

STEWART TALKS AT LAST; PUTS LAYERS IN UNIFORM

Chief Gives "Cruel" Punishment to Men Who Shot Union Miner

BEYER IS FREE AGAIN

State's Attorney Wyman in New Farce Lets Killer of Baker Escape

Declaring the reports of his "shoot to kill" order as an exaggeration, Chief of Police Leroy Stewart stated yesterday that "proper measures" would be taken against the detectives of the Chicago avenue police station, who were found by the coroner's jury responsible for the death of John Dobinski on the night of May 17.

"The first step was taken this morning," he said. "I ordered them off the plain clothes force. I cannot do anything more severe until the grand jury takes action on the case. All I can do is to suspend them. This would not be much of a punishment, and might prove an expense to the city. If the jury should acquit them, the department would have to pay them salaries for the time they would remain suspended. I have put them in uniform."

The chief made this statement in reply to an inquiry from a reporter of the Chicago Daily Socialist. He declared that he had a copy of the coroner's jury verdict before him, and that the opinion expressed in it seemed to summarize the situation fairly.

"That's all bosh, about my order 'shoot to kill,'" he said. "There was no such order given out. It is all exaggeration."

The coroner's jury found that the police acted hastily and outside of the rules of the department provided for policemen.

No Right to Shoot "A police officer has no right to shoot at a man," the chief admitted, "unless he feels sure that the man is a criminal or felon or when the policeman finds that his life is endangered. I furnished them all with the book of rules, and these men had a copy of them also."

"It seems, chief," he was told, "that the police officials in the East Chicago Avenue Police station had talked a good deal to these detectives about the danger in the district."

"That is quite natural," he replied. "The district is infested by desperate characters. Two policemen were killed and hold-ups occur very often. It is natural for the heads of the departments to talk about it."

"Do you believe that the minds of these detectives were under stress as a result of these suggestions of danger?" "Yes, that might be," he replied.

Coincidentally with the return of a verdict by the coroner's jury against Patrick P. Shannon and Paul Bohm, upon whom the responsibility for the killing of Dobinski is placed, came a no bill in from the grand jury in the case of Cerney, who was killed by David Beyer.

COAL MINERS STANDING FIRM

Officials Visit Greensburg District and Look Into Facts

Greensburg, Pa., May 28.—The coal strikers in the Irwin field have received hearty encouragement from the international officials of the United Mine Workers of America, who are here as an investigating commission.

"We have come into the Irwin field, and we expect to stay camped here until we have every man organized," declared International Vice President Frank J. Hayes. "All we ask of you men is loyalty to yourselves and to the cause and we will do the rest," said Mr. Hayes. These words bring the most cheering encouragement to those who have known little or nothing of industrial freedom.

Looked Over Situation The investigating commission, composed of Vice President Hayes and International Executive Board Members Thomas Haggerty, George Dagher, T. J. Smith and Thomas Powell, returned to Indianapolis after spending a day among the miners of this field.

Vice President Hayes and Board Member Haggerty held enthusiastic meetings at Latrobe and Greensburg, while the other members of the commission, with the assistance of District Vice President Van Bittner of Pittsburg, conducted the meetings at Irwin and Madison.

In the course of his addresses at Latrobe and Greensburg Vice President Hayes said in part: "We have come here from the highest governing body of the United Mine Workers of America to investigate the progress of the strike in the Irwin field so that we may be in a better position to render you such aid as may bring this warfare to a successful end. This strike has not to be won, for we cannot afford to lose it."

"I pledge to you, my fellow workmen, my hearty co-operation and sympathy, and that when I return to Indianapolis I will do everything in my power to bring aid and assistance to you struggling men. It is necessary that you make this strike a success if you want to have a taste of freedom in the future."

"Under union conditions you cannot be robbed as you are now, and unionism means new life, new hopes and blessings never before enjoyed."

'ALARM CLOCK' MAKES 'DEBUT'

The Twenty-seventh ward branch of the Socialist party has commenced the issue of a monthly pamphlet under the name of the Alarm Clock. Merle B. Haver, 5549 Windsor avenue, Chicago, is the editor and manager.

The pamphlet makes its appearance "in response to a demand for something that will arouse the people to the necessity of ever being on the alert against certain evil influences in municipal, state and national affairs."

The need of an "alarm clock" to awaken the people is evident.

Senator Scott a Trust Aid? Wheeling, W. Va., May 28.—The fight between Congressman W. P. Hubbard and Senator N. P. Scott for the United States senatorship of West Virginia, had a sensational development here when State Senator George C. McIntosh, a Hubbard follower, called Senator Scott a tobacco trust aid. He said: "I am unable to testify to the close association of Senator Scott to one of the big trusts, the American Tobacco company. In 1902 I was offered a position by Senator Scott as legislative representative of the tobacco company in West Virginia. In 1908 I was relieved of this position, and my successor named, I am convinced, upon recommendation of Senator Scott."

Seek Report on Telephone Co. Before ordering an inventory of the Chicago Telephone company's property as a basis for regulating rates the council committee on gas, oil, and electric light may get a report of its own from expert engineers and accountants.

This is the course recommended by Walter H. Wilson city controller, in a letter to the committee explaining the report secured by him.

SOCIALISM NOT ANTI-RELIGION

Noted British Preacher Gives Views in the Literary Digest

New York, May 28.—"Socialism is often attacked, not because it is economically unsound or impracticable, but because it is irreligious," declares the current number of the Literary Digest.

"In presenting a brief for the Socialist side of the argument in the Westminster Review (London, England), the Rev. Drew Roberts begins by declaring 'religion' too vague a term to oppose to Socialism.

Not Religious Quarrel "If one considers the classes professing religion and those professing Socialism there might be found antagonisms, he admits, but he says these classes are not quarreling over religion. Apart from Socialism or any other ism," he observes, "you have on the one side the propertied and comfortable classes, as classes, and attending church and chapel, and, of course, making a profession of adherence to Christianity, and, on the other, the huge mass of workers, skilled and unskilled, outside every religious organization, and at the best indifferent to its appeals."

"It has come to pass he asserts, that 'apart from the question of Socialism, religion, especially that of the Church of England, seems to be against the workers, and collectively the whole body of more or less comfortable off and well-dressed and chapel folks are felt to be, unconsciously or deliberately, opposed to the interests of those who do the hardest and heaviest part of the nation's work and receive the least pay.' Socialism, he admits, 'as it comes to be understood by the working classes, cannot but intensely and point this feeling.'"

