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It is not our object nor intention to antagonize any paper nor crowd any [illegible] ides, but to enter an unoccupied [illegible] of the field, and to aid all the [illegible] ncies now at work, and unite with [illegible] ever strength or abilities we have [illegible] the common cause.

There is a stupendous task ahead to get [illegible] ple to think at all, and to get the [illegible] to think on new lines is a heavy [illegible] task than the first, but this [illegible] be done by personal work and Freedom's Banner comes into the [illegible] t to help those who feel impel [illegible] to do this personal work, something to do some talking for them [illegible] to as O'Connell said, "A long pull, [illegible] strong pull, AND A PULL ALL TOGETHER."

A HOPPER OF A HOPPER.

Oklahoma Farmer Captures Insect Weighing 150 Grains.

Tulsa, Oklo.—A grasshopper four inches in length and weighing 150 grains was captured by a Pawnee county farmer and in on exhibition in one of the newspaper offices of Pawnee. So far this hopper holds the record for size and weight. Grasshoppers have been too numerous in certain sections of the state to suit the farmers. From appearances it is reported farmers are capturing these pests by sacks full and storing them away for winter chicken feed.

"So Socialism does not seek to deprive anybody of private property. On the contrary it wishes them to have more property in fact which their own industry has produced less their share of the cost of running the social machinery. But it wants to take it out of the power of any man to control industry so that he can skim profits off the toil of others. It wants the people, the workers, to be the masters of production, so that production will be carried on to serve all instead of a few.—Exchange.

U. S. NAVY MAKING DRUG FIENDS

Philadelphia, Aug. 2.—That the United States navy is manufacturing drug fiends by hundreds among the sailors on war vessels was brought out by a coroner's jury investigating the death of Wilbur J. Martin, a sailor of the United States steamship Connecticut.

Martin's death was due to the use of a drug known as heroin, which is a derivative of opium, but far more harmful and enslaving in its effect. A bottle of heroin, which was marked "government property" was found near Martin when he collapsed on the street.

Jury Censures Government.

Coroner Knight instructed the jury to bring in a verdict censuring the government, following testimony by Special Policeman McFarland of the Eleventh and Race streets station, and Dr. John H. Allen of the Connecticut.

That hundreds of sailors in the United States navy were becoming slaves to the heroin habit because of easy access to the unguarded medicine chests of battleships was the statement of McFarland. He declared that the sailors got their first taste of heroin from bottles purloined from the medicine cabinets.

The finding of the bottle of heroin marked "Government property" caused McFarland to go to the Philadelphia navy yard. There, he said, sailors gave him an inkling of the grip the heroin habit is getting on the enlisted men of the navy. After the sailors get their first taste of heroin the system demands more and more of the brain and tissue destroying drug. The witness stated that the victims employ all their cunning to steal it from the ship's drug department.

There are 26,000 women in brothels and on the streets of New York City who support 6,100 men by their earnings—Report of the Curran Committee.

OFFERED $50,000 TO "VANISH," HE SAYS.

Former Employe of Western Fuel Co. Makes Charges to Prosecutors.

Corporation is Charged With $1,000,000 Fraud on Government.

San Francisco, Cal.—At a conference with the special counsel who will prosecute the Western Fuel Company cases here this month, David G. Powers, formerly an employe of the company and now the chief witness for the government, said today that he had been offered $50,000 if he would vanish.

Powers gave the names of those who approached him and the phraseology of the offers. Matt I. Sullivan and Theodore J. Roche, in charge of the case as assistants to the attorney general, declined to discuss Power's story beyond saying:

"We shall vigorously prosecute every person connected with the immense fraud."

The president and directors of the Western Fuel Company are charged with having defrauded the government of customs dues aggregating nearly $1,000,000 by manipulating weighing sheets showing the tonnage of imported coal.

"The Western Fuel men can't be convicted," Powers said he was told "and you're a fool not to accept the $20,000 they are willing to give you to disappear. Take what you can get and quit. If $20,000 isn't enough they'll be glad to make it $50,000. You've got to look out for yourself."

This is the second charge of corrupt influence made since indictments were returned. When John L. McNab resigned as United States attorney, he charged in a sensational letter to President Wilson that pressure had been brought to bear on Attorney General McReynolds to order the trial postponed.—K. C. Journal.

CAUSE FOR WORRY.

Friend—"Why, Elvira, what's the matter?" Elvira—"Oh, I don't know, only I'm worried to death! I've had the same girl six weeks, and she doesn't talk about leaving yet!" Friend—"She doesn't?" Elvira—"No, not a word! She must be in love with my husband."—London Opinion.

Morality and manhood demand that a slave class rebel against their masters. The Socialists say that the capitalist class does not change the demand.

MILITIA FOR THE AID OF CAPITALISTS

Major of Norfolk, Va., National Guards Concedes at Hearing Soldiery is Maintained in Interests of Big Business.

Norfolk, Va.—That the militia is maintained in the interests of "large investors" for use against working men was conceded by Major Curdts, ranking officer in the local militia, in a plea to the common council for an armory and other accommodations for the Norfolk soldiers.

"The council does not appreciate the military organization in Norfolk," he said. "It is the best kind of insurance for industries to know that there is a capable and efficient military organization in a city and one of the first inquiries the large investor makes is what kind of an organized militia there is in a community. In the event of a serious outbreak the authorities are not slow to press the militia into service which has been demonstrated in hope fro either the Republican or the Democratic party.

The Republican party is the favorite organization of the big capitalists.

For a generation it was considered the conservative business men's party of the country.

The Democratic party in its great majority stood for the economic and political interests of the slave owners before the civil war. After the war, it naturally has become the dominant party of the south where the former slave-owner is slowly getting to be a manufacturer a banker, or a capitalist. Up north the Democratic party not having any great economic interests to express —soon fell into the hands of corrupt machines, at least in the large cities.

The capitalist class, therefore, is just as willing to deal with the Democratic party as with the Republican party. While the latter is conservative, the Democratic party is, to all intents and purposes, reactionary. Being behind the times in most things, it is especially ignorant and brutal in regard to the labor question as the laws of many southern states prove.

THE LAW AND THE MILITIA ARE FOR THE MASTERS.

At Homer, La., the railroad defaulted a pay day, and the men continued their work in the shops of the company (the L. & N. W.) but when the next pay day came the company defaulted again.

Had the men refused to work as the company has refused to pay, the militia would have been called out at once, but the company has defaulted two pay days and there is no call out of the yellow legged professional assassins, and when the patient men consult with lawyers they discover there is no provision in the law that enables them to get the value of the labor they have been robbed of, and yet Woody Wilson and Chautauqua Bill, and all the leading Donks, say that our claim that all government is class rule is "too much animal." THE LAW AND THE MILITIA ARE FOR THE MASTERS.

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR OF COLORADO

The Commissioner of Labor of Colorado was appointed. It was stated that this work was "to do what he could to save the greatest number of human beings possible." Now the canning factory owners say they cannot comply with the law as they cannot get enough help to run eight hour shifts and fruit will rot unless the law is violated.

The Commission says, "I want to enforce the law, but I do not want to work a hardship on these people or to cause them to lose money."

It hasn't occurred to the factory owners nor the Commissioner, that decent wages would bring plenty of help. The Commissioner sees through the same knot hole with the capitalist, yet he's called a Labor Commissioner. He wants to enforce the law BUT—. If the workers were class conscious they'd do some butting politically. Why not "but in" on election day?

GENEROUS

"Don, did you give Bessie the best part of that apple as you were told?"

"Yes. I gave her the seeds. She can plant them and have a whole orchard."

Husband and wife must be mentally companionable if their happiness is to last through the years. That's the great thing. It's of essential importance that the wife should not permit her mind to become inactive. Being interested in suffrage, in her club, in social work will keep her thoughts from flowing in narrow bannels.

THE EXPLANATION IS LONG OVERDUE.

"I don't care a ding-dong how much longer the Serbs, Bulgars and other feverish inhabitants of the Balkan States fight," mordaciously stated the Erratic Thinker, "after they have once paused long enough to briefly tell the rest of us what the dickens they are fighting about. And this goes for the Mexicans, too, while I am on the subject of chronic nuisances."

The king of Norway has lost his divine right to vote bills passed by the Norwegan parliament.

WITH ONE EXCEPTION LOCALS APPROVE OF STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

Charleston, W. Va.—Workers of Cabin Creek and Coal river except the one at Ohley, today have ratified the agreement in settlement of the coal miners' strike. Union leaders believe the men at Ohley will resume work shortly. Meanwhile, the other 41 mines will resume work.

The number of women and girls engaged in prostitution in this country at the present time is estimated at not less than 600,000. The average life of these girls is three years. Whose children are to fill their places when they are g

LIGHT ARTILLERY OF SOCIALISM

The posters of the Rip Saw picture show have this snappy notice:

"The Rip-Saw stereopticon is headed down your way with pictures that will make you think that this is Judgement Day! You first will laugh and then get mad a gasin' at the slides and watchin' how the Plunderbund is peelin' off your hides. It shows the system up so raw and lays the thing so bare that the worst old mossback butts his head and wildly paws the air; for you can read, and hear and think and then you wouldn't know, one-half the things that you will SEE at the Rip-Saw picture show."

That has a Tichenor smell. Comrade Henry sure makes fun, and shows so well how the suckers are "skun."

OPEN LETTERS TO JOSEPHUS DANIELS, SECY. OF THE NAVY.

By. Mrs. Charles Edward Russell.

The following needs no comment:

Washington, D. C., June 26, '13.

Hon. Josephus Daniels,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:

I desire to protest against an illusion to "the Red Flag" without a qualifying statement, such as you are quoted as making, (in an address before the Young Men's Christian Association.)

The red flag is most commonly and familiarly known as the emblem of the Socialist party, not of anarchists. Anarchists are opposed to organization, in numbers they are few and they are little given to public demonstrations. Consequently their use of the red flag may be regarded as negligible.

