90.2, as compared with 90.6 on June 1 and 86.2 on July 1, 1908, indicating a crop of 191,000,000 bushels.

'WET' INTERESTS WIN IN TENNESSEE DESPITE PRAYERS

Bristol, Va., July 9.—By the narrow majority of 22 out of a total of 540 votes polled, the anti-Prohibitionists won the local option election held here yesterday, following one of the most hotly contested campaigns of its kind known in the South.

Pandemonium reigned here last night in that part of Bristol which lies in Tennessee as well as in the half which has declared for the sale of liquor after a two years' drought. Preparations already are being made for opening saloons and wholesale houses for supplying not only the immediate territory but that of the dozen nearby prohibition states.

The "wets" declared the victory, following the recent one at Petersburg, Va., would have the effect of checking the state wide prohibition movement in Virginia. The contest was intensely exciting. Driven out of the surrounding Southern states, the whiskey people fought tenaciously for a foothold here. Hundreds of women and children were on the grounds at the main voting place all day, singing and praying for the success of the temperance cause. The women served lunches and hot coffee near the polls and stood all day through drenching rains.

SOLONS AND STATE OFFICERS EXISTING ON 'NEAR BEER'

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Hits Emmanuel Movement

Dr. Barnes also took issue with Dr. Worcester of the Emmanuel movement, declaring that advocate of mental healing either inconsistent or insincere in his practice of bringing the paraphernalia of the church into his treatments and saying that in his use of prayer he is acting like the father of a disobedient child who frightens his son into going to bed by saying the "bongles" will get him if he don't.

"Except in their farthest flights Dr. Barnes indorsed both the new thought and the Emmanuel movement. "One has only to stand an hour before one of the great shrines supposed to heal the sick," he said, "to see some man come hobbling up on crutches, throw the crutches down and walk away. There can be no question of the tremendous physiological influence of the mind on the body."

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Q—Did you ever see this piece of lace before? A—No, sir. Q—Did you find this piece of lace in Ella Gingles' drawer or in any of her belongings when you cleaned up on Jan. 4, Monday? A—I did not. Q—Did you ever see this piece of lace before? A—No, sir. Q—Did you find it in Ella Gingles' drawer or did you ever see it before? A—No, sir. Q—Did you ever see this piece of lace? A—No, sir. Q—Was it ever in Ella Gingles' drawer at your house that you know of? A—No, sir. Q—Did you ever see her with it in her possession? A—No, sir. Q—Did you ever see any pieces of lace in Ella Gingles' drawer? A—Yes, sir, one with a grape pattern. Q—Is this the kind? A—Yes, sir; that is the same pattern which I saw in her drawer.

ATTORNEYS TAKE NEW TACK

After the testimony concerning a number of pieces of lace which the Barrette woman alleged had been stolen from her, the attorneys for the Gingles girl took a new tack and asked Mrs. Lindermann what she knew about the torturing of the girl in the Wellington hotel. Mrs. Lindermann testified that she knew that Ella Gingles was a raving maniac and that she had to be held down in bed.

NOT IN RIGHT SENSES

Q—Why do you say that the wound looked that way? A—Because I have seen deep cuts and I think these must have been deep because so little blood showed. Q—How often did the girl call on Miss Barrette not to cut her any more? A—Several times. Q—Who held her down in the bed while she was crying out? A—Mr. O'Donnell. Q—Did Mr. O'Donnell have to use force to hold her down? A—Yes. Q—Did the girl appear to be in her right senses? A—By no means.

LITTLE GIRL AIDS ELLA

Little Thekla Lindermann, daughter of Mrs. Lindermann, confirmed her mother's testimony that Ella Gingles had been in possession of the much disputed necklace which Assistant State Attorney Ben Short has been trying to prove was stolen by the Gingles girl. Little Thekla faced the assistant state attorney bravely, although he used his usual bluffing tactics and did his best to frighten her. The black-guarding of Short, however, had very little effect on the girl and she declared that she had seen Ella Gingles in possession of the necklace and identified the stones by telling of the color of most of them.