Socialist Aim "For Socialism aims at depriving the land-owning class, and ultimately the capitalist class, of their peculiar privilege and position, and economic advantages, but the struggle of life, Socialism says quite expressly that the necessary means of life for such an industrial community as ours is the land and the mines, railways, etc., and that these should be communally owned, and collectively administered for the good of all."

"But the possessing classes, who are the chief supporters of church and chapel today, and their dependents, a large part of the lower middle classes, clerks and the like, are, and must necessarily be, not as individuals, but as a class, opposed to Socialism. Like all broad statements, this will admit of many qualifications, but on the whole, it cannot be gainsaid."

"It is true that Socialists are members of churches and chapels, and it is true that Socialism is gaining adherents daily, but the main currents of the church and nonconformist faiths, broadly and collectively speaking, Socialists find themselves in opposition to the members of the church and nonconformist bodies, not qua churchmen, or qua nonconformists, but because the vast majority of churchmen belong to the governing and possessing classes today, and are entirely opposed to the public ownership of land and of the great routine industries of the community. Further, it is evident that the steady and increasing pressure of diverging economic interests will force the industrial classes and the present propertied classes farther apart. Not, of course, that we shall see the Marxist prophecy coming true—there will be overlapping, the edges of opposition will be dulled, there will be endless side issues, but the main currents of Socialistic and capitalistic economy and legislation will tend to run farther and farther apart."

Stand on Education "Notice at present how the opposition declares itself. We have Socialists standing for secular education, as much from seeing it is the only way out of the impasse, as from conviction. So with disestablishment, about which the Socialist is not greatly concerned, but will certainly vote for. So it would have been, had any real outcry been raised about the deceased wife's sister's bill. On such occasions the cry 'will surely be raised. Socialists are the enemy of religion, the family and the church,' because people will identify the economic interests of church-going people with the Christian religion itself. And the opposition is intensified in some other ways. For the church and the free churches, speaking broadly, are still wedded to the idea that the best way to 'help' the poor and starving is by means of soup kitchens, doles, bread tickets. All this is called 'charity,' sometimes with more often without, organization. Among the more intelligent of the workers, it has therefore come to pass that there is no word more loathed than this word 'charity,' which seems to be a most inefficient substitute to them for justice, and to be twice cursed, cursing him who gives with the sense that he (or she) is doing some useful and noble act, and the receiver in encouraging lying, cadging and dependence."

"But when a principle such as the right to work is claimed, it will then be found that both Radical and Tory, both church and chapel, will resist its practical application by the community. It is possible to develop this line of thought by showing how the cleavage between the wage earner and the income tax paying classes is deepened by the growing claim for justice and inequality of opportunity being constantly met by instinctive or conscious opposition."

"A world wide movement that possesses so many men and women of deep faith, of sincere conviction, and undying hope, and that will and capacity to suffer for what they hold true, he concludes, is a challenge to the church in every land, and is not to be denounced as opposed to religion without the implication that the religion to which they are opposed has lost its savior."

Thug Stabs Man Fatally

Because he did not have the "makings" of a cigarette, Otto Messinger, a sailor, 29 years old, 4846 Marshfield avenue, was stabbed and is dying today at the county hospital. He is suffering from stab wounds about the heart and in the head and face. Physicians say he cannot recover.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS WIN BIG VICTORY OVER KAISER WILLIAM

THE SPHINX SPEAKS



NEWS ITEM: THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL MAY DAY CELEBRATION EVER HELD IN EGYPT OCCURRED RECENTLY AT CAIRO

NOTED MEXICAN SPOKE SUNDAY

Kenneth Turner's Guide Through Mexico Talked Yesterday at Garrick

Gutierrez de Lara, the noted Mexican Socialist, lectured at the Garrick theater yesterday at 10:15 a. m. His talk was a historical review of the development of the Latin-American countries and revealed the true situation in Mexico and the relationship of its government with our government at Washington.

The story of the atrocities perpetrated by the Mexican government as portrayed by Kenneth Turner, were expounded by further details in de Lara's speech. He inspired Turner's articles which appeared in the American Magazine, guiding him through Mexico and interpreting to him the attitude and the spirit of the Latin-American. Those matters which the American Magazine did not see fit to publish, when handling Mr. Turner's articles, were not held back by de Lara.

De Lara is one of the most brilliant and engaging speakers in the country today and as the envoy and the representative of the working class of Mexico he has met with the support and the co-operation of the Socialists of the United States.

MINNEAPOLIS IS FIRE SWEEPED

(By United Press Association.) Minneapolis, Minn., May 28.—One of the worst conflagrations in the history of Minneapolis broke out shortly after 1 o'clock this morning, destroying several of the largest implement warehouses in the west, sending burning embers over the milling district and entailing a loss estimated at considerably more than \$1,000,000.

The burnt district is bounded by Washington avenue and Third street and Sixth and Seventh avenue south. With embers flying from the burning block and adjacent property toward the river the flames made desperate efforts to save the milling district and were entirely successful.

Only the prompt and heroic work of policemen and firemen saved several houses in small hotels, which were destroyed, from being burned to death.

But one man, Chris Madison, was burned; his condition is serious. Three engine companies from St. Paul were sent over shortly after 3 o'clock. At 6 p. m. the fire was under control. The Sixty Avenue hotel, formerly the Cataract, and the first hotel built in Minneapolis, was practically destroyed.

LORIMER ATTACKS THE TRIBUNE; CHARGES A BIG PLOT TO RUIN HIM

Illinois Senator Blames Bank Clique and Greed for Power

Washington, May 28.—With the demand for an investigation of the charge that bribery brought about his election, Senator Lorimer of Illinois submitted his case to the senate today in a speech laying blame on the Chicago Tribune and attacking the men who confessed the bribery. His resolution calling for an investigation was as follows:

"That the committee on privileges and elections be directed to examine the allegations recently made in the public press, charging that bribery and corruption were practiced in the election of William Lorimer to a seat in the United States senate, and to ascertain the facts in connection with these charges and report as fully as possible."