The Socialist party, however, numbers one million voters in this country and the red flag is their avowed emblem. It is symbolical of the red blood common in the veins of all mankind and it stands for Fraternity—the Brotherhood of Man.

In the Encyclopedia Brittanica in an article on Socialism you will find this statement. "The Ethics of Socialism are closely akin to, if not identical with the Ethics of Christianity."

Consequently there is a peculiar inappropriateness in denouncing an emblem of Christianity before an organization such as the Young Men's Christian Association.

Yours very truly,

THERESA H. RUSSELL.

Chicago, July 22, 1913.

Honorable Josephus Daniels,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:

On June 26 last I addressed to you the above letter.

Deplorable circumstances have recently arisen in Seattle as a repetition of anti-Red Flag remarks.

I therefore respectfully suggest that it would be well for you to give the statements of my former letter careful consideration before again being guilty of misleading public utterances which are capable of constructive incitements to anarchy and [illegible]

Yours truly,

THERESA H. RUSSELL.

GOOD ROADS IS A BIG ISSUE

George H. Hodges of Kansas and Leo Cruce of Oklahoma Praise the Missouri Executive's Idea for a General Campaign.

Governor Major is taking an advanced step in proclaiming good road days, and it will be a wonderful thing for Missouri. I would do the same thing in Kansas, but I do not believe we need it just now. Governor Hodges of Kansas said, "What I am after in Kansas is to get rid of our tin bridges and to cut down the width of our roadways. Our roads are in splendid condition, but we are wasting too much good land on either side of our roads. Our roadways are sixty feet wide at present. Twenty-one feet is all that is needed for road service. I expect to make it possible for us to have 20-foot roads with four and one-half feet wide shoulders on each side. This would bring the whole roadway down to about thirty feet. As we have 120,000 miles of roads in Kansas, narrowing the roadways to thirty feet would mean the reclaiming of four hundred thousand acres of land, worth at least $50 an acre.

Crops Good in Kansas.

"At present this waste land on the sides of the roads is growing up in weeds, the weeds grow to seed and the wind scattering these seeds cause the farmers no end of trouble and expense. My plan is to sell the land after the roadways are made narrower and use the money to improve the roads. If we could do it it would be a fine plan to plant fruit trees along both sides of the roads and then use the proceeds from the fruit to improve the roads. Perhaps we'll be able to do this some day."

The aim of Governor Cruce of Oklahoma is to make his state the best state in the Union. The way he is going about to accomplish this is by advocating, and where necessary, fighting for good roads and better educational facilities.

Not Enough Good Schools.

Governor Major's plan for getting good roads is as admirable one and I only wish that I could follow his lead." Governor Cruce said. "But our state is not ready for such a move yet. We have plenty of good road building material, but the people in general have not yet realized the importance of good roads. It is one of my great aims to arouse enough good roads enthusiasm in my state so that such a plan as Governor Major's could be carried out successfully. We can't hope to have a great state until we have good roads and good educational facilities.

"In education the trouble in our state is that we have too many schools and not enough good ones. For instance, we have nineteen higher educational institutions, six of them normal schools, when two efficient normal schools and one strong university would serve the purpose far better."—K. C. Times.

There will be no traffic in women when Socialism makes it so women can live without being made a commodity.

WHAT IS YOUR AIM?

It is not enough to be ambitious; so are the ants. What are you industrious about?

A Pittsburg tailor predicts that next year's men's trousers will be slashed up the sides almost to the knee. This, it is feared, will be the death knell to athletic underwear.

MOTOR CIRCLES.

"Do they move in your circle?"

"By no means. We have a six-cylinder car. They move in a four-cylinder set."

Whoever solidifies the opposition to Socialism inevitably solidifies Socialist party spirit.

HIS LITERAL WIFE.

Mr. Ives has a mind that delights in facts. One evening he laid down the paper, was silent for a moment, and then said:

"That's odd."

"What is it?" inquired his wife.

"Why, here is a man who says that it would take twelve million years to pump the sea dry at the rate of a thousand gallons a second."

Mrs. Ives sat thinking the matter over. Presently she said:

"Why, Henry, where would they put all the water?"

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT?

And now the word comes that the Queen of Holland has called a Socialist to confer with her as to a coalition ministry. Next thing she'll be ordering red stockings.

Some two years or more ago the King of Italy had a good heart to heart talk with a leading Socialist, and declared that he believed in Socialism, and when the people were ready, he was. I say, Comrades, there's some big suc-stonishments coming, so get ready not to be so awfully surprised.

THE UNDER DOG

Beneath this stone there lies at rest, a man who always did his best. The gods ordained that he should move along a lowly, humble groove. For him there was no wealth or fame he bore no proud ancestrial name, no palace doors for him swung wide but in his hut he lived and died. His years were many, and his toil brought riches from the stubborn soil, but all wealth to them was brought who owned the land whereon he wrought. He fashioned lumber and the boards made shelter for the languid lords. He fed the cows and herded swine, that other men might nobly dine. From break of dawn till close of day he toiled along his weary way, and took his earnings in his hand to fatten those who owned the land. His feet were seamed with bramble scars, that others might have motor cars. This strip of ground is his reward. It's six feet long, and two feet wide, and here they brought him when he died. To labor hard for fifty years, endure the burdens and the tears; to have no grateful hours of rest; to toil and bend and do your best; to grind the soil and delve and save and at the last to get a grave! Poor souls that in the darkness grope, and sigh and spin and have no hope.—Walt Mason.

Professional friends of labor are all right till some cursed Mulka comes along and gives them that away. It's getting so now a person does not know who to trust.

WASHINGTON FARMERS TO MAKE OWN FLOUR.

Spokane Wash. —The farmers of Washington are going to manufacture their own flour through co-operative organization.

The Mansfield Elevator and Warehouse company, which is a co-operative organization of farmers, is instilling a midget flour mill in its warehouse at Mansfield. The mill has a capacity of 25 barrels of flour each 24 hours. It will cost $4,000 The Big Bend and Waterville farmers are figuring on the same plan of making flour, and Almira farmers now have a minature mill in operation.

There is a pronounced movement on the part of the farmers towards handling the grain in bulk instead of in the sack. They have to pay 11 cents for sacks and want to ship it in bulk to avoid this cost. The Waterville Farmer's union has let contracts for big bulk elevators at Wilkerow, Douglas and Supple, the combined cost of which will be about $12,000. At Touhey, on the Mansfield branch the farmers are building a bulk grain elevator. The company bought nine cars of lumber, to be sold to the farmers at cost, plus 6 per cent. This was for building temporary bins in their wheat fields, so the wheat can be put into the bins as soon as threshed, then hauled to the elevators in tight wagon boxes and loaded into the elevators. This reduces the cost of handling, saves labor and saves the expense of buying sacks.

GREAT CLIMAX.

"How was the play you saw last night?" "Pretty melodramatic. In the second act, when the skulking villain descends upon Hickory farm and forecloses the mortgage on old Uncle Zeke's automobile there was hardly a dry eye in the house."

Office Secretary Bryan's catalogue of Grape Juice, can be not cheaper!

"The [illegible] knows of [illegible] which has [illegible] the greatest [illegible] promises of Democrats.

"Dem-Mo" Bud [illegible]

MONOPOLY IN THE SKINNING BUSINESS

The law of Wisconsin says that where a public utility corporation is giving service, a competing utility, EVEN IF PUBLICLY OWNED, cannot enter the field. The Wisconsin Supreme Court has given the decision that private MONOPOLY is legally defended against all competition even of the state or municipality. The United States Supreme Court in the Omaha case says their franchises are perpetual and eternal, even if the concession has lapsed.

This is a country-wide decision by the United States Supreme Court, and most states have slipped in laws like Wisconsin to protect private monopoly.

The Democratic Party, and Woody and Billy have all preached that Democracy meant A RETURN TO COMPETITION, but "WHAT ARE YOU ARE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT GOVERNMENT" Woody, Billy and all the Donks will stand pat.

Return to competition? Why that was only a campaign promise. Abolish monopoly? Perish the thought. There's too much in it. It would disturb business.

Billy Bryan lifted up his megaphone on landing in New York from his world's tour, and told of the great benefits of Government and municipal ownership of utilities, but the "gentleman's agreement" said "cheese it Billy," and Billy has been dumb ever since.

Return to competition, and destroy monopolies are all right JUST BEFORE ELECTION, but after our noses are in the trough, nit. It ain't good politics and we are politicians first and Donkeycrats by profession.

MOSS GROWN THEORIES AND POLITICAL FAIRY TALES.

The Democratic party has for years charged the trusts and high prices to the protective tariff. They have told the people that tariff revision and trust dissolution would cure all our ills. That their theory put in practice would compel the trusts to deal justly, labor to be given a square deal, cost of living to come down, competition to be restored and enforced by law, and a "New Freedom" born.

President Wilson told us in his inaugural of the great revolution that had come by himself and the Democrats going into power.

The Democrats are in power, and President Wilson is getting just what he asks for. LET'S WATCH RESULTS.

Can conditions be met and combatted with theories? Will tariff reductions reduce prices? What does experience say? Coffee was free listed and what we used to pay 16 and 20 cents for we now pay 28 and 37 cents for.

That's not fair you say, for coffee is now controlled by an International Trust. Right you are.

Hides were free listed and today are higher than ever. And just like the coffee, they are controlled by a world wide combination. And now that beef and meats are free listed, (only because the Meat Trust was ready and willing,) the government sends its experts to Australia, and South America to do the Trust's business at the expense of Uncle Sam.

When the free listing of meat makes it cheaper, please let me know and carry the news to O'Shaunessey.

How about sugar? Well go and ask the Sugar Trust, and Senators Lodge, Smoot and the Sugar Trust agents in both Houses. There will be free sugar only when the Sugar Trust is ready, and not before.