O'DONNELL TAKES UP LACE

Attorney O'Donnell took up the pieces of lace which Ella Gingles is alleged to have stolen from Miss Agnes Barrette and held them up before Mrs. Lindermann and asked her: Q—What would you say is the length

TARIFF PASSES, RADICALS BOLT

Action on High Schedule in Senate Fire Lesson in Economic Determinism

Washington, D. C., July 9.—With the so-called radical senators of the middle west bolting in a body and with all the politically notorious standing for it in solid ranks, by a vote of 45 to 34 the tariff bill passed the senate yesterday.

is twice the value of the annual domestic wool clip. According to their statement issued today the clothing manufacturers have reached the belief that the effect of the Dingley tariff is clearly to have been the deterioration of the quality of popular priced clothing.

SAYS THE UNITED STATES HAS THE SECOND LARGEST NAVY

Paris, July 9.—The Temps takes issue with M. Michel, who declared yesterday in the chamber of deputies during the debate on the naval inquiry commission's report that Germany stood second among the naval powers. The Temps points out that second place is held by the United States, which with a fleet of sixteen battleships, accomplished an admirable feat in the circumnavigation of the globe.

The paper adds that all English authorities class the United States second among the naval powers, Germany, therefore, would be third and France fourth.

Germany's advance is explained by the fact that Germany has been able to devote appropriations to the building of new ships, while France has been forced to expend her appropriations in the maintenance of an already large navy.

Warhorses Voted Solid

Guggenheim of Colorado, head of the American Smelting and Refining Company, who owns the government of Colorado; Boss Aldrich of the senate, who comes from corporation ridden Rhode Island; Borah of Idaho and land fraud fame; Chauncey Depew of New York, the ornamental insurance and railroad office boy; Heyburn of Idaho, and others, stood for the tariff bill.

How the Senators Voted

Table with columns for Senator Name and Party Affiliation. Includes names like Aldrich, Borah, Heyburn, etc.

Ten Bolting Republicans

Ten Republican senators refused to vote for the bill and one Democrat supported it. The bolting Republicans were: Beveridge of Indiana, Brewster of Kansas, Dingley of Massachusetts, etc.

Up to Joint Committee

The bill will now be taken before a joint committee of the two houses. The passage of the bill came as the climax of a day in which Aldrich and his henchmen had crushed all opposition.

SAY CLOTHING WILL COST MORE

Manufacturers Issue Warning to Public on Tariff Schedule Washington, D. C., July 9.—The advance vote of a warning to wearers of ready made clothing to prepare for a rise of at least 25 per cent in the price of their apparel was sounded yesterday in Washington by a special committee of the National Association of Clothiers.

Reputations Damaged

Through the inability of the cloth to stand ordinary wear the manufacturer has been gradually deprived of the opportunity to produce garments upon which good reputation can be based.

Tell of Price Increase

Setting forth frankly the prices that are proposed for clothing next season, the committee says: "The advanced prices on worsteds which have been announced following the steady deterioration of fabrics in weight and quality resulting from the operations of the Dingley bill will add to the retail price approximately \$2.50 on a \$10 suit of clothes, \$1 on a \$15 suit, and \$5 on a \$30 suit, or from 20 per cent to 25 per cent to the cost of clothing to the wearer."

MAKE WAR ON POLICE GINGLES

"Special Detail" of City Patrolmen to Be Taken Up at Council Session

The investigation of the "special detail" men of the Chicago police force shows that a great many of the special detail are employed to read the newspapers, inspect the beautiful blue sky and act as ushers for the Illinois Central railway.

Action of "Special" Policemen

"Special duty" policemen were found at their "posts" yesterday, in several instances entertaining policemen who were detailed to travel beats.

To Break Up Soft Snaps

Acting Chief of Police Schuetler yesterday reiterated the assertion, credited to him before, that he was going to shake up the whole police department and get a lot of men back on beats who have been holding down "soft snaps" for years.

Phelan Arrests "Tough Mugs"

"Do I ever make any arrests here?" repeated Phelan in an inquiry. "Sure I do. There's a lot of tough mugs live around here and sometimes they make trouble."

Does Railroad's Work

Some one called up on the telephone and asked the ticket agent at the depot to look out for an old man and woman who were expected to arrive on a afternoon train.