The resolution was referred to the committee on privileges and elections, of which Senator Burrows (Rep., Michigan) is chairman. Lorimer in a long speech reviewed in detail nearly twenty-five years of "warfare" in which he has been engaged with the Chicago Tribune. He had "resisted the efforts of the editors," he said, "to control Republican politics in Illinois, and as a result the newspaper has fought relentlessly to drive him out of power."

The Tribune first published the bribery charges, and in reference to it Lorimer said: "When the Tribune said that I had offered to give money to any member of the legislature—that any money was offered to any member of the legislature for me, it lied, and it knew it lied. Not one dollar was paid to any member of the general assembly for his vote for me."

Lorimer declared that those who made the charges had in view not only his political destruction, but there was a "deliberate purpose to destroy a new banking association in Chicago," which he had been organizing with some friends. "The Tribune charges that the Hon. Lee O'Neill Brown, the Democratic leader of the house of representatives, bribed Charles A. White to vote for me and paid him \$1,000 for his vote," continued Lorimer. "I do not know what kind of a man he would be who would dare to offer a bribe to Lee O'Neill Brown, much less ask him to bribe others. He stands in the front rank of successful lawyers at the bar in Illinois; a man of fine, keen intellect. When he passes his word it is accepted by all. He is all in all a strong, high-minded, God-fearing man."

"No part of the Tribune story," he said, "was written by White and any person who has lived under the assaults of this vicious paper can see that it is the work of a trained newspaper hand, skilled in the art of creating scandal. When it is thought necessary to blacken the character of one whom the newspapers cannot control."

"It is also plain to be seen that every word was passed upon by a lawyer before it was signed by that poor, low creature, White, who does not hesitate to commit forgery for a few dollars, and to whom perjury is no crime; who is a part of the lowest fringes of depravity, and who, to secure money to satisfy his insatiable debauchery, sold what little was left of his manhood and became the pliant tool of the Tribune in this timid and malicious attack."

"The most cruel blow in this whole article is the one aimed at the good name of the Hon. Charles Luke, who has passed away and is now with his Maker. Charles Luke is now with his Maker, that he got his money for voting for me, that he made his deal direct with me."

Prussian Franchise Fight is Won; Chancellor May Resign Office

BY HERBERT A. WHITE (Berlin Correspondent of United Press.) Berlin, May 28.—Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg remains in office today following yesterday's rejection by the Prussian house of deputies of the government's Prussian franchise bill, simply because of the death of German statesmen of sufficient caliber to serve as chancellor.

Is Worst Defeat The chancellor's withdrawal of the franchise bill after its rejection was one of the worst defeats the government has sustained in years and under ordinary circumstances would result in the immediate overthrow of the chancellor. The press of all parties is today showering scorn and ridicule upon Bethmann-Hollweg, openly accusing him of incompetency and lack of all the qualities of leadership.

Yet the chancellor retains his post because despite his defects the kaiser is unable to find one whom he can trust with the success of his office.

Germany has developed her war spirit, the sciences and commerce of late years at the expense of her statesmanship. Conspicuous for her maximum of efficiency in these branches, the country is utterly devoid of statesmen of the rank that Germany once boasted. None of her office holders or prominent politicians today exceeds in statesmanship what would have been considered mediocrity a quarter of a century ago.

'Blood' Vs. Brains The principal reason for this condition is that the government service, from which the ministers are mostly drawn, is filled with members of the aristocracy. Blood rather than brains gains admission to the government service and should, by some mischance, a really competent man outside the aristocracy enter the service he would be hopelessly left in the race for promotion by the preference given to the nobility. The anti-government press bluntly declares that the government service is filled with "brainless aristocrats" and recent events practically warrant the charge.

The reichstag, under the recent semi-absolutism exercised by the kaiser, played too unimportant a part in government affairs to attract the best men and the mental quality of its membership is now probably lower than ever.

Need New Men On every hand the cry is heard with increasing insistence that both the bureaucracy and politics need an infusion of new blood drawn from the ranks of the business world.

Yesterday's defeat of the franchise bill seems to have centered the attention of the whole empire on the crying need of reform and the hope is extending until a new order of things is inaugurated.

Follows Prediction Thus the prophecy of the Socialist deputy, Liebknecht, at the third reading of the Prussian Franchise reform bill in the lower house of the Landtag has approached verification. The Landtag is the Prussian "legislature" and has two houses.

"The trumpet of the last judgment, which is the judgment of the people, will break harshly on your ears. Your present parliamentary victories will cost you dear. The franchise fight will on despite everything."

MILWAUKEE DEFIANT

NOTE.—THE DEFIANT IN MILWAUKEE IS \$219,798.03. THE FIGURES \$200,000 ARE MERELY A COMPUTATION IN SO-CALLED "ROUND NUMBERS." WHILE \$90,000, THE FIGURE APPEARING IN THE HEAD, WAS AN ERROR OF THE HEAD-WRITER, DISCOVERED TOO LATE TO CORRECT. IN THE HASTE OF CLOSING THE FORMS TO GO TO PRESS, THE HEAD WAS WRITTEN WITH THE OMISSION OF A "0."

of Bethman-Hollweg in withdrawing the proposed franchise bill after its defeat is a great victory.

KILLING IS UP TO GRAND JURY

"They even acted like the three men are said to have acted. A statement secured from Officer Wrenn before he expired was that one of the three murderers was more than six feet tall, the others were shorter. One of the three ran south on Larrabee street and the other two fled north after the shooting.

"The strongest witnesses for the complainants were Michael Dobinski, who displayed a coat with three or four bullet holes, and Michael Wenter, who received a wound in his hand and several shots through his coat.

"Shot Without Warning" The detectives closed in on us from every side. I should judge from the shooting. Bullets came flying from three directions. We were on Larrabee street, going south—John Dobinski, my brother, Michael Wenter and myself. We had just left the house of the deceased's fiancée. The shooting began without warning as we approached Montgomery Ward's establishment.

"Duffy's Cowardly Frenzy" I ran to Chicago avenue, where I saw a car. I ran into the car crying to the conductor to save me. Before I finished these words I was attacked by a man who I later learned is Detective Duffy. He pounced on me like a lion, beating me over the head. He smashed my hat, and when he got through beating me he asked why I ran away from him. Don't you know that I am an officer? and he showed me his star.