As to the fairy tale of Dissolving the Trusts, we know that their dissolution SO CALLED, put the stocks of the dissolved up higher than ever. And the Trust, gathered in a "believers meeting" and sang "Hallelujah! Thine be the Glory, Dissolve us Again."

In fact, to put it brief. The Democrats are political theorists, and will soon be explaining why the Democratic Paregoric didn't stop the gripe, meanwhile you and I, John Henry Dubb, will continue to have the gripe, and the great American Ass will want to call in again the G. O. P. doctor, or else send for that great Quack, Shyster, and fakir, Don Theodore, and all the time the "believers meeting" of the trusts will shout, "Hallelujah! Thine the Glory Dissolve us Again." Ain't it about time you took a look at Socialism? Or do you want the skinning to go on and the masters to cool more Champaigne, and the cup to go around and "joy unconfined TO THEM" and "hell for we 'uns!"

No wide awake Socialist, filled with the passion of converting the enemy and thus hastening the day of the industrial deliverance of the people, is without a bundle of the Socialist literature ready to bring to his each week for handing about among both friends and foes.

SPIRITUALISTIC SOCIALIST REPLIES TO WARLISTIC CAPITALIST.

Mr. Editor: Will you allow me space in your paper in which to answer the enquiry of a friend who writes me a letter from which I make the following extracts:

"Friend Dague: I am glad that in your physical affliction and advancing years that you are so happy and have such a lively belief that you shall live after death. I was raised in that belief myself but now I have come to believe that death ends all. I have no faith in the church nor in Spiritualism and Nature offers no evidence that there is any conscious life after death. Yes, I believe we are worms of the dust and that, like worms, when we die, we are dead, and that is the end of us. I would like to believe as you do but cannot."

My Reply.

I am truly sorry for you, Friend R——. If you are right and "if everything is to wind up in a coffin, what's the use of beginning anything in the cradle?" But you are wrong in saying that Nature furnishes no evidence that there is life after death. Now let me shock you a bit by saying that Natures offers not a scrap of proof that there is any real death (annihilation). You cannot extinguish a single atom or electron. Nature proves that what we call death is a change only—is birth to another zone or sphere. There can be no birth without death (so-called). Without the two, birth and death, there would be universal stagnation. We can kill nothing. If we smash the body the life or spirit goes on working in a higher realm of creation and the body disintegrates into its component parts, but each atom gets busy again and goes to forming new associations. We can wreck the body, which is composed of matter, but we can destroy neither spirit nor matter. We can only compel the inhabitant of the body to move out and our jostling only causes the atoms of matter to seek other associations. All the universe is alive from grain of sand to the blazing sun. All nature is throbing with ceaseless energy. You may knock things down, but they will get up again. Nature resents all idea of death, or stagnation. Even the soildest granite and steel are vibrating with life. Nature resurrects every apparent failure into success. If she destroys one planet or sun she makes others to take their place. The day always follows the night. If things ripen and die in the autumn, they appear again in the springtime. If we sleep with death for a night, we are more alive than we were the next morning. If we wound a tree with an axe, the tree sends an extra amount of sap to the injured spot and heals the wound.

If you cast a bowl of wet sand on a smooth surface it quickly adjusts itself into a shape of flowers and assumes symmetrical and beautiful forms. The frost on the windowglass gives proof of the existence of a natural law of art. The foulest ponds and stagnant water produce most beautiful flowers. The caterpillar has an offensive looking body with many feet, but out of him comes a butterfly with most gorgeous colorings. The eggs of birds are a shapeless protoplasm, but three weeks of warmth will transform that slimy substance into a glorious creature of beauty and song. The caterpillar has numerous legs, strong jaws sharp teeth and eats smaller insects. Under the microscope he looks like a ferocious monster. After a time he wraps himself in a blanket which he weaves of silk and sand, and curls up and sleeps. Later he opens the door and is a mild-mannered insect and thereafter is a strict vegitarian and nice fellow. Whereas when an ant-lion he lived in a cave he now functions in the glorious air and sunshine.

My friend, let me theorize a little. To me it seems that here we are living in a caterpillar and lion-ant bodies. We are not yet fully hatched. May it not be that when we break out of this old worm body that we will live in a finer sone, not visible yet real? Electricity, air and all powerful things are invisible. Our real selves are not visible now, only our bodies can be seen.

I cannot think that Nature is pushing and pulling everything upward except man. No, no. Man has a glorious destiny. Nature, properly understood, tells us that God is infinite intelligence—life—all life. The poet well says:

"All are parts of one stupendous whole,
Whose body Nature is and God the soul."

The rosebud has all the possibilities of the fully-developed rose. It will in due time unfold. Men are "God-buds" on the tree of infinite intelligence. We are gods in embryo. Sometime they will unfold. What a glorious destiny! How inspiring the thought! We cou'd not exist without God: He, or it, could not be infinite without us. We are a part of God. We can no more die than He. Now we are prattling infants in Nature's school. We are in the kindergarten department playing with blocks and baby things. Later we shall be promoted. Oh, my brother, you who think you are only a worm of the dust and shall never be anything greater—you who are struggling with poverty and sorrow—look up! Take courage! You were not created for extinction. You were born in a "worm body" for an infinitely wise purpose. There is nestling within that shell in which you live, an angel in embryo, possessing godlike powers and beauties that you know not yet. You are a bud. Sometime in the future you will fly through space with the velocity of light, step from star to star, associate with the wise sages of other worlds and of the past ages and to bask forever in the glory of celestial spheres. There is no death. All—all is life.

No, my brother, this world is not a vale of tears except as a man has made it so. "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless millions mourn." Shall it always be so? No. Ignorant men invented defective systems of morals and economies, but they, like all other things, are subject to the law of evolution or unfoldment. All error and injustice must be rung out and truth and justice be ushered in. The doctrine that "might makes right" and "to the victor belongs the spoils" is the law of the jungle, but will not govern in higher levels of humanity on which the law of equity, reciprocity and the golden rule prevails. Capitalism, slavery, the exploiting of the worker must go.

Socialism, the ripened fruit, the fully unfolded flower of all human government and the perfected system of industrialism must and will come.

And now in conclusion, friend R——, let me repeat that the infinite universe is pulsating with life and there are no dead.

As the poet sings—

There is no death—the stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine for evermore.

There is no death—the dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain or mellow fruit,
Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

There is no death—an angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread
He bears our best loved ones away
And then we call them "dead."

Born into that undying life,
They leave us but to come again
With joy we welcome them—the same
Except in sin and pain.

And ever near us the unseen
Their dear, immortal spirits tread.
For all this boundless Universe
Is Life—there is no dead.

R. A. DAGUE.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS HAVE LITTLE FUN AT OPTONENT'S EXPENSE.

Paris, July 30.—Whenever a speaker in the chamber of deputies makes a speech that is considered as a particularly effective piece of campaign work for the majority the chamber votes to post it on the official bulletin boards throughout France. At the close of the debate on the increase in the term of military service, the minister of justice, M. Ratier, had prepared what was intended to be the final crushing blow to the Socialist opposition.

This much heralded climax was found to consist almost entirely of extracts from Socialist writing for many years back denouncing war, military service and jingoism. When he had finished this speech upon which the government proposed to rest its case, Jean Jaures, the Socialist parliamentary leader, rose and solemnly moved that it be posted. The government was in a panic and demanded an explanation. Because we wish to show to the people of France the completeness of the bankruptcy of the present government," replied Jaures.

Frightened at this show of friendliness, the government forces were rallied and voted solidly against the posting of the speech. Now all France is laughing at the dilemma of a government that dare not send out to the people its great defense.

YOUR DUES ARE A DEBT OF HONOR.

Your dues to the Socialist party are a debt you owe to yourself and your hope of better conditions for your family and your class. Do not let this debt go to protest.

Why should you wait for some one to come around and collect this debt? One of the fundamental principles of Socialism is that no one else can free you. Why should you expect some one else to do the work of conducting the party and fighting for your freedom?

THE UNCIVILIZED FIENDS. IS IT NOT HORRIBLE?

In a recent battle 1,600 were killed by the soldiers of which 196 were women and 340 were children. No quarter was given, and in the last of the massacre, the victims held women and children in front of them but the soldiers paid no attention, but shot them down to the last one.

This of course was done by Turks, or some Barbarians? No, no. It was done by American soldiers. The battle was Bagsag in the Philippines, General Pershing was in charge, and arrested all newspaper men who tried to get details. John McLean a civil engineer of the Quartermaster's department, who gave out the news will no doubt be discharged for his "pernicious activity."

Is it not horrible? Well, you see—ah—if it had been done by Turks it would be horrible no doubt, but then—ah—you see—it was done by American soldiers under "the folds of old glory," and you see its "all right doncher know?" We are a Christian nation, doncher know. The preachers would make a big howl if the Turks did it, but seein' as we did it, well—its different doncher know, and the preachers will pour about Christianizing the heathen, our duty to the poor Moros, and then say Brother Sampson, lead in prayer.

ITS A CRIME TO BE WITHOUT A MASTER? YES.

Judge Pitney in a picketing case, decided: "The relation of master and servant being established, then the services of the employee BECOME A PROPERTY RIGHT. "That is, that everyone who recieves wages or salary, becomes the entire property of the man who pays the wages. It was for this that Wm. H. Taft, as president appointed Pitney to the Supreme Court.

When a man is unemployed, that is, has not established "the relation of master and servant, "he is THE COMMON PROPERTY OF THE STATE, and it can and does seize his body on the charge of vagrancy, and sell his services to Prison and Convict Labor Contractor.

The Alabama State Auditor's Report shows that the state received $232,072.50 during 1911 for THE RENT OF convicts in the cotton mills of the state alone. This does not include the gangs, (of which the writer has seen many), working on the roads and streets under the muzzles of shot guns, or the convicts hired from the state to work in iron mines, nor of the outright purchase price paid down by Convict Labor Contractors, and "split" into the pockets of the deputy marshalls and committing magistrates.