MILWAUKEE GIRL IS FINED \$2,000 IN SMUGGLING CASE

New York, July 9.—Miss Caroline Lonstroff of Milwaukee was fined \$2,000 by Judge Cross in the United States District court at Trenton yesterday after she had pleaded non vult to the charge of smuggling.

BRIDE JILTS PASTOR AT THE ALTAR FOR ANOTHER

Mattison, Ill., July 9.—With the trousseau all completed, the invited guests assembled the minister, Rev. H. B. Braden, and the prospective bridegroom standing expectant by his side, both awaiting the entrance of the bride-to-be.

KANSAS CITY AWAITS DEPUT

Kansas City, Mo., July 9.—A dispatch passed by the city council and signed by the mayor, declaring the section in Kansas City of a union railway station to be a public nuisance.

UNCLE SAM INVESTIGATES "SOFT DRINKS" OF THE SOUTH

Cincinnati, July 9.—What is said to be the most sweeping and systematic investigation of "soft drinks" sold in the South since the prohibition wave began sweeping that territory, was begun today by government chemists, who, from samples collected from many places, are to determine what percentage of alcohol is used in these drinks and the quantity in violation of the pure food law.

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will buy an elegant imported \$22 all-wool suit or overcoat with an extra pair of \$4 all-wool made-to-order shirts, with an extra 25 per cent discount.

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will buy a fine imported silk mixture \$25 suit or overcoat, with an extra pair of \$4 all-wool made-to-order shirts, with an extra 25 per cent discount.

RUSSIAN MARCH ON BATTLEFIELD

Poltava, Russia, July 9.—The celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the battle of Poltava, which crushed the power of the Swedes in Russia and marked the beginning of the modern Russian empire, was inaugurated yesterday with the so-called "March of the Crosses," or religious procession, from Poltava city to the site of victory, four miles outside of the town.

Hold Parade of Troops

Then followed a parade of troops around the monument erected to the fallen Swedes by their magnanimous opponents. The little town of Poltava is fairly submerged by deputations arriving from all parts of Russia to participate in the festivities.

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Karl Kautsky's Latest Book because it is the very best general statement of the up-to-date Socialist position in existence. IT IS THE FINAL SUMMARY OF THE RESULT OF THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIALISM by the man who is recognized as the foremost living Marxian scholar. IT IS THE GREATEST BOOK SINCE "THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO." This is THE BOOK to give to the person willing to do a little serious reading and thinking.

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Advertisement for floor finishing machines, including text about earning capacity and agent information.

Advertisement for electric fans, titled 'It Costs Almost Nothing To Keep Cool'.

Advertisement for Morgan & Rubenstein Lawyers, 79 Dearborn Street.

Advertisement for Thomas J. Morgan Patents, 100 William St., New York, N.Y.

Advertisement for Bart's Correct Clothes, 117 Madison, 209 Wabash.

Advertisement for Union Label Tailoring Co., featuring various clothing items and prices.

Advertisement for Roller Skates Free, featuring Continental skates.

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CHICAGO

(Address by Ben Hanford at Garrick Theater, Chicago, May 2, 1908.)

A man who had long resided in Chicago (he had never lived) died, and as a matter of course, went to hell.

Who Is to Blame?

During the last few days the Daily Socialist has lifted the veil from some of the worst phases of capitalism.

The question cannot but arise as to where the blame for these conditions should rest. It will not do to say that they are part of a system, and are therefore inevitable and that no one is to blame.

The blame then must rest upon those who have this power to change and do not use it.

These are certainly not the miserable denizens of the slums. Of all the social classes they are least capable of altering conditions.

Is it then the corrupt officials who levy tribute upon these victims? It would be stretching the truth to fit a foolish mechanical fatalism which is foreign to Socialism to say that they are to be held guiltless.

Nor can we blame the great capitalists who derive the largest profit from this condition. They are but obeying the law that compels them to struggle for survival and are not to blame that the "fit-test to survive" in this system are those who best know how to exploit the producers of wealth.

There is only one class in present society that is able to change the system that produces the horrors of the slum, the corruption and mental, moral and physical filth that disgrace present society.

THERE IS ONLY ONE CLASS THAT IS SUFFICIENTLY NUMEROUS TO BE ABLE TO CHANGE THIS SYSTEM BY ITS VOTES.