"Acted Like Thugs" "Yes, that was the first time I learned he was an officer," the witness continued. "I was under the impression all the time that we were the victims of 'strik-up' men."

"A Tense Situation" A tense situation developed when the police introduced evidence to discredit a statement of the complainants that \$20 of the deceased's was missing. The witnesses on this point were E. G. Shute and R. G. Smith, undertakers at 238 West Chicago avenue.

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WOMAN SOCIALIST TO SPEAK

The complainants stated that the deceased had left the sum of \$200 in his pocket to be given to him by his father and the rest was given to him by Mrs. McHugh. The undertakers testified that Mrs. McHugh told them she was not certain of having given the deceased twenty dollars.

"We were to be married this week," she said. "John left me that night with \$40 in his pocket to make preparations for our wedding. His father gave him \$20 and I gave him \$20. I remember it distinctly. I never told the undertakers that I was not sure about giving the money to John. I told the undertaker, as we were standing near the remains, that John was talking to me about buying a diamond ring, and the undertaker, Mr. Shute, told me that a ring wasn't much and that a girl was not necessarily lucky if she got one. But I never told him about me not being certain of giving John the \$20. We all know that John left my house with \$40. The police returned to us only \$20."

E. G. Shute is the undertaker to whom the body of John was taken when it was found that he was dead. Under an order of the coroner's office the police take a coroner's case to the nearest undertaker.

Pathetic also was the testimony of Ralph Dobinski, the father of the deceased. He testified that John "was one of the best boys in the world."

"Cold-Blooded Murder" "He was not a fellow who would stay away from home," he said. "He was twenty-six years old, and in all his life was never guilty of an act that I would be ashamed of. It was a cold-blooded murder to kill him. I left him on the night of the shooting at the Illinois Central depot, where he had escorted me. From the depot he said he would go to see his girl. These are the last words I heard from him."

There was an array of lawyers at the inquest. The state was represented by Assistant State's Attorney Fairbanks. Michael F. Sullivan, an attorney for the United Police, represented the defendants. Louis Finerak, of the firm of Pease & Polky, was there for the Polish National Alliance and the United Polish Republican Clubs. Arthur L. Ballis, of the firm of Horton, Wickett, Miller & Meyer, represented the family of the deceased. Coroner Hoffman was assisted by his deputy, Mr. Webster. Harold S. Tecken represented the City Club.

The coroners and the lawyers probed into the "shot to kill" order given by Steward. The defendants admitted that they had read in the papers about it. The phase of the testimony that particularly interested the attorneys was the repeated orders of the police department to look out for the three men who shot Policemen Quinn and Wrenn.

"Take No Chances" "When I was placed in this district Inspector Revere told me that this was a dangerous neighborhood and full of desperate people," stated Detective Patrick F. Shannon. "We were told to take no chances. I was not to return like our brother officer, Wrenn."

The attorneys in the case believe that the suggestion of danger and the case of Quinn and Wrenn held up before them constantly had acted upon the detectives to make them half crazed when they encountered the three men. The jury seems to have taken this into consideration when it had formulated the verdict.

"Canal Proves a Loss" (By United Press Associations.) Colon, May 28.—Investigation completed here by the United States government experts show that accidents to the Panama canal in the last thirty days will entail a loss of at least a million dollars, according to reports here today. The most serious accident was a slide in the toes of the Gatun dam a few weeks ago, the reports say. This led to the report that the Costa Rican earthquake had damaged the waterway. A similar mishap occurred eight months ago and caused the statement to be made that the foundations at Gatun would not support the masonry. Experts say this is not true, however, as slides are liable to occur at any time until the entire foundation has been completed.

Of the other recent accidents reported a long stretch of railroad tracks was washed out, later the Calobra cut was flooded following a break in the bank between the canal and the Obispo division. The opening in the bank was 150 feet wide. The damage here alone is estimated at \$500,000. Shortly after this dredge boat No. 3, valued at \$50,000, was sunk while attempting to tow a barge between Gatun and Cristobal through a heavy sea.

"Man Slain in Labor Feud" James Shard, a nonunion oiler on the ore boat W. L. Linn, plying between South Chicago and Duluth, has been missing since May 8, and police of the South Chicago station are working on the theory that the missing man was murdered and his body thrown into a freight car to conceal the crime. The day following Shard's disappearance his coat and vest were found on the Illinois Central railroad tracks at Ninety-second street. A gold watch that he carried was found in one of the vest pockets, so that it he was murdered the motive was not robbery.

Captain John McWeeney of the South Chicago police station, learning that the missing man was married, communicated with Mrs. Shard at her home in Mansfield, Ohio, but could get no trace of the husband. He was 23 years old. It is the theory of the police that somebody who was forced out of work when Shard shipped on the Linn may have murdered him for revenge.

"Association Expels Mine Operators" Thirty-nine coal operating companies in the Belleville district have been expelled by the Illinois Coal Operators' association and a letter sent to International President T. L. Lewis of the miners, telling him of the strike situation in Illinois. The coal companies were expelled for making terms with the striking miners.

Some of the expelled companies are the Avery Mining and Coal Company, Illinois Fuel Company, Jones Bros., Keokuk Coal Company, Keokuk Coal Company, St. Louis & Fallers Company, Willis Coal and Mining Company, Lamaghi Coal Company, Breese-Treaton Mining Company, Denk Bros., Superior Coal Company and Joseph Taylor Coal Company.

MAY NOT HOLD BIG MAT BOUT

Hitch at Last Minute is Expected to Stop Gotch Match



Philadelphia, Pa., May 28.—Although Pennsylvania or Yale were generally picked to win the intercollegiate track and field championship this afternoon, so many strong athletes bobbed up from the smaller colleges in preliminary trials that the dopsters qualified every prediction they made.

Craig, the Michigan sprinter, was believed to have a good chance of beating Ramsdell, the crack Pennsylvania sprinter, and if he does Pennsylvania's chances for the banner would be fairly dimmed.

Harvard and Princeton, with 11 and 12 entries in the finals, respectively, were conceded a "look in" and that's about all Pennsylvania had 15 men and Yale 13 in the finals.

Bout May Be Stopped The Gotch-Zbyszko championship wrestling match, scheduled for June 1, may not take place. Manager Herman, acting for the Pole, demanded today that a Pole be chosen for referee.