In Georgia, Florida, the Carolinas, Mississippi and Texas the same Donkercratic system is carried on under the Woody and Billy "Democratic" New Freedom extent.

The general charge of vagrancy is only another term for unemployment or searching for employment. The wording of the law, copied from the old English laws is: "Anyone who is loose, (meaning unbound to a master), idle or disorderly, or not having any visible means of subsistence."

If you are not legally THE PROPERTY RIGHT of a single master, you are legally THE PROPERTY RIGHT of the collective masters, or the government, and if not seized and rented to the corporated masters, or COLD for six months to a term of years to a Labor Contractor, is only a question of demand and supply, not of legality or illegality.

You are told by Woodenhead Wilson and the now mature "Boy orator of the Platte," that there are no classes, but the laws and the practice make them both liars, and you Henry Dubb are an actual wooden head, as Lincoln said and like as true, when all the facts and the laws are to the contrary.

GOOD ROADS.

Governor Major, Said He Believed at Least 4 Million Would Respond to His Call.

Jefferson City.—Congressman D. W. Shackleford of this district, chairman of the committee on roads and Governor Major purpose to grade and complete sixteen miles of improved highways August 20 and 21.

This strip of road will be between Cedar City, just opposite Jefferson City, and Auldand, Boone County. When completed this highway will make a complete improved road between the state capital and Columbia. The new traction machine engine to be lent by the Pioneer Tractor Company of Winona, Minn., and the four graders forming a part of the outfit, will be operated on this strip of road.

"We will finish that road in two days," said Congressman Shackleford, "if the new machine accomplishes what is claimed for it. Every able-bodied man near the route will be on hand. The road will not only be graded, but graveled its entire length."

LOUISIANA STATE NOTES.

Comrade W. W. Edwards of Marksville, secretary of Red Oak local writes that they expect to organize a local at Hessmer, a near by town. Other locals please note, and if possible, do likewise.

The Central Trades and Labor Council of Lake Charles are planning for a big celebration on Labor Day for some prominent speakers on Socialism and trade unionism.

Local Herbert sends in all back dues and states that they expect to keep paid up in the future. This causes much rejoicing at the State Office and it is recommended for other locals in arrears to follow their good example.

Comrade Jones speaks at New Verda and Hargis August 2 and 3. Locals wanting dates with Comrade Jones please write the State Office.

Some of the locals are arranging for encampments for this fall and we hope all the locals will consider this where the circumstances seem favorable for success.

Dan't forget the Lyceum Course You get this course for $50.00 cash for selling $100.00 worth of subscriptions to Socialist papers and books. Fill out the agreement blank and send to the Lyceum Department Socialist Party, 111 North Market St., Chicago, Ill. If you do not have the agreement blanks, write this office for same.

THE WEEK'S BUSINESS FAILURES.

New York, Aug. 1.—Business failures for the week were 248, which compares with the corresponding week in 1912 of 224.

THE MILITIA MAY PITCH TENTS ALONG THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS.—Boy Scouts Out too. It may be an annual event.—K. C. Star.

In the recent elections at Eureka, Cal., Socialists elected five trustees and increased their vote twelve per cent over last fall.

An interesting piece of news comes from Argentine Republic, where it is said that 40,000 tenant farmers have gone on a strike against the landlords, leaving a large share of the farm work undone.

Massachusetts now has a law limiting the daily time of service of street railway employes to eleven hours. The bill was passed by the Legislature, vetoed by Governor Foss and then passed over his head.

From a cable dispatch of the Chicago Tribune, which was printed in very small type, we learn that in a by election for Pottsdam, Germany, for member of the Reistag, the vote was—Socialist 17,151; the combined opposition, 10,316.

Local Allegheny, Pa., seems to be in good financial condition. The report for June shows a balance in the treasury of $582.82. It is refreshing these summer days to read reports of cash balances in Socialist treasuries.

The Chinese workingmen are rapidly learning the value of organization. Recently a big union of three thousand jewelry workers in Shanghai struck for an increase or 40 per cent in wages which would make the new scale 72 cents a day. The strike was won in a few days.

The German Socialist movement has suffered a regrettable loss in the death of August Kaden, a Socialist deputy for Dresden. Kaden was one of the veterans of the movement. He was a member of the Saxon Landtag from 1885 to 1897 and of the Reichstag since 1898. He became a Socialist in 1868.

A convention will be held in New Zealand this month composed of delegates from two federations of labor and the Socialist party. The labor movement of New Zealand has been much torn up both industrially and politically. But it is believed that the coming convention will unite the working class forces in a fight on the common foe.

Join the local and get your red card.

MINE EXPLOSION.

Hymera, Ind.—Five men were painfully injured and eighteen others dangerously hurt in dust explosion at Jackson Hill No. 2 mine, tree miles east of here. It is believed that dust was fired by a "windy" shot.

The mine property was heavily damaged. Rescuers succeeded in bringing out all the injured miners.

ARKANSAS STATE NOTES

No definite returns as yet can be had from the election, however, only one third of the voting population turned out at the polls. Democrats even are so disgusted with the double that has gone on in their party that they were not interested enough to vote.

"Webber was second in the race down here."—W. A. Hawkins, Denning.

A new local with five members was organized at Wynne this week.

Comrade Moorhead organized at Viney Grove with five charter members and writes for additional organization blanks. He is going to help get the state in line for Socialism.

A Perry comrade writes: "Let's educate the farmers to the present day situation. Let us wake them from their Rip Van Winkle sleep and show them where they are being robbed. I am willing to hoof it over the hills and do my share. How many more are willing to do the same thing."

Two new members were added to Local Van Buren this week. This totals twenty-one new members for month of July.

"Every member here expressed his willingness to circulate a petition for the initiation of a new election law."—L. A. Smith, Booneville.

The Springdale comrades at their meeting of July 27th, went on record as opposed to the party attempting the initiation of a new election law just now. Comrade F. Moorehead of Perry is of the same opinion. What do you think about the matter?

C. C. Parvin of Hot Springs and J. H. Hughes of Brewer were elected Justice of the Peace on the Socialist ticket July 23rd.

Comrades, Our State Correspondent will send you leaflets with which to reach the women if you will send her postage for same.

Local Bald Knob has re-instated.

Comrade Webber carried Pennington township."—S. F. Bowman.

"Springdale local will give a festival and ice cream supper Saturday night, August 30. Comrade Julia Pennington of Fayetteville will deliver the principle address."—Sam Busaler.

The Washington county comrades are arranging for an encampment about September 15th.

"We, here about Swifton, will do all we can for the enactment of a fair election law. It is just what we need."—W. M. Hensen.

Write to headquarters your honest opinion relative to the initiation of a new election law. If there is a sentiment in favor of it, then we must get busy pushing it, but if there is no favorable sentiment it is better left alone.

The Argenta and Little Rock comrades are to hold a picnic August 17th.

Enclosed find $4.00 for which send me dues stamps.—Lillard Gould, Little Rock.

If you want Stanley Clark for a date between September 1st and 17th write headquarters for terms.

Comrade Dora Mertz is open for dates in Arkansas after September 15th.

Because of poor railroad connections the date of Comrade Bartholomew with Leslie is canceled.

SPEAKERS DATES.

J. E. Webber.

Foreman, August 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Bessie Bartholomew.

August 7, Rudd.
August 8, Pangburn.
August 9, Judsonia.
August 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 Independence county.
August 16, White county.
August 17, Little Rock.
August 18-21, White county.

C. C. Parvin.

August 16, 17, 18, and 19 Foreman.

Carrie Turnidge.

August 16, 17, 18 and 19 Foreman.
August 20, DeQueen.
August 21, Mena.

YOUNG SOCIALIST COLUMN

Y. P. S. L.

Beginning with the first day of October, 1913, a new department will be created in the office of the Executive Secretary, to be known as the Department for the Propaganda of Socialism Among Young People. A manager for said department is to be selected by the National Executive Committee.

The National Office is to work with about 175 Young People's Leagues, and we are assembling suggestions and information which will be of service to the Young People's Department in the National office. Send all information of this character to the Women's Department.

THE IONOCLAST OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

We have spoken of this plucky paper before and its defiance to the Corrupt Commission Form of Government in that burg. There has been 196 warrants served on it by the boodler government, and the City Attorney says there are more to be issued but the Ionoclast does not cease worth a cent. The citizens are rallying to its support and furnished bonds as fast as the City Attorney serves warrants. In its last issue it says, in a long and scathing and terrible editorial:

"Every time we point out a law violator, we are put under bond and the violator is unmolested. * * * If the Commission gets any satisfaction out of it we want to find out. We intend to make the last extensive advertisement of any society. Our editorial act, and also our paper was printed on Dave, I'll come of syndicate of papers. * * *

WOMAN'S COLUMN.

THE WOMAN'S INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

More than 300 delegates and alternates, and more than 200 representatives of the American and European press gathered in Budapest Austro-Hungary to the congress of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance.

In all, twenty-six nations and two additional countries, without full national rights are included in the membership, and there are organized woman-suffrage groups in the islands of Java, Sumatra, Hawaii and the Philippines.

The Hungarian Parliament appropriated 10,000 crowns for the entertainment of the delegates, the Hungarian women gave 100,000 crowns and the city of Budapest gave 10,000 more.

Delegates were there from Iceland. Over 300 visitors out of the congress came to Budapest, and the Socialist made the best demonstration for suffrage that the law and the reactionary government would permit.

A Sisterhood of the World.

The influence of women in bringing about international peace also was a popular subject of discussion. Mme. Marie Verone, a brilliant French lawyer, aroused the congress to enthusiasm by a speech in which she declared it the duty of women to make war on war. The economic aspect of the ballot and the greater head of working woman for enfrancchisement was earnestly urged by many countries. Miss Maude Younger, the official representative of the State of California, told the European women by her account of the extraordinary change which has been effected in the economic status of women in her State during the two years women have had the vote.