That class is composed of THE WORKERS OF CHICAGO. If, then, they alone are able to change these things, if they are most vitally interested in such a change, and if they do not change it, then they ARE THE ONES TO BE BLAMED FOR ITS CONTINUANCE.

When you read of these things, when your anger is aroused at graft revelations, when you shudder at the horrors of the white slave trade, do not visit your condemnation upon city officials or even franchise-grabbing corporations.

So long as the girls of the working class are driven to desperation by the pressure of poverty, and so long as rich rewards are held out to those who will entice them into the dives, and while there is a great class of idle rich eager to debauch the children of the exploited, these things will continue.

The Socialist party alone proposes to take the profit element out of this system. It alone proposes to place in power the class that derives nothing from profits, that suffers from the existence of profits, that produces wealth and asks only to enjoy what it produces—the working class.

If you are working with that party then you are not to blame. If you are working and voting within any party that stands for the present system then YOU ARE TO BLAME.

INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM

Editor Chicago Daily Socialist:

The following letter has been received by me:

Chicago, June 29, 1909.

E. V. Debs.

Dear Comrade:

A bunch of us were discussing you at a meeting of railroad employes last evening, when the statement was made that you had gone back on industrial unionism. I denied it.

I followed you from the B. & L. F. into the A. R. U., and from there into the Socialist party, and I'm with you yet.

The labor movement, both economic and political, will remain weak, wobbly and unrevolutionary until the organization of the working class upon the basis of industrial unionism is at least fairly under way.

Then the movement will develop robust vigor and conquering self-reliance, its vision will be clarified, its grasp strengthened and its proletarian spirit aroused.

Once the whole mass of workers are brought together in a revolutionary economic organization, their political organization will follow as a matter of course and it will be the kind of an organization that will thrive in the class struggle and grow stronger in defeat.

I am simply awaiting the right opportunity to show all my strength into the movement for industrial unionism, the precursor of industrial democracy.

EUGENE V. DEBS.

Girard, Kansas, July 8, 1909.

An Improvement

"Since the soap factory was built in our street the automobiles have not troubled us at all."—Megendorfer Blaetter.

Zirds on the Wing

Hawks can fly at the rate of 150 miles an hour, will ducks, 90 miles, and the crow, 25 miles.

Chicago—the place where all of Capital's dreams come true. Straight down from the first to the seventh hell.

Chicago—the industrial penitentiary, the buildings and grounds covering hundreds of square miles. Inmates and keepers numbering more than two thousand thousand souls—many of them dead, all others in fever and travail.

Chicago—the penal city. Rolling mill prisons. Factory prisons. Department store prisons. Reaper works prisons. Stock yards prisons. Factory prisons full of children. Factory prisons full of women. Factory prisons full of men.

Chicago—the place where the rich live in palaces and the poor in hovels. The hands on the clock say the hour is morning—

Chicago—where the buildings shake and the streets rock and the whole place quakes always—where they know no silence and hear no songs—where there are noises ever, and never music sound.

Chicago—where much that is not crime or vice is humbug—statues of plaster, pretense of marble; buildings of staff and sand, pretense of stone; putty and paint, pretense of iron and steel; men who are devils, snuggled, clerical-clothed, pretense of virtue; pallid women, rouged, pretense of health; bejeweled women, hearts of flint; perfumed women, fine ladies, disguising the stench of their souls.

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will pray their God of hosts for more, and thank their Holy Ghost they are not like you. So work, woman, work; but hurry; faster, faster, ever faster. Work, man, work.

Hurry, Your keepers watch. The foreman's eyes are never closed. So bend your back and hurry. The load is heavy—never mind. 'Tis a load of gold and gold is God—God of your masters, God of your keepers, God of your City of Death.

Chicago—where the sun may shine above, it never shines upon Chicago. Always covered with a gray-black pall of poison.

Chicago—where only the robbers and skimmers live; where the workers and doers die.

Chicago—where profit blights like a pestilence. Chicago—where inmates and keepers live on the hell-broth brewed from the wretched children, stows, and Croesus, lizards, ordures, children, women, men—heart of a girl, love of a boy, a father's spirit, a mother's joy—all steeped together in the blackened pit, cursed by the forked tongue of the fanged and venomous and taloned hag.