The Empire Club officials pointed out to Herman that Dick Fleming, the official referee of the club, was acceptable to the wrestling fans and that no other foreign wrestler had made such demands. The club as a compromise offered to agree to a committee of two judges to act in conjunction with Fleming, the referee, but Herman insisted that he wanted a Polish referee.

New York, May 28.—The welterweight, Willie Lewis, is thoroughly convinced today of the fact that New York fight fans think he should have known before entering the National Sporting Club's ring last night with Stanley Ketchel, to wit, that he hadn't a dead man's chance against the middle-weight champion.

Ketchel put over a right clip on Willie's jaw in the second round and later in the night Lewis freely remarked to one of his attendants: "I thought they said it wouldn't hurt when Halley's comet struck the earth."

Lewis appeared almost as heavy as Halley's comet, which is traveling as rapidly as it can into nowhere, will be visible again tonight. If the sky is clear a fine view should be afforded.

Prof. Frost, Yerkes observatory, Williams Bay, Wis., said today that the comet would be visible through telescopes during June and July, but he could not say with certainty how long it would be visible to the naked eye.

The comet presented a splendid sight in Chicago and elsewhere Friday night. A battery of cameras was trained on it at the Yerkes observatory and fine pictures were obtained. These show the head of the comet and about thirty degrees of its tail.

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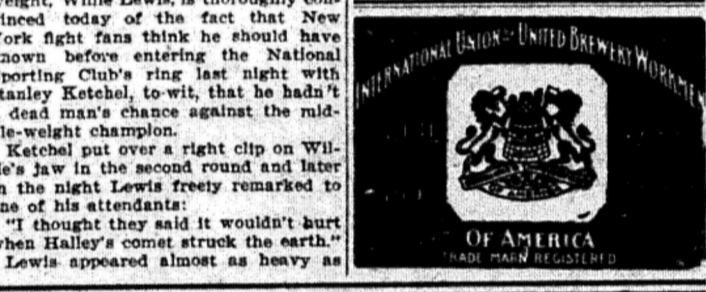
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What Gene Debs Thinks of 'HOPE' FOR ALL

There has long been one unfulfilled want in the ranks of Socialist journalism. There have been scientific publications in plenty. There have been many leaflets in simple language for propaganda. There are monthlies, bi-monthlies, weeklies and dailies. But Socialists have always left the humorous side to the capitalists. They have been too serious. Some people thought Socialism was pessimistic. Socialists ought to be the most hopeful, happy people in the world. They are the only ones that have a right to be happy, for they alone see the possibility of joy for all. No one has done more to inject cheer into the Socialist movement than Ward Savage, the cartoonist of the Daily Socialist. Now he is going to hand out a monthly installment of pure "HOPE" and joy. It will come in the form of a magazine of wit and humor and illustrations, called "HOPE."

What Gene Debs Thinks of 'HOPE' FOR ALL

Gene Debs, U.S. Senator, May 17, 1910

Dear Savage, Chicago, Ill. My Dear Comrade: The morning's mail has just brought me your initial number. It is full of hope in capital letters and of inspiration in capital cartoons. I accept my hearty congratulations! You have made a fine beginning and I earnestly hope that the comrades will rally to your support in countless numbers and that the hope you have inspired may quicken the march of the revolution and hasten the day of emancipation. Yours for Hope and Victory Eugene J. Debs

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THE BUYERS' NEWS



In order to impress upon your mind the value and importance of this Buyers' News we are glad to be able to publish the above picture of the Petersen Furniture company's place of business on Belmont avenue, as it will no doubt attract your attention to this column and stimulate your interest in it.

Bach Bros., Michigan avenue and One Hundred and Fifteenth street, Roseland, Chicago, began to advertise yesterday. They are general clothiers. All of our readers who live in that vicinity should patronize this firm as they are the only advertisers at that point.

With the opening of the summer season, we wish to call your attention to the advertising of Arthur Felchenfeld. Three stores—76 Madison street, 81-83 Van Buren street and 183 Dearborn street. He handles hats of all kinds. Nothing perhaps is so well known in Chicago as Arthur's two-dollar hats. Just now he has a very fine line of straw hats. If you wish to prepare for the straw hat season, drop in to see his line.

CZAR'S AGENTS LIE ON CRIMES

Sweeping Denial of Prison Outrages Is Issued by Government

St. Petersburg, May 28.—The expose by the foreign press and in part by the local press, of the increasing brutality and atrocity of the Russian prison system, has at last loosened the tongue of the Russian government. In a long communication of approximately 1,600 lines in the official newspaper, "Rossiya," under the title of "the alleged oppression of the prisoners in the Russian prisons," the government attempts to vindicate itself in the public eye of Europe by calmly lying out of existence the countless outrages that have taken place in the dungeons of Russia and posing as the victim of "liberal persecution" on the part of political opponents.

Charge Malicious Slander

It is above all against the foreign Socialist press that the officials are bringing the charge of malicious slander. This especially in the case of the German Socialist paper "Forward" and an article by Comrade Karl Kautsky, printed in the Parisian Socialist paper "Humanite," and reproduced in countless other publications.

Is Full of Lies

The entire article is nothing but an aggregation of lying assertions, falsehoods and a distortion of the real facts that is not made any better by the fact that the Russian government attempts to hide behind the back of the representative of the people—that is to say, the majority of the Duma. The only excuse would be, perhaps, that the government at St. Petersburg is not capable of putting anything else into the world but infamy and falsification. This time, however, it has over-reached itself and its officials' statement will be a perpetual reminder of the depravity and cynicism of the government of Nicholas II.

Coal Operators Ask for Conference

Presidents of railroads entering Chicago have been requested by the Illinois Coal Operators' association to attend a meeting Tuesday to consider the proposed increase in coal freight rates. The resolution adopted by the operators also instructed a committee to arrange meetings with large consumers of coal to lay before them the merits of the present wage controversy with the miners. The meeting with the railroad presidents will be held in the Fisher building. A conference with manufacturers and other coal consumers will be held Thursday in the Hotel La Salle.

Tilman Has Rheumatism

Atlanta, Ga., May 27.—Suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism, United States Senator Benjamin R. Tilman of South Carolina arrived in this city Thursday night and was taken to a local sanitarium for treatment. Dr. W. W. Blackburn, who has Senator Tilman in charge, says there is no connection between the rheumatic attack and the paralytic stroke for which the senator was treated here a few months ago.