An entire session of the congress was given over to a discussion of the white slave traffic. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the alliance, made an investigation of white slavery in all countries during a tour around the world a year ago. In her report of her speech at the white slave session she definitely submitted the question of the ballot to the elimination of commercialized vice.

If our question of the vote is injustice," she said, "then it follows that it is more important in this question of commercialized vice. It lies at the bottom of our world-wide subjection and we must never rest until we have cleared it. You and I must be educated, we may even have the vote, it as long as down at the bottom there are other women, you and I are cheapened; we have not been liberated. I once believed that the vote would be the means of liberating us; I still believe that it is the weapon we need with which to accomplish these greater ends. The women of the world will be emancipated when and until this intolerable evil has been removed."

Mrs. Catt impressed upon the delegates the necessity of vigilance in order to that their governments did not violate more while washing conditions. "See that they put upon committees," she urged, "women who understand the matter from point of view, and scientific, up-to-date men. Let us find the truth for ourselves and let world know it."

There was a frankness in the discussion of these questions and a display of scientific knowledge that hardly have existed in such a gathering a decade ago. Among the delegates were women physicians, doctors, economists, sociologists, journalists and high reputations, their own countries, many with international reputations, who have the extensive studies of the subject. They put aside ancient prudery and brought earnestness and high purposes into the discussion.

As a result of the resolutions passed there will undoubtedly be given a long impetus to the world-wide movement for the suppression of commercialized vice. Mrs. Catt will go as the representative of the congress to the International White Ribbon Congress in London.

The strongest impression left by the Budapest Congress of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance is that the women of the twenty-six countries represented have actually revived a new feminism. More than 1,000,000 women now completely enfranchised in Europe, Australia and America, the vote must of necessity be given to the women of other civilized nations before many more years.

The congress was, however, deeply concerned with the immediate relation of the women to these international questions—war, commercialized vice, woman's economic status, democracy, public morals and health, and with what women voters have done and may do toward the solution of these great problems.

The following shrewd and tactful method was adopted to place Militancy in its right place.

"The board of officers wish to announce that as many requests have been received asking that this congress shall express condemnation of militant methods, and as others have been received asking that it shall express its approval of them, we deem it necessary in order to avoid misunderstanding, to recommend the following resolution:

"Resolved, As the International Woman Suffrage Alliance stands pledged by its constitution to strict neutrality on all questions concerning national policy or tactics, its rules forbid any expression favoring or condemning militant methods. Be it further

"Resolved, That since riot, revolution and disorder have never been construed into an argument against man suffrage, we protest against the practice of the opponents of woman suffrage of interpreting militancy employed by the minority of one country as an excuse for withholding the vote from the women of the world."

Militancy Worth Its Price.

There was a disarming quality in the wording of this resolution, and it was carried without discussion. But even then militancy would not down, and it never failed to evoke enthusiasm when it showed itself. Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson finally had her innings, being given the platform toward the close of the congress. She had the satisfaction of hearing the name of Mrs. Pankhurst cheered and seeing delegates leap to their feet at the name of Christabel. Mrs. Despard, one of the most impressive figures of the congress, was given the platform and received an ovation second only by that given to Mrs. Catt herself.

Mrs. Catt, during the course of a long and exacting presidency of the congress, was never too weary to give a humorous turn to a parliamentary tangle.

Mrs. Catt was reelected to the presidency for the next two years with the following board of officers. Mrs. Stanton Colt, Great Britain; Miss Signe Bergman, Sweden. Mrs. Anna Lindermann, Germany; Miss Rostka Schwimmer, Hungary; Mrs. Stanley McCormick, United States; Mme. de Schlumberger, France; Mrs. Marie Stritt, Germany; Mrs. Millicent Fawcett, Great Britain; Miss Annie Furuhjelm, Finland; Miss Crystal McMillan, Great Britain. The expenses of the alliance for the next two years were contributed by the congress, more than $12,000 being given by the delegates. Mrs. Catt, Mrs. Belmont and Mrs. Stanton Colt each gave $1000.

WOMEN AND WAR.

It is especially in the domain of war that we, the bearers of men's bodies, who supply the most valuable munitions who not amid the clamor and ardor of battle, but singly, and alone, with a three-in-the-morning courage, shed out blood and face death that our brothers may live its food, a food more precious to us than our heart's blood; it is we especially who, in the domain of war, have our word to say, a word no man can say for us. It is our business to enter into the domain of war and to labor there until in the course of generations we have extinguished it.—Olive Schreiner.

OKLAHOMA STATE NOTES

I herewith submit the financial standing of the Party on February 15th, and August 1st, respectively, deviating from the usual form to make it simpler and easier understood by all.

On February 15th (the Party's indebtedness was as follows:

To Baer Printing Co.	$119.40
To T. J. Jones	162.50
To Stanley Clark	110.00
To W. F. Ens	25.00
To Pioneer Telephone Co.	6.30
To H. Coon	8.05
	$431.25

Outstanding Checks.

1145, Oscar Ameringer	1.25
1307, R. A. Beutler, Asst. State Secy.	68.00
1314, Geo. E. Owen, wages	50.00
1315. Geo. E. Owen, wages	50.00
1318, Geo. E. Owen, wages	125.00
1332, R. E. Dooley, wages	40.00
1346, E. A. Buetler, wages	20.75
Total outstanding checks,	$365.00

Pioneer Debts.

Geo. E. Owen, salary	$1452.50
Printers Pub. Co. printing	165.00
E. C. Osborne, Waurika, wages	75.00
F. R. Mosher, Wichita, labor	22.50
J. W. Wahm, Kilgore, loans	408.00
J. A. Renfro, Wagoner	35.00
Nat. Labor Synd. Milwaukee	33.00
Local Moss, Reed,	25.00
Local State, Wewoka,	20.00
Lo. Short Grass, Catsby	12.00
Milwaukee Soc Demo, Milwaukee	10.00
T. C. Gardner, Cement	10.00
W. D. Hatch, Carter,	10.00
J. A. Carter, Calvin,	10.00
J. W. Shaw, Milburn	10.00
Local Choctaw, Choctaw	10.00
James Nail, Custer	10.00
W. P. Barnes, Collinsville,	10.00
Local Davis, Davis,	10.00
Local Custer, Custer	10.00
C. Workman, Stillwater,	10.00
E. E. Shofner, Foss,	10.00
Jno. M. Kerby, Clinton	10.00
J. T. Walker, Bloomington,	9.50
A. A. Bagwell, Ardmore,	7.00
Gladys Dooley, Oklahoma City	6.00
J. B. Vandiver, Stonewall	5.65
Sam Hampton, Spencer,	5.00
P. S. Nagle, Kingfisher,	5.00
H. M. Sinclair, McAlester	5.00
Wm. Prakl, Dale, City	5.00
Lo. Okmulgee County, Okmulgee,	5.00
H. C. Geist, Atoka,	5.00
H. C. Dell, Hinton	5.00
E. H. Fleischmann, Oakland	4.80
Fred Holt, McAlester	4.85
A. V. Stepp, Mangum,	3.00
Geo. Thompson, Fitzhugh	1.00
	$2489.00

Party Debts	$ 431.25
Outstanding Checks	365.00
Pioneer Debts	2,489.00
Total debts, Feb. 15, 1913	$3,285.25

On August 1, 1913, the party indebtedness is as follows:

To J. F. Kelly, Clark Claim $110.00

Outstanding Checks.

1145, Oscar Ameringer	1.25
1318, Geo. E. Owen	125.00
1307 Jno. $10.00, Pd	
$38.00	30.00
	$166.25

Pioneer Debts.

Emily C. Osborne, bal due	$ 60.00
S. D. Wham	408.00
Nat. Labor Syndicate	33.00
Local Tate	20.00
Local Short Grass	12.00
Milwaukee Soc. Dem.	10.00
C. Workman	10.00
Local Choctaw	10.00
Jaws Nail	10.00
W. P. Barnes	10.00
Local Custer	10.00
C. Workman	10.00
Jno. M. Kerby	10.00
J. T. Walker	9.50
A. A. Bagwell	7.00
Sam Hampton	5.00
Wm. Prakl	5.00
H. C. Geist	5.00
H. C. Diehl	5.00
Geo. Thompson	1.00
	$646.50
Party Debt	$110.00
Outstanding Checks	166.25
Pioneer Debts	646.50
Total debts Aug. 1, 1913	$924.75

Debts Paid and How Paid.

On check, No. 1307 cash	$8.00
On check, No. 1314, cash	50.00
On check, No. 1315, cash	50.00
On cash, No. 1332, cash	40.00
On check, No. 1346, cash	20.75
Baer Pig. Co. cash	119.40
T. J. Jones, by sale of encampment tent,	162.50
W. F. Ries, cash	25.00
Pioneer Tel. Co. cash	6.30
H. Coon, cash	8.05
Geo. E. Owen salary claim, repudiated by vote,	1452.50
Printers Pub. Co., cash	165.00
Emily C. Osborne, cash	19.00
J. A. Renfro, cash	35.00
Local Moss, donation	25.00
F. R. Mosher, cash	22.50
T. C. Gardner, donation	10.00
J. A. Carter, donation	10.00
J. W. Shaw, donation	10.00
Local Davis, donation	10.00
E. E. Shofner, donation	10.00
Gladys Dooley, donation	6.00
J. B. Vandiver, donation	5.65
P. S. Nagle, donation	5.00
H. M. Sinclair, donation	5.00
Okmulgee Co. Lo. donation	5.00
H. C. Diehl, donation	2.00
S. H. Anderson, donation	4.90
Fred Holt, donation	4.85
A. V. Stepp, donation	3.00
Total settled	$2230.50
Total cash on hand Aug. 1,	$ 2.40
Total dues stamps on hand,	12.50
Total Pioneer indebtedness	763.70

Next month will start giving amounts received, by whom sent, amount paid out and specify what for. On account of space retrained from doing so now. Let's pull out of the hole now and this can best be done by building up our dues paying membership.

YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

BILLY JONES GOES INTO BUSINESS.

By R. A. Dague.

"Dad," said Billy Jones, "my neighbor boy, Andy Rocky, is getting up a company of fellows to go into business and he has invited me to join. He says we can establish about a dozen shoe polishing stands and news depots and make a hatful of money. Do you have any objection to my joining in with the boys?"

"No, Billy," said his father, "Idleness is a vice and ruins many people especially those who inherited riches. No, my boy, I have not objection to your joining the neighbor boys and going into business. I have however, no money to spare with which to help you start."

"Andy says I don't need any capital," answered Billy. "He says he has several shoe polishing and news empty boxes out of which we can make seats for our patrons, and which we can use in our "news" business, and he will lend them to us free of charge."

"Oh, I see," said Mr. Jones. "Andy will furnish the capital—the tools —and the other boys will do the work."

"Yes," said Billy, "I guess that is right, but I happen to know that Andy's brushes and empty boxes did not cost him anything."

"Well. I think you are probably correct in your joke up his sleeve," his father. "I have known Andy since he was a wee baby. He is a bright lad but has no great love for work. I caution you to on your guard for Andy may have a joke up his sleeve."

"Andy made a speech to ten of us boys and told us that working boys are the smartest and handsomest kids in the world, and that he loved the boys from the bottom of his heart. These are the ten fellows he wants to join his company."

"Very well, Billy," replied his father. "I hope that the business of the company will be a successful one and that you will enjoy it. Now Billy, remember as you go into the business world of humanity, to deal justly and kindly with everybody. You will be known as the son of a Socialist, and much will be expected of you. Moreover the Socialist party was the first to advocate equal suffrage for men and women alike; it opposes war; it champions the cause of the working people throughout the world; it first proposed the initiative, Referendum and Recall and takes the lead in any progressive movement the object of which is the betterment of mankind. Its ideals are so lofty that it is a sacred religion to many people. Socialism says nothing about religion, but its principles do harmonize with the teachings of the founder of the Christian religion."

A few days later at ten different places in the city at street corners or on the edge of sidewalks, or in the rooms of unoccupied buildings might have been seen a boy with daily papers for sale and equipped with a brush and a small box of shoe polish. They were industrious and seemed happy and from the very first day they transacted a good business.

"Billy," inquired his father one day, "How is the business of your firm prospering? I think I have heard that the name of your Association is 'Andy Rocky & Co.' "

"Yes," answered the boy, "Andy got up the company and hired ten of us boys to work for him. I wanted to organize a co-operative association and have all the members share profits according to their respective earnings but Andy said, 'No that wasn't a good business proposition that it smacked too much of Socialism. He said he would hire us and give us fifty cents a day, and that would be a great deal POP. Well, we considered and so we are wage-worker, and get $15.00 a month counting thirty days to every month. Next Saturday we will have been in business three months. I have kept close watch on the business and I know pretty certainly that Andy is getting a big profit from the ten stands. I am having all the other boys keep a careful account of papers sold, what they cost, and the amount received for polishing shoes, and in a short time I will go over the figures and know how the business stands."

"Does Andy polish any shoes or sell papers?" asked Mr. Jones.

"No," responded the boy. "He walks about all dressed up fine. Rides about in an auto and flirts with the girls. Oh yes, he is a teacher in a Sunday School and he gives us boys religious tracts, and tells us that Socialism is no religion, and day he calls for the proceeds of the day's business and he makes us account for every cent. Sometimes he fines us five or ten cents for being late, and if we lose a paper he takes it out of our wages."

"Well, Billy," said his father, "when you get an itemized statement of the business transacted during the three months I will go over it with you."

In a few days Billy said: "Dad, I have here a statement of business transacted by Andy Rocky and Company for three months. Here are the figures:

The average daily receipts were $2.50 a day or $25.00 for the ten stands. The total receipts therefore for 90 days were $2,250.00.

The expenditures were: Wages paid ten boys at 50 cents a day for three months, $450.00. Other expenses for shoe polish and papers, $100.00. Total expenses, $550.00.

Net profit to Andy $1,700.00.

"Why," said Mr. Jones, as he put on his spectacles and looked over the figures, "you boys who do the work, get only about one-fourth of what you earn, while Andy pockets nearly three-fourths as profits."

"Now Dad, I have a little scheme in my head that I am going to try to carry out to get ahead of Andy."

"What is that," eagerly demanded his father.

"I am going to talk up Socialism with nine boy comrades and get them to reading Socialist literature and show them how much better for working people co-operation would be than the present wage system."

"That's right Billy. Go ahead with your plan and report to me occasionally what progress you are making."

In a few days Billy began his propaganda work. He invited his nine boy friends to meet one Sunday evening in his mothers' parlor and read to them several chapters from an elementary book. He invited the boys to ask questions and several of them did to which he made answer and was greatly pleased at the interest manifested.

The following day Andy called at Billy's stand on business and finally said: "Billy, Sam Abbott tells me that you have turned to be a Socialist and that you have been talking Socialism to the other boys. Now, I want you to stop that short off, or if you don't I will fire you out from your job. I won't have one of them lazy Socialists working for me. Socialist are trying to divide up." If you repeat the offense, I shall bounce you right out and will tell my friends all over town that you are a coward, and I will warn them to not employ you. If I let you go on talking Socialism to them other fellows you will soon have them dissatisfied with the wages they are getting and then they will strike for an increase but I won't raise your pay and if you get up a strike I will have the police use their clubs on your thick skulls, and if they can't beat any sense into you, then I will have the judge of the court order you put in jail, and I will instruct the governor to send the militia to shoot you full of holes."

"But now Andy, listen to me a few minutes until I tell you a few things. I happen to know that you have pocketed a net profit on this business of $1,700.00 since it was started three months ago. You paid us boys 50 cents a day each or a total of $5.00 a day, while you received a net profit of nearly $19.00 a day. Do you think there is any justice or fair play in that?"

"You are a Socialist," angrily declared Andy. "I organized the company. I furnished capital and the brains. I gave respectability and solid standing in financial circles to the business. You fellows do nothing but perform the labor. I want you to understand that I am a Captain of Industry, and A CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN. I belong to the intellectual and the upper class and people of our class were not made to work. God made us to be bosses of the lower class whom he made to do the work. It is God's plan to have a few smart people to rule over the stupid ones and make them work."

"Yes," replied Billy pleasantly, "I know you think so. Such has been the teachings of the church and the kings, the slave owners and of politicians in the past. In fact the clergy and all those you call the upper class taught up to fifty years ago that negroes had no right that white men were bound to respect. Then came Lloyd Garrison, Charles Sumner, Greeley, Lincoln and that greatest of all modern political economists, Karl Marx. Then came also Robern Owen and Bellamy and Henry George and they preached a different gospel but not a new one, for Jesus had taught the universal brotherhood of man. Why Andy, let me tell you what you evidently don't know and that is that working people are going over to Socialism in all parts of the world, because of its teachings and its pure democratic doctrines. No, Andy, I have no ill feeling against you for thinking you belong to the upper class and that God intends that a few sharpers should enslave their fellowmen, and by sharp tricks which they call business exploit honest working people out of three-fourths of the value of their labor. What I do censure you for, Andy, is that you believe a bunch of old exploded lies about Socialists, and the teachings of Socialism, and that you continue to repeat these misrepresentations and be so indolent or too intolerant to read up and investigate the subject. Now let me tell you that you can fire me out of this job now, or anytime for I am going to convert all your nine boys to Socialism. I have organized a young folks' Socialist League and not only are your ten wage slaves members of the League, but about a dozen other boys and girls of this town. Of course you capitalists and Sunday school stand-patters think that we the children of working people are stupid donkeys whom God made to be your slaves but we are not thinkers. Karl Marx have taught us differently. Under Socialism you couldn't rake down a profit of $19 a day from ten of your industrious neighbors who you pretend are around in fine clothes and performed no labor except through the labor of hatching out sharp schemes through which you might obtain great wealth without giving any valuable thing in return for it.

"Come over Andy ,to our League meeting next Sunday night and get some of our good common sense in your head and practical honesty into your soul. That will be better for you that to be studying out how you can so turn and twist the scriptures so they will seem' to justify your 'beauty rose theories. It is bad for both your morals and your digestion to lay awake nights concocting schemes how to skin your fellow men and just what particular twist you can give some text of the Bible to justify your plans. Yes, drop in Andy on us stupid donkeys of the lower class and learn something useful and have a good time. On Wednesday evenings we have music and a little dance and light refreshments. Skip your prayer meeting one night Andy and come over. We will treat you good.

"Ta-ta-Andy."

R. A. DAGUE.

Creston, Iowa.

SUFFRAGE PETITIONS AND PETITIONERS STORM THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

The United States Senate, on July 31st, the House not being in session set aside all other business and gave the hours to the presentation of suffrage petitions and hearing senators who presented them, plead the cause of Woman Suffrage.

Various Senators spoke eloquently or gave irrefutable argument why women should have the franchise, but none of their arguments sor eloquence were any stronger than Susan B. Anthony presented years ago. There is this difference though, Susan B. Anthony's arguments were just as strong and were backed up by right, justice and reason, but they lacked what has made the Senators sit up and take notice, 3,000,000 women with suffrage ballots in their hands. Susan B. Anthony was deemed a "crank, a disturber, a visionary," but 3,000,000 enfranchised women, and the growing Socialist party appealing to the women of the country with their open and unconditional full recognition of the rights of woman, political, economic and social, makes the cause of the grand woman, Susan B. Anthony cease to be a "crank, a disturber, a visionary," etc. and they see that if they don't come down off the stand pat perch, between the Socialist party and 3,000,000 enfranchised women may jostle them a little, so they are ready to eat crow and then crow about it.