Chicago—where railways steal their "right" of way, steal the lake front, steal part of the lake—and are going to steal the rest.

Chicago—where the rulers sold the people's birthright for a mess of pottage—and then they stole the pottage.

Chicago—city of saloons, dives, brothels, dens and joints.

Chicago—where Satan is blessed and the Saint is damned.

Chicago—city of Godless churches, dedicated to the worship of devils and dollars.

Chicago—where Justice, with handaged eyes, was slain in her own temple with her own sword.

Chicago—place of the levee—where the soiled woman dies to live. Before she reached there she worked long hours for a pittance bare to keep her body alive. But the Lord of the Factory made her sell her soul for the chance to work. And now on the levee, weak unto death, she still must tribute pay to the Lord of the Land. Worse still.

The strongest men in this prison town, its finest, bravest, best—guardians of its peace—its magnificent Police—this poor woman, before feeding her child from her trade of death, must pay tribute—blackmail—to the noble executor of the law. Oh, that monster in form of man could steal the babe's milk from the famishing mother's withered breast! But this in Chicago, where they pillage the poor, and rob the dead and club the unemployed. Into the cells of the bottomless pit, into this prison with its two millions of souls, there penetrates one ray of light from a single Star of Hope. Here in this hell—a Working Class Awake. Maimed and mangled, battered and scarred, broken and twisted, almost starved, they listen; almost blind—yet they see—and their look is upward. They listen to the gospel of Brotherhood and they look for the Star of Socialism, and even the prisoners of this penal colony love, and grasp each other's hands—and they are going to make this Bodiam blossom as the rose.

Long since the seed of truth was sown in this soil of sin. Wherever that seed falls there that seed shall grow—even in the noisome gardens of Cannibal Capitalism. But, oh, how long the time! Yet shall there be rest for the weary—even in Chicago.

Chicago—where men live like paupers, work like horses, and die like dogs. Even in Chicago, the heavy laden shall find relief; the naked shall be clothed; the famished prisoners shall be fed; they that mourn shall be comforted; and the souls that thirst shall drink of the waters of life, and love—and Love is Life. In the Chicago that is to be.

When Capitalism dies, then shall the Free Man rise, in the world that is to be—peopled with brothers and sisters, and comrades and lovers—a world that is Paradise.—Reprinted from Chicago Daily Socialist.

THE NEGRO IN POLITICS

BY J. H. T.

It is about time the American negro on its ticket for vice-president can mean no good for the negro race.

It is true he is beginning to scratch his back the same as the white man and that is a warning that he is growing very, very, under the Republican yoke.

Never in the history of American politics was the negro ever known to form "anti" clubs until the last presidential election and then the anti-Taft movement was wide spread and made the Republican bosses sit up and take notice.

For forty years the Republican party has rode the negro up to the "pie counter gate" and dismounted and gone in and left the black brother on the outside. For forty years the Republican officer seeker has counted every negro in his balliwick as a vote for him and his party, but the last judicial election shows that the negro is far from satisfied in his present surroundings.

The G. O. P. uses the negro for political purposes only without one thought of their moral or financial betterment.

The Democratic party disfranchises, humiliates and "Jim Crows" him at every opportunity.

In the Hearst party he sees nothing in him, as any party that will nominate John Temple Graves of Georgia on its ticket for vice-president can mean no good for the negro race.

Aside from all the above stated facts the only logical party for the negro is the Socialist. The party of the working man. The party that stands for the masses and not the classes. The party that is working to uplift all humanity regardless of race, color, or religious belief.

It is in my opinion just a matter of time when we will have negro journals, teaching Socialism as they were preaching Republicanism two years ago and the sooner the better for the negro race throughout America.

Such leaders of the race as Editor Trotter of Boston and many others are advising against blindly following wherever the Republican party may lead. It is coming, the negro is beginning to wake up, and when he does wake up and the standard lies in the negro and the Socialist party will be the ones to profit by the change.

Let me advise all negroes to think for themselves. Secure Socialist literature and read it and study it thoroughly and see that if in that party he must not eventually land if he expects to receive such treatment as is accorded men of every other nationality all around him.