BAKERS HAVE BITTER LIFE

New York Workers Tell Conditions in the Bread Industry

New York, May 28.—The big hall of the Manhattan Trade School, 224 street and Third avenue, was filled with a huge and enthusiastic gathering of citizens and sympathizers with the bakery workers.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Consumers' League of New York. Prominent men and women spoke in behalf of the strikers and told of the increasing discontent of the workers. Several emphasized the importance of the strike from the standpoint of public health.

Bakers Work Long Hours

Mrs. Vladimir Slinkovitch of Greenwich Home was chairman of the meeting. In introducing the first speaker, Mrs. Bell De Rivera, president of the New York Federation of Women's Clubs, spoke of the long hours which the bakers had to work, the heat in the shops, the attempts of the bakers to improve their condition.

Tells Union Story

"In 1879 the first organization of bakery workers in the United States was formed. At that time the bakers worked 15 hours a day. They did not know what Sunday or holidays were. They were unfit to be called human beings. They rarely enjoyed the blessings of air and sunlight. In 1882 I went to Europe to investigate the conditions of the bakers in London. The conditions of the English bakery workers was just as bad as in America, with the single big exception that the shops were clean. The government, unlike the United States, saw that the shops were inspected, and any boss baker violating the law was fined \$25.

Work in America

"Coming back to America as an agitator. I found that we couldn't even see our sweaters. In 1886 the bricklayers won the nine hour a day strike. We, following their example, gained a few small concessions, but our children and families didn't know us. We were afraid to let the bosses know we were married. We met our children on the sidewalk and they did not speak to us. The conditions in the shops at present are disgraceful. Consumption and disease are rampant, though physicians say the germs are burned up by the excessive heat. But they are not. The doctors forget the fact that the men handle the bread."

Ask But Little

"All we demand is \$15 a week and a nine-hour workday. Of course, we insist that the public health should be protected and taken care of." Ifland then paid an eloquent tribute to the Women's Trade Union League. He said: "They did more to clean up the factory than all the inspectors in the state."

How Wireless Works

"To ascend and descend, I set in motion the two propellers fixed horizontally on the framework. The complicated structure in the middle of the frame is the wireless receiver and controller, and at the end of the frames are the accumulators. The frame is fitted with tiny electric bulbs. By pressing another key I can light the airship up."

Army Surrounds Bluefields

Bluefields, Nicaragua, May 28.—Under a flag of truce a demand for the surrender of Bluefields, provisional capital, today was sent to General Estrada by President Madrid. The demand was peremptorily refused.

Reid Embarrasses Taft

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Confidential diplomatic reports, said to originate in German circles, both at London and Washington, have it that Ambassador Whiteley Reid is persona non grata with King George V. of England, and as a result the president is somewhat embarrassed.

Woman In Hurt in Auto Mystery

Police are investigating an automobile accident in which one woman was injured at East 35th street and Michigan avenue last night. Three other women who were occupants of the car, narrowly escaped being hurt. The woman who was injured gave the name of Mrs. E. Thomas, 2018 Calumet avenue. She suffered cuts and bruises on her face and body, but was able to proceed without police assistance after she had been given medical attention. The names of the other women were not learned, hence the inquiry.

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STEEL TRUST REORGANIZED?

Franchise Bill Before Reichstag

Berlin, May 28.—The Prussian franchise bill, the restrictive tones of which regarding suffrage in Prussia have caused many riots in the last few months, came before the Reichstag again yesterday, for consideration of the amendments adopted by the house of peers.

Noted Authoress Celebrates

Boston, May 28.—Telegrams, cables and letters of congratulation poured in yesterday to Julia Ward Howe, "grand old woman of America," who is celebrating her ninety-first birthday. Mrs. Howe is in better health than she was last year and she personally received her relatives and many intimate friends.

Fish Stories Begin

Seattle, Wash., May 28.—With the opening of the trout season some "tall" fish stories have been recounted here.

FINAL CLEAN UP

Beautiful Fifth Riverside Addition

AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES: 1 acre at \$400, 1/2 acre at \$250, 1/4 acre at \$125. This will clear out the remaining land in our Fifth Riverside Addition. Rich black soil, just the thing for raising vegetables in abundance. Don't delay, as the opportunity is passing when you can get land of this character at such extremely low prices and on such easy terms. One-quarter down on any piece of property sold, the balance in monthly payments.

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MARKETS

WINTER WHEAT—ON 49 1/2c; sale, 25,000 bu. No. 2 hard sold local and trans-shipment basis at \$1.45; No. 2 hard, 35c. SPRING WHEAT—ON 48c; sale, 355,000 bu. mostly No. 1 northern. No. 2 spring sold local and trans-Mississippi billing at 98 1/2c; and No. 4 spring at 98c. COHN—Declined 1 1/2c; sales, 12,000 bu. No. 2 yellow sold local and trans-Mississippi billing at 89 1/2c; No. 2, 2 1/2c; No. 2 white, 89 1/2c; No. 3, 89 1/2c. CATTLE—Added strength featured trade on scant receipts of 1,500 and active shipping demand. Sales were firm 10 to 15c higher than Thursday and 15c to 20c above last week's Wednesday. HOGS—Receipts at 15,000 were a third below expectations and 18,000 smaller than corresponding Friday a year ago. W's 6.71c over from Thursday nearly 20,000 were in the penk, but 85c of them were held off the market entirely. SHEEP—Wethers made 50c and ewes sold at \$2.25, although latter offerings were scarce above \$1.85 at close. Hucks went at \$2.00. Lambs sold at \$2.00. Best only Colorado sold above \$2.25. Springs made \$2.50. PRODUCE—Blueberries were on the market yesterday. A few 2-qt. cases were received from North Carolina in good condition and sold at 20c to 25c per qt. Strawberries were in good demand and higher on small receipts. 2.75c cases by freight and 2.50c cases by express. DAIRY PRODUCTS—Eggs, fresh gathered, 15c; butter, extra creamery, 27 1/2c; poultry—Lard, per lb., Turkey, 15c; tallow, 14c; roasting, 15c; broilers, 25c; ducks, 15c; geese, 25c. METAL MARKETS—New York, May 28.—Standard copper, 100 lbs., \$12.45; 25 lbs., \$12.45; 10 lbs., \$12.45; 5 lbs., \$12.45; 2 1/2 lbs., \$12.45; 1 1/4 lbs., \$12.45; 3/4 lb., \$12.45; 1/2 lb., \$12.45; 1/4 lb., \$12.45; 1/8 lb., \$12.45; 1/16 lb., \$12.45; 1/32 lb., \$12.45; 1/64 lb., \$12.45; 1/128 lb., \$12.45; 1/256 lb., \$12.45; 1/512 lb., \$12.45; 1/1024 lb., \$12.45; 1/2048 lb., \$12.45; 1/4096 lb., \$12.45; 1/8192 lb., \$12.45; 1/16384 lb., \$12.45; 1/32768 lb., \$12.45; 1/65536 lb., \$12.45; 1/131072 lb., \$12.45; 1/262144 lb., \$12.45; 1/524288 lb., \$12.45; 1/1048576 lb., \$12.45; 1/2097152 lb., \$12.45; 1/4194304 lb., \$12.45; 1/8388608 lb., \$12.45; 1/16777216 lb., \$12.45; 1/33554432 lb., \$12.45; 1/67108864 lb., \$12.45; 1/134217728 lb., \$12.45; 1/268435456 lb., \$12.45; 1/536870912 lb., \$12.45; 1/1073741824 lb., \$12.45; 1/2147483648 lb., \$12.45; 1/4294967296 lb., \$12.45; 1/8589934592 lb., \$12.45; 1/17179869184 lb., \$12.45; 1/34359738368 lb., \$12.45; 1/68719476736 lb., \$12.45; 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What About the Farmer?