The Senators should not let the Senatorial hot air make them feel the Senators are doing anything but doing the coon act, and saying, "Don't shoot Dave, I'll come down."

The man who tells you that Socialism has been tried somewhere and failed, is either ignorant of what Socialism really means or he is designing. Socialism must come as the follower of capitalism, as an unfolding from it, based on machine production. Socialism cannot be put on trial off in the woods somewhere. Communism may be, but not Socialism.

MICHIGAN COPPER MINERS STRIKE.

The state sends troops that are costing the tax payers $10,000 per day. There was perfect order, no violence.

Query One. Wherefore the troops? Answer. To force the miners back to unbearable conditions which make profits for the Copper Trust.

Query Two. If it's to the benefit of the Copper Trust, why is not the Copper Trust made to foot the bills? Answer.. Because the government State and Federal is the property of the Copper Trust.

The papers tell us how much the Copper Mine Barons are losing by the 12,000,000 pounds of copper not mined by the strikers. They don't tell us that copper goes up a pound the moment the strike began, or more than enough to make it a paying proposition to the Trust. If the strike continues a month, the price will go 3 or 4c more per pound.

Query One. If the rise in mine cause of the strike, why should John Henry Dubb the tax payer pay $10,000 per day or $300,000 or more per month to protect the "infant industry"? Answer. Because the government is the "undivided property" of the "infant industries."

Query Two. Why don't the common people, the Henry Dubbs, take the government as their own and oust the "infant industries." Because they won't vote the Socialist ticket to do it. They get what they vote for, and then bray and kick. He Haw!

ONLY BY UNITED EFFORT CAN WE SUCCEED.

This paper is devoted to the cause of those who make the wealth of the country, be it at the bench, the anvil, the plow handle or any useful employment, as against those who take the wealth they do not help to make. That is the MAKERS' cause as against the TAKERS conspiracy.

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We append a blank and ask you to get up a club of new subscribers, cut it out and paste as long an addition as you please and send the list with P. O. or Express money order for the amount and mail it instructed at top of first column on first page. Get busy Comrades. Don't be bashful, if you are good looking. Don't be easily discouraged but keep on the job. Do you realize that you are the man who can help Socialism to come? Do your part.

Big business pays the old parties' expenses, and owns or supports their papers, do you expect them to tell the TRUTH if it is damaging to their owners? The Campaign expenses of the Socialist Party are paid by the party members and this paper is owned by them. Every subscription to this paper hastens the triumph of the workers. "Let there be light." So help us to take down the shutters of prejudice and let in the light.

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COLLIERS WEEKLY AND OUR
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Colliers Weekly admits that only four or five out of hundreds of the leading papers defend Bryan's taking money from Uncle Sam and spending the money on lecturing tours, yet Colliers speaks in defense of Bryan.

It says first: "Bryan is probably serving the public as well on the income platform as he can by participating in high diplomacy," and adds beyond: "Probably our International affairs will be as well managed with Mr. Bryan absent, as in his presence."

For the sake of argument it is admitted that proposition No. 1 is correct we ask, why don't he stay where he's serving the public so well?

Why should the government pay him $3,600.00 per month just "FOR THE USE OF HIS NAME?"

Second proposition is no doubt true without admitting it as a basis of argument.

But the first proposition is entirely false. If the term "THE PUBLIC" means the plunderbund of wealth, then we agree. For the old gulf Bryan hands out does serve to blind the suckers and make them content to be skinned. When Bryan returned from his world tour, he spoke in New York City, and told of the great benefits of government ownership, etc. But "THE PUBLIC" whispered to Bryan that that brand of gulf must cease, and no oyster or corpse has been more dumb on that head that the Ex- "Boy Orator of the Platte."

When his 16 to 1 spiel kept the people fooled so they wouldn't grow whiskers and join the Populists, he stayed outside the visible pie counter.

Now his religion of 16 to 1 is out of fashion, and is called superstition and now his spiels are in fashion, they are called religion, when they're found out, they'll be superstition, and so politics is only one darned three card monte trick after another.

Its always heads the political gamblers win and tails the Rube voters lose.

Bryan serves "THE PUBLIC"(?) whether by silence on the theme of government and municipal ownership he's seen, or by fairy tales and the demonstration of Josh Billings' words, "its better to know nothing than to know so much that ain't so."

THE FEDERAL RESERVE ACT A STRICTLY DEMOCRATIC MEASURE.

The Federal Reserve act, stripped of its legal verbiage, and the kernel put into common every day common People's lingo, is simply a cuter plan to skin the people than the way they have been skun." Plainly—the bankers only make a more roundabout way to catch the people's mun, and it's a cuter three card game by which it is done.

It only shows the Donkeycrats and G. O. Ps. are twin brothers, and the Bankers and the politicians are their fathers and their mothers.

Politics is a dog with four legs on one side and four on t'other.

Democratic on one side and Republican on the other.

When the people turn the dog over so's to give a little change;

Why makes a different scratch for the same old mange.

For while they send the G. O. Ps. to Salt River clime,

Why the same old mangy dog all the time.

CHATTEL SLAVERY VS. WAGE SLAVERY. WHICH IS WORSE?

It's not so very long ago since 145 girls were burned in the infamous Triangle fire. The newspapers told us of the 65 women burned in the Overall Factory at Binghamton, N. Y.

Of course they were free wage slaves. Their deaths were proved both instances were due to the lack of the LEGALLY REQUIRED fire escapes and fire protection.

Query No. 1. Had they been chattel slaves, the private property of the master and worth $1,000 each to their owners, would there not have been proper fire escapes and fire protection? SURE MIKE.

Query No. 2. Which is worse for the worker, chattel slavery or wage slavery? Ask Gallagher.

Query No. 3. Which is best for the master class? Why wage slavery of course, or they would not have been kept alive. SURE MIKE.

If not, why not?

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.

When there is great cry and noise over the fact, its not the people who are the guys who are making the noise, but the fellows who are positive shocked.

Mike, the noise makers had to go on the firing line when War came there'd be a silence over the land that could be cut with a knife.

"War is hell." Sure Mike. I've been there, and if the bow wows want hell let 'em go there, but when it comes they are ready to send all their POOR RELATIONS; but they—they may not have much sense, but they've discretion, (commonly called cowardice), yes enough to smell gunpowder 10 miles off, if not farther.

"THE PUBLIC BE DAMNED."

Commadore Vanderbilt's well known words are emphasized and repeated by R. B. Sterns, Assistant General Manager of The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Co. These public utilities companies are the swill troughs that the financial hogs are fighting for, and the last decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Omaha case, shows that they have "FIXED" the Federal Courts and judges to do as they want. The following is Stearn's statement, and it can stand FOR ALL THE PRIVATELY OWNED PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANIES that should be municipally or collectively owned.

"Gentlemen, The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light company is in business to make money. We don't pretend to serve the public. That is only an incident function. We are in business to make money. It is true that what we have to offer is public service. But with us that is only a side issue. We serve the public for what we can get out of them. We have to pay interest on borrowed money; we have to pay our operating expenses; we have to pay dividends. Our concern in conducting our company is to accomplish these things. Otherwise we would go into the hands of the receiver. And we want to keep out of a bankruptcy court. To build an extension to our line would be throwing money to the winds. We do not believe the figures presented by the railroad commission tending to show that the line would be self-sustaining are true. At any rate we are not going to take any chances. Unless there is money in it, we will not consider any additions to our line. We have no ambitions to extend our lines—we are uncertain about our returns from those we are already operating."

Comrades: Keep these words in mind when they come to you to vote for bond issues, etc., to help them skin the public and then slap their faces.

The world at this moment could well afford to have fewer goods and more good.

If one- half the effort that is going into "keeping the lid on" were spent in utilizing the human forces pent up under that lid the millennium would peep at us from round the corner.

There are three destroyers of the human spirit, fear of death, fear of poverty and fear of public opinion. No yoke so galling as the yoke of that brainless tyrant, public opinion.

The carpenter of Nazareth is Democracy's only asset. His gospel is a social gospel. His ideal is the civic ideal. He is the fit leader of the multitudinous today and of the increasingly multitudinous tomorrow.

The scriptures are being rediscovered. "The Bible good for the lower orders to accept!" All right. And they are finding it so nearly with Democratism that we could all afford to endow the Bible Society to distribute the book in widest commonality.

That carpenter shop in Nazareth is a fulcrum from which Democracy can move the world.—Bouck White in "The Call of the Carpenter."

The alleged magic of the "one big union" did not work out in Paterson, where the long drawn out silk workers strike has failed. It went the way of many an A. F. of L. strike, with just as much suffering, but with the added feature that louts of the Haywood stripe got a lot of personal newspaper glory out of it while the starving (of others) was going on.

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MUNICIPAL ICE---THE FIGHT IS ON

A score of cities are fighting like bulldogs with the private ice interests this summer.

The companies for one reason or another have failed to supply the need, or in some cases have forced up the price, until what amounts to an ice famine in the middle of the summer has arisen in many cases.

At Cincinnati the employees of the ice companies went on a strike and won in New York and elsewhere the people are in revolt. The private ownership and manipulation of the ice business is becoming intolerable.

The Connecticut Legislature at its last session granted several cities the right to start municipal ice plants, and immediately efforts were started in several cities of that state for the establishment of ice plants. Williamantic actually started in the business it out and hauled 1,250 tons of ice. The corporation council suddenly notified the city that it would be unconstitutional to buy ice of a private concern. Hence the right to start a city municipal ice it needed from the companies The companies then shipped their ice out of town. The corporation council then informed the city that it could not "deliver" ice—unconstitutional. That fixed the municipal ice business in Willimantic for the time being. People do not care to go to the ice house and carry the ice home in pans, baskets and bags.

Bridgeport is another Connecticut city that is grappling with the problem. The fight has only started. Comrade Frederick Cerderholm, our Socialist alderman, is leading the fight.