LETTERS OF O. U. GRUMP

BY NICHOLAS KLEIN

To the Editor of the daily socialist:

Sir—I want to file you this letter to kind of let you so that I am mad. Some individuals, a socialist I presume, jammed I of your own papers into my congenial home last week, causing said congenial home herewith to be blam'd discongenial to one't.

I want you to no that I air a follower of the republican party. My father befor me was a republican and I look for my sons to follow the gentel footsteps of my predecessors.

So far as I no there aint no socialist fellers in our town. We air all respectibel peepul, honest and virtuous and luv our kuntry and the old flag. Byessville I justly celebrat for her cornucop and patriotisms, and we shall not stand to see the grand old flag larked at and hawted down by you socialist fellers.

I have been onert to norate at Bell Valley on the glorius 4th and in my adree I shall mention to the patriots assembled that your paper is treasonable hatched by the devil and will suggest that resolutions be parst asking the postmaster to burn the paper when it comes to the post erts to one't.

We do you socialist pretend in getting your old unkel sam riled? My do you socialist insult the patriots who air at the helm of state? We don't you socialist get your shob-

ders to the cart and git to work to help Taft insted of carrin on as you do with your tarml nonsens and sich? If the trooth were known, it was you fellers who drov that grate patriot ruzvelt into a sarka, by your pesterin nonsens. quit your nonsens, you long-hared fellers, and make this kuntry the pride of the world. That libly respectibel reemal the godes of liberty has bid behavin her self to well to git a divors from her at this writting.

this is a freak kuntry, with its glorius Institutions, and this is the first time sinez the grate man Columbus brot the plymouth rok with him on the mayfour, that any paper dard to print the stuf you socialist fellers in printin in your owny paper. Stop it to one't, and ask your old unkel sam to forgiv you, and all will be well with you fellers. If you dard look out for the citizens of Byessville at eptry, at eptry. Meanwhile keep your owny paper away from my pieceful door. My blacksmith shop is klood to you fellers, don't put your hoofs over my threshold, and if you have any shobts to do yud heter stick to cheekago. Byessville is to slick for you.

Keep your paper away from my dore as my son Uriah will feat be fool enuf to read your tarml stuf. I hope you will tak my advis and reform. Mend your wails and line the Byessville Independet morale reformin and temperin kib.

Yures for the godes of liberty. O. U. GRUMP.

A MILE OF RIBBON A MINUTE A process of making metallic ribbon at the rate of a half mile to a mile a minute was exhibited by Messrs. Strange and Graham at a recent conversation of the Royal Society in London. Says Nature in an account of the exhibition:—

"The molten metal is caused to flow through one or more nozzles in a thin stream upon the periphery of a rapidly rotating water-cooled drum. The metallic solidifies immediately, and is thrown off from the surface of the drum in the form of a continuous and uniform ribbon. It is possible to obtain metal as thin as 1-1000 inch, and half a mile

WOODPECKERS DESTROY TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH POLES

Birds are destroying the telephone and telegraph poles in the South and South-west, particularly in Texas, Arizona and California. In some places 50 per cent of all the poles along the right-of-way have been riddled by these innocent offenders, which belong to the woodpecker family.

One of the telegraph experts, who has recently returned from an inspection through the West, reported having seen twenty-five telephone poles with two or three hundred holes drilled clear through them. Some of the holes were three or four inches in diameter.

In some cases destruction of the pole takes only a few months and the weakened condition makes it dangerous for a lineman to climb the stick.

The real object of the birds in drilling holes is uncertain. One telephone man said that the humming of the wires was mistaken by the birds for insects excavating beneath the surface of the wood, and that they drilled the poles in quest of these imaginary insects.

It is very probably, however, that the holes are excavated for an entirely different purpose. The woodpecker is a prevalent bird. At the proper season it stores up a supply of acorns and other foods for future consumption. In the summer these holes are often found stored with acorns.

Many methods for preventing this damage have been suggested, but probably the most successful is preservation with creosote. A line of creosoted poles, opposite the one near Covington, was examined, and not a single hole was found. When it is considered that woodpecking will not only prevent the damage caused by the woodpecker, but also protect the pole indefinitely against both insects and decay, its great value as a preservative is apparent.