What will the Socialists do with the farmer? What will the farmer do with Socialism?

These questions must be answered. One-half of society cannot go in one direction and the other half in another.

This is the first primal fact. There is not the slightest hope for either to win alone. Miracles do not happen in politics any more than elsewhere.

That fact is fundamental. It cannot be denied until some sort of mathematics is evolved by which two is more than half of five.

The capitalists know this fact. They are bending every energy to keep the farmers from joining the workers.

But the farmer is not contented. He shows this in a host of ways. He shows it in one way that can never be denied.

Leaving aside for the moment all theoretical discussions let us see what the facts teach us as to the future of the farmer and the wage worker.

Here then is a fact. THE WAGE WORKERS ARE GOING TO RULE THE CITIES. It may be five years, it may be ten or even more, but they are going to rule.

The farmer must choose one side or the other. It is useless to say he will have a side of his own.

NOW HE MUST HELP SETTLE THIS GREAT CLASS STRUGGLE. On which side will he cast his influence?

With which side are his interests most closely identified? The answer is easy. The same people who are exploiting the wage worker are robbing the farmer.

Putting these facts together it is certain that the farmer will be with the workers of the factory, store and mine when the struggle grows hard.

There will be divisions in both wings of the army of labor. Some who work for wages will cast in their interest with the exploiters, and some farmers will fancy themselves capitalists and fight for that class.

Nor is there any need to worry about how the farms will be owned. At least, we need not trouble ourselves now.

The great question right now is to show the farmer the need of joining with the workers of the city in a common fight for the right of the producers to enjoy what they produce and to control the process of production.

Colorado and Georgia

Twenty-five Italian miners have been marched at the point of militia bayonets to the border of the state of Georgia and ordered never to return.

It is almost unnecessary to point out that by no stretch of the imagination can any such action as this be brought within the cover of the law.

AND IT WAS ALL DONE BY OFFICERS OF THE LAW. In the last analysis, and whenever class interests really clash, there is no law that interferes with the principle of exploitation.

Georgia is under the rule of the Democratic party. It is absolutely under that party. There is no opposition to that party in Georgia that is worthy of the name.

No Democrat in congress can do anything unless he works with the congressmen who are elected from Georgia, for Georgia congressmen are always "regular," and rule the Democratic caucus.

The man who votes for a Democrat for congress in Chicago votes to strengthen the forces that are driving union men out of their homes at the point of the bayonet in Georgia.

Do you wonder that Socialists, who know these things, seem sometimes bitter towards workingmen who vote the Democratic ticket, or the Republican ticket, for there is no choice? You know how you feel towards the scab who has taken your job, reduced your wages, disrupted your union.

No scab was ever half as dangerous to a labor union as the man who would deliver the votes of union men to the political parties that are responsible for the use of the militia to shoot and deport union men.

No Secret Organization Needed

The Daily Socialist has received a circular outlining a plan for a secret Socialist organization. In fact, two such circulars have been received, which is something of an illustration of the "secrecy" possible in such undertakings.

We would simply remark that such foolishness has no place in the Socialist movement. Such an organization is a standing invitation to every detective agency.

The Socialist movement has never had any secrets. It does not need any. It could not keep any if it so desired.

Any attempted secrecy is only to open the door to internal intrigue and factional fights and external attacks by sneaking detectives.

A WORKING-CLASS PARTY

One of the most significant features about the Socialist victory in France is the progress which it shows Socialism in making in the rural districts.

The "Temps" published some misstatements about the composition of the new parliamentary group, alleging that it only contained 15 working-class members.

The list gives the names of the members in each category, and should be a complete answer to those who pretend that the Socialist deputies are mere adventurers, and not representatives of the working class.

On the Firing Line

The Man Higher Up is just as hard to identify as was the Man in the Iron Mask.

To the poor and starving: If you will only hold out until next Christmas, the Salvation Army will arrange a nice dinner for you.

How glad the spirits will be when Socialism arrives. They will not be obliged to help any one gain a living by fraud then.

They say the government is going to wash the money and make it circulate longer. Only the dirty little bills, however, the aristocratic 1,000's and other high denominations will take no vulgar public paths.

"CRIME AND CRIMINALS"

A BRIEF REVIEW OF A REMARKABLE BOOK BY GEORGE ALLAN ENGLAND

So many books today are clamoring for recognition, so many urging their claims for approval, that the drum of publicity has to be hammered till the sheepskin splits if any real attention is to be attracted.

I wish I had a big enough drum and an arm sufficiently strong to beat into every reader's consciousness the fact that "Crime and Criminals" is, whatever other books may or may not be, ONE book that everybody ought to read.