In New York City the situation has been even more acute. The commissioner of public works is putting up a strenuous fight to get municipal ice to the people. He is gathering facts and information from every possible direction.

Schenectady, of course, being under a Socialist administration, started a movement for municipal ice. The ice was purchased and sold at 25 cents per hundred pounds. The private interests got busy, and our obliging capitalist court issued an injunction and stopped the whole business. The city's ice melted.

And thus again by the grace of the capitalist courts, municipal ice is a failure. It melts if the courts will not let the city sell it, deliver it or give it away.

Lewiston, Me., had a similiar experience. The city cut ice and sold it to its citizens at about $100 a month and came out even. But the Supreme Court of the state put a stop to such an autrageous proceeding.

One city so far has pulled through. Up to the last reports the little city of Weatherford, Okla., had a municial ice plant in operation. The plant has been in operation about three months. They sell at 40 cents per hundred pounds in small quantities and from that down to as low as $3 per ton. New York is paying from $8.00 to $9.00 per ton.

The Weatherford plant is a small one, manufacturing only ten tons per day. In larger cities and with larger plants, the commissioner thinks a much better showing could be made. He is enthusiastic over the results so far. "I am not a Socialist," he writes, "but I believe very enthusiastically in the municipal ownership of certain utilities, and the possibilities of such showing as could be made with a municipal ice plant in a city like New York are such as to make a man go "day dreaming."

Ah, but the courts!

Up at Milwaukee the Socialists are putting up their usual plucky fight along these lines.

The last Legislature gave the city the right to establish a municipal ice plant and the Leader is pushing the matter. The measure is before the Council and the private ice companies are on the war path, of course with all their usual arguments. If everything else fails they, too, will no doubt appeal to the courts.

A score of cities are in the fight. It makes a battle line across the continent that looks promising. We are in touch with all of them. We shall get every item of information from every possible city where the matter is up. We shall also collect all possible material from foreign cities. Competent engineers are ready to give advice. We are prepared to render service whenever needed.

EIGHT SPURN FRISCO FAIR.

Twenty-seven Nations Accept Invitations and Fourteen Have Not Responded.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Replies from thirty-five of the forty-nine nations to whom invitations were dispatched to participate in the Panama-Pacific Exposition have been received by the State Department. Twenty-seven accepted and eight declined. Among the fourteen governments not undecided are several of the great powers of the world. A curious feature of the list is the accorded acceptance of Canada, although Great Britain has declined.

The countries which have accepted are: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominica Republic, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Hayti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Salvador, Sweden and Uruguay.

The following has declined: Bulgaria, Egypt, Great Britain, Morocco, Russia, Servia, Siam and Turkey.

DROUGHT AFFECTED THE BEES.

In Northern Kansas Not Enough Honey Has Been Gathered for Winter Feed.

McPherson, Kas., Aug. 1.—Because of the dry weather, bees in Northern Kansas have not secured enough honey to last them through the winter.

A 16-HOUR DAY FOR THE HORSE.

The Kansas City Humane Society authorized the framing of an ordinance yesterday fixing the legal maximum time which a horse may be worked at 10 hours a day. It will be introduced in the council probably Monday night.

IPSWICH STRIKERS INDICTED.

Ipswich, Mass.—Last week the grand jury finished its session after indicting Nathan Herman and C. L. Pingree together with thirteen Greek men and women for "riot." It was expected that some of the women and girls that were shot and beaten up would be released but the mill owners are playing a safe game in order to "land" someone.

After the indictment local judge, Chas. A. Sayward, who bound over all the cases to the grand jury, together with other luminaries made a strong effort to have the trials pulled off at once to make more sure of convicting the other strike was on. J. S. Foceley, the attorney for the manufacturers Association ably assisted them. Despite all this pressure the trials were put off to the September term of court.

Last week the strikers tried to get round the town by law which prohibits public meetings on property adjoining any street, by holding a private meeting with ticket admission. Signs bearing the inscription, "PRIVATE MEETING, KEEP OUT" were placed at the gates leading into the church yard and guards were stationed to see that everyone had tickets. Even the local press admitted that the town had no jurisdiction over such meetings. But law or fair-play and justice is something that has never been attributed to Ipswich—the mill owners would not stand for it. Even the private meeting was against the law, though there was no law against it. The speakers, C. L. Pingree and J. P. Girkstas were arrested and sentenced to one month each for breaking a town ordinance that had no existence. The way the judge got around the difficulty was by ruling that the meeting was public and not private, because some one heard something from the outside. The "trial" showed that law did not enter into the case of "juggern quilt," at all—not while the Honorable judge Chas. A. Sayward acted for the poor mill owners. The word of specials, bosses and scabs were enough for the judge who even intimated that witnesses for any defense would be useless. So none were put on. The judge extatically handed out a month a piece when they refused the fine.

It should be remembered that this same judge declared from the bench that Pingree and Herman were responsible for the killing of the woman even if an officer fired the shot. This was before the hearing. After the hearing he had to back down and quash the murder charges.

Last week the financial committee of the town met and decided to stop further appropriating of money for the police. The mayor who has been spending the town money as he pleased heretofore is somewhat upin-the-air over it. As his brother, Frank Hull is crier of police, and many political friends have nice easy jobs as specials, this has hurt the town politicians that want more money. So the Hull brothers have decided to take revenge upon the strikers by doing everything possible to break the strike. They have been talking to the more timid strikers trying to get them back into the mill. Since the arrests of the speakers these two have given special attention to the bondmen in an effort to scare them into pulling down the ball. Herman's ball was once pulled down and he was bailed out again by others. Now the ball of Pingree and Girkstas is about to be pulled down as a result of the valiant work of the chief and others interested in strike breaking. It is intimated that the chief of police had to leave town some time in the past until public sentiment died down against him, on account of some action that made it unsafe for him to remain.

Funds should be sent to the Ipswich Defense League, Box 282, Ipswich, Mass.

IPSWICH STRIKE COM.

THE DOUBLE STANDARD.

In a poor rooming house in Brooklyn the other day a tired woman committed suicide. Twelve years ago she lived in a beautiful home in luxury. Scandal touched her, there was a secret divorce, and, upon a small annuity, she sought to hide. In 12 years she earned among the humble folks near her new abode, by kindly administrations, the title "The Angel." It was a real title of nobility. Children loved her and came to her for sympathy in their little troubles. Stray animals found her a steady protector. She went about doing good. But finally her spirit broke, though not until, if explation for sin is ever won by works of mercy, she had won it manifold. There is no control that the man in the case repented or suffered. Society did not cast him out. It may be that there are times when memory stings his conscience, but his order of living was not altered. He probably did not even know of "The Angel's" death; for when she changed her residence she also changed her name. That is humanity's unjust award of punishments. Can it ever be modified?—Pittsburg Press.

EMPLOYES OF THE RAILROADS AND TELEPHONE CO'S. IN POLITICAL OFFICE.

W. H. Jorder signs a published statement that Bill Burwell, speaker of the State House of Representatives in Georgia, is "attorney of register, for the Bell Telephone and the Georgia railroad from which he receives $1,000 each per year as a permanent retainer fee." The sale of the state road is under consideration and Burwell has the appointing of the committees.

Also the "Reading Clerk" of the Georgia legislature is a regular employee of the Bell Telephone Co., as their lobbyist.

Georgia is and has been for forty years in the hands of the Donkeycrats. Political conditions in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Arkansas are even more rotten than in Georgia. Will Woody and Billy Do anything to clean up this evil smelling mess? Chauffeur Woody talked about the Prince of Peace and drink Grape Juice, and—Woody will read New Freedom. See?

ADMIT THEY TOLD MILITARY SECRETS.

German Officers on Trial for Giving Information to Krupps.

Berlin, July 31.—The sensational disclosures of corruption in the German army made by Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the Socialist deputy in the imperial parliament on April 18, came up today when a court-martial convened to try the military officers charged with accepting bribes for information of pending government contracts for arms and ammunition.

Four officers of the ordance department were brought before the judges. They were Lieutenante Tilman, Hinst, Hoge and Schleuder, Chief Clerk Pfeiffer and two noncommissioned officers of the ordinance corps were also in the prisoners' dock.

It had been charged by Dr. Liebknecht, that "corruption and bribery on the part of munition competies" was prevalent and that there was an organized scheme for raising war scares and thus causing the government to spend more money on armaments.

The formal charge against the prisoners was the betrayal of military secrets, the acceptance of bribes and insubordination.

The accused, although admitting the communications of secret information to the Krupps, protested that that had been done without criminal intent, since they believed there were no secrets between the German government and Krupps. The accused officers were the first to be called to the witness stand. They admitted that the information betrayed by them to the Krupp's representatives would have been of the highest importance if it had reached foreign powers.

The early testimony indicated that the accused had acted rather out of good fellowship to Krupp's representatives than on account of the COMPARATIVELY SMALL SUMS RECEIVED BY THEM.

"Good fellowship, and "comparatively small sums received" as a plea would make a jury of Missouri mules laugh. Why didn't Dreifus' lawyers think of that plea? But the Prussians and Dutchmen are different.

"Organized labor should present just as solid a front on election day, as it does when on a strike for the betterment of economic conditions."

THE LAST STEAK IN 1923!

By That Time Only the Rich Will Know Taste of Meat, Butchers Say.

"American people will scarcely know the taste of meat ten years from now," said J. T. Russell, president of the National Master Butchers' Association, at the annual picnic of Chicago butchers.

"Meat sales over the nation have dropped off from 35 to 50 per cent within the last three years because it is getting so that only the wealthy will be in a position to buy meat by 1923. The scarcity of live stock is the reason. Farmers refuse to raise cattle because the cost of production is so great, and as a result the feeders demand more money for their stock."

THESE ARE BOOKS YOU SHOULD READ

Books at Fifty Cents.

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