The forest service has spent considerable time in developing a cheap yet efficient method for the treatment of telephone and telegraph poles. The results of the work are embodied in several forest service circulars, copies of which may be obtained without cost from the Forester, Washington, D. C.

BY WINIFRED BACKVILLE STONER (Pres. of The Woman's National Esperanto League)

Though wealth and power, imbricated, drunks With brief success of cunning schemes. May view, unseeing, faces shrunken And eyes through which fierce hunger gleams.

And fools despite their fellow men Because of outward circumstance. May think how quickly wayward chance May turn the tables once again: Yet fret remain the common heart Of the great masses of mankind.

Unspooled by wealth or care, their part To labor well with hand or mind. Whatever is theirs of strength or thought, That beautiful and firm be wrought— The throne of human brotherhood.

Flattery Artist—I am really flattered to see you like my picture and offer such a good price for it. But it's not quite finished.

Motorist—It doesn't matter. I just wanted the canvas to repair a burst cover.—The Scotch.

That Was Her Ailing He had never been to sea before. "Can you keep anything on your stomach?" the ship doctor asked. "No, sir," he returned, "nothing but my own."—Sweeney.

Sub Rosa She told me you told her that secret I told you not to tell her. "No," she said, "I told her not to tell you I told her."

Providential Mother—Why should we make Willie a doctor when there are so many more doctors every year? Father—But think of all the new ailments.—Megendorfer Blaetter.

DECISION IN EDUCATIONAL CONTEST

I have decided to divide the two contests and give the decisions on the "Materialistic Conception of History" series below, and the "Class Struggle" essays next week. On the first subject there are thirty-four essays, three written by women. Of the three women, one is a prize winner and a second is left out by a very narrow margin.

The struggle for the first place is very close between Frank Hart of Chicago and W. L. Reynolds of Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Hart's essay is the best by the advantage from his deeper philosophical insight is almost lost by a jumbled, confused sentence at the close where he should have been the most careful. His comparison of feudalism with capitalism is very clever, and in some sense, original. Hart, therefore takes the first prize.

The second place goes to Reynolds. In addition to a good analysis of the "great man" of history, he has a very clear conception of the American Revolutionary war. His essay is the best of the ruling class of the American colonies each were striving for the exclusive right to exploit the colonial workers, and this strife culminated in the Revolutionary war.

The third place falls to Rolla Myer of Idaho. This is the only essay in which economic determinism is applied to the history of sex relations. There is an excellent explanation of how economic and material conditions were responsible for the sanction of polygamy and polyandry among the peoples in which they were practiced.

The fourth place in the order of merit, according to my judgment, is J. F. Mable of Fridley, Montana, who gives a very comprehensive definition, well illustrated by the development of machinery. The last of the prize winners, Martha A. Biegel of Chicago, on some respects this is the best essay, but it is handicapped by some rather involved sentences, and it also quotes very heavily from Marx without sufficient use of quotation marks although these marks are given in some cases. This essay shows that the author has carefully studied the best Socialist literature.

There are at least half a dozen essays deserving of prizes, and I found it a difficult matter to leave some of them out. This is the case with the essay of Jessie M. Meyer of the same state as Rolla Myer, the prize winner. These two contributors are probably related and must study hard together as both essays exhibit the same general excellence.

W. R. Bowden also runs close. He has a good treatment of the fall of Rome and the American Revolution. The essay is crippled by his introduction of the idea that the desire for pepper caused the Crusades, although he is doubtful of its value. A brief reading of Loria on the Crusades would have made Bowden a prize winner. Thos. F. Kennedy of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, did exceptionally well in some parts of his essay. Of the idealist he says:

"They strive to explain our being by our knowing. We explain our knowing by our being."

This shows that Kennedy is acquainted with the fundamental question involved. He also makes a good application of the burning of cotton to maintain prices.

There are three essays, all well written.

One of the most noticeable facts in the entire contest is the general excellence of the essays contributed, and this speaks well for the future of the Socialist movement in this country.

ARTHUR M. LEWIS.

TO THE EDITOR

A Friendly Critic

Kindly give this friendly criticism a space in your paper. Well meaning individuals imbued with an ardent desire to further conditions conducive to the attainment of the greatest happiness for the race are as apt to become one-sided and unfair as such who are so by choice.