No man or woman who is laboring for the public good or for the advancement of civilization in any way can feel completely informed about real conditions in this twentieth century America of ours, without a knowledge of at least so much of our hideous prison-systems as is here set forth.

The book, consisting of fourteen chapters and an appendix, covers every possible field of inquiry as regards prison life, rule, abuse and reform.

Clearly and authoritatively it portrays the present increase of crime in America, proves beyond all doubt that capital punishment and "deterrence" signally fail in their objects, and demonstrates, as it sets out to, that "Like springs from like, love begetting love and hate a progeny of hate."

It exposes the horrible conditions for both men and women prisoners at San Quentin and many other penitentiaries; describes the brutal and degrading life of the southern convict camps, gives in detail the methods employed for "breaking the will" of prisoners—and their bodies as well—and compares these methods with those in force abroad, to the great detriment of our own country.

It fully sets forth conditions in both city and country jails, and proves beyond the peradventure of a doubt the well-known axiom that American cities are ruled by gangs of criminals, as well as that the authorities, detectives and police in America constitute the most

DECAYING DEMOCRACY

It is as inspiring to observe growing democracy as it is disheartening to observe decaying democracy.

The Taft-Vale decision in England gave birth to a great party of the workers. The Hatters' decision in America, practically the same as the Taft-Vale, gives birth to despair.

The interference of the House of Lords in the financial legislation of Britain gives place to wild and frenzied campaign ending with the defeat of the Upper Chamber.

In America the power of the Upper Chamber grows vaster and vaster and the people observe it with unconcern. In England they discuss doing away with the hereditary principle in government.

In America it is common to hear men say that the only hope for us is the introduction of a hereditary power. In America the Constitution declares that "all bills for raising revenue or concerning amendments as on other bills."

Now, if all the powers granted to the House of Representatives by the Constitution of the United States none compares with the power granted by those few words.

Today the Senate spends most of its time preparing bills for raising revenue. It is in the Senate that the chief discussions occur concerning the tariff, concerning taxation, concerning the administration of the various executive departments.

The financial bills are the Aldrich bills, not the bills of the House of Representatives and although the Constitution says that all bills for raising revenue SHALL originate in the House of Representatives such bills do virtually today originate in the Senate.

We have no popular House, we have no representatives of democracy, we have no fighting congressmen battling for the rights of the people. We have a Lower House made up of the cheapest tools of Capital. They are its lawyers, its retainers, its lackeys.

Among myriad cases I note one, given here, in which the prisoner was laced in and then given heavy doses of castor oil. This, I think, stamps American officialdom with a brand of infamy which even the Czar's jailers might envy.

Understand me, to give herewith one-hundredth part of the frightful, the outrageous and damnable abuses detailed in "Crime and Criminals," would spread this review over many pages.

The wrecking effect on the individual punished, sometimes resulting in death or permanent disablement, and the brutalizing result upon all other inmates of penal institutions, cannot be exaggerated.

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Men have been hung up in the "bull-ropes" till insensible, sometimes being kept there for days at a time or "padded" with a wet, sanded board, till skin and flesh have been peeled away.

The "water cure" has been and is being freely used, consisting of a jet of water from a hose, squirted down the victim's throat until he suffers all the agonies of drowning and loses consciousness. Again, the "humming-bird" torture is employed.

This consists of placing the prisoner in a metal tank and shocking him with strong electric currents till the agony renders him a maniac. Whipping is but one of the simplest forms of chastisement; yet, especially in the south, it has frequently been used to such an extent that death has resulted.

Read "Crime and Criminals." Then you will know. Then you will understand. Then you will be in a position intelligently to take up this terrible, this momentous, this vital question, and add your power to that which already is laboring to open the dark places, let in the light of publicity and strike a crushing blow against what, by all odds, is one of the most repulsive, horrible and criminal abuses of this masked barbarity of ours called "civilization."

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PARAGRAPHS FOR PEOPLE

The daily toll of death and accident among the industrial slaves of Canada just now is cause indeed for every worker to spend a day in mourning.

As a result of the agreement between Montreal longshoremen and the shipping federation the rate in future will be 30 to 35 cents an hour, and the bonus system, which has been the cause of much strife, will be abolished.

Trade unionism is succeeding in the Lethbridge district. The latest is a local of carpenters at Diamond City, Alta. Organizer C. J. Harding got fifteen men the other day to sign up for a charter from the brotherhood.

It is altogether likely that at the St. Louis convention of the A. F. of L. a clothing department will be formed, consisting of the garment workers, hatters, boot and shoe workers, ladies' garment workers, glove workers, cap makers, etc. Then at that time will have arrived for a consolidation of the interests of the custom tailors and garment workers, which would complete an organization that would be able to look after the interests of workers in the clothing industry in an effective manner.

Western employers are finding that the men they induce to go there to break strikes one year are the men

DECORATION DAY, A PROTEST

Once more Decoration Day is upon us. Once more the children come trooping to school laden with flowers and flags, to hear the old voices out of the past saying, "It is glorious to die for your country's flag."

Answer "No!" and yours will be the true patriotism. Give your children to life not to death. Teach them the conservative ideals of the new day which is dawning, not the outworn idolatry of the past.

You know the story, mothers, of how in the days of old the children of the mothers of Israel were demanded by Herod, the king. The mother whose name is remembered through all the years is the mother who would not give her son to the king, but rose in the night and, sheltering him upon her breast, took him into a foreign land.

Mothers, it is time to know your power. Herod the king trembles upon his worn throne in fear of you. Refuse him and the strong powerful hosts of the world's builders, your sons, will rise. Then war and the talk of war shall be no more. It is good to love! It is good to live!

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CONVENTION IN RETROSPECT

The first paragraph in the platform reads: "The Socialist Party, in national convention assembled, again declares itself as the party of the working class, and appeals for the support of all workers of the United States and of all citizens who sympathize with the great and just cause of labor."

Edgar Fuller, in an excellent summary (Daily News, May 24) on the economic conditions in this country, estimates that 55 per cent of the population are wage workers in cities and on farms.

That about 30 per cent are farmers paying heavy rents, etc., "that leave them in most cases only the barest necessities of life in return for the hardest kind of labor."

Next the places 8 per cent of small traders and manufacturers "struggling under a load of debts and vainly trying to meet the competition of the capitalists."

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