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once. Don't wait, but do it now, and
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SOCIALISTS TO FIGHT
CATHOLICS FOR
CHIPPEE EDUCATION

BRUSSELS.—The Socialists are
making a strong fight in the Belgian
capital of deputies against the
policy of the clericals to destroy the
public schools. This has always been
one of the great issues in Belgium
politics, and for the moment, it ap-
pears as if the Catholic church was
going to use its majority momen-
tarily to abolish public education.

This is to be accomplished by a
very tricky clause in the new edu-
cational bill. This clause provides
that the public funds shall be divided
between the clerical and the public
schools, and that the parents shall
choose which school their children shall
attend. Experience has shown that where
such a law exists no funds are ap-
propriated for public schools, and the
work of education is turned over
completely to the Catholic schools.

As a sort of sugar coat to this
pill, the law contains mild com-
pulsory school provision, such as has
been fought by the Catholics
heretofore.

SOUTHERN PAPER TAKES
NOTICE.

R. P. Fleming has been touring
Louisiana for the "Hip-Saw" and
lectured in New Orleans before the
Workers' Educational League. He
even caused the capitalist papers to
that city to take favorable notice of
his lecture, which is something al-
together new in the south.

"A MAN MUST LIVE."

Socrates could have said
"I will live." One who has agreed to
give up teaching the young men of
Athens. He refused. "I know not
what death is," he said, "but I know
that I am not afraid of it." But I do
know that it is a bad thing to desert
one's post, and I prefer to die than
to be a bad man.

A modern epitaph of the same
kind is in Mrs. Charles H. Hutton
Albion's verse, "A Man Must Live."
When she
There are times when a man must
die.

IF YOU BUT SMILE.

From soldiers with a sword
rolled.
This world's a mine, this life a lie—
A man must smile.

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BIG GAS WELL
IN KANSAS

Two Million-Foot Flow from "Rock-
away" Near Augusta.

AUGUSTA, Kas.—The Wapag
Gas Drilling Company of this city
brought in one of the biggest gas
wells in the history of the Augusta
field. The well drilled to a depth
of 1,470 feet and registers a flow
of four million feet. The gas is
from the lower levels and is of the
finest commercial grade. This is
the farthest south in the field.
The well also registers a flow of
gas producing areas extend far be-
yond the original limits laid out by
optimistic promoters.

A Week's Business Failures.

Business failures for the week of
November 14 to 20, which com-
prises with 140 is 305.

BUT ONE AT A TIME.

Nobody can help you and me and
our boss at the same time. Because
we are all in the same boat, and
higher wages means lower dividends
for the boss and wherever the
boss can cut our wages or force us
to work longer hours, it means more
profits for him.

NEW RIDE FOR
NEW YORK

Glyn Desires to Have Commu-
nealth Run as a Business.

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 29.—Mr.
Glyn can afford to go to Albany
in this state where he will be ac-
cused of private interests long
enough to devote time and service
in a committee to devise a business
system for the state he will appoint
such a commission, he declared.

At the annual session of the
chamber of commerce of the state of
New York, the governor solicited
the assistance of the members and
of business men generally in finding
volunteers under the banner of ef-
ficiency and economy.

"Not least," said the state's chief
executive said, "Senator Nelson
Aldrich said he could save the United
States government millions of dollars
every year if it could run it on busi-
ness principles. I believe what he
said is true."

Governor Glyn declared he would
consider it his administration's great-
est accomplishment if he could in-
sist upon New York state a busi-
ness as yet.

"My plan is to initiate the biggest
reform in the history of the state,"
said, "and I shall not deviate from
that stand. This is not meant to
imagine to institute a business sys-
tem of government. It is simply that
I intend to give the business men a
say."

"Our prominent business men al-
ready had volunteered to serve on
the commission of twenty-five he
wished to organize—K. C. Star.

"VICTORY SURE" SAYS HAYES.

"We feel sure that we will win a
glorious victory for the Colorado
miners in the new distant future,"
said the President of the United Mine
workers of America, under this office
from the coal fields of Colorado.
The operators are continuing their
unrelenting tactics. A machine gun
was pointed at an automobile recently
"shot up" the miners sent back to
work. One sent has 142 bullet
wounds. One killed. The mine has
a boy of sixteen years shot nine
times in the legs. He is in a serious
condition.

MEXICO.

Mexico is one of the richest coun-
tries in the world in raw materials.
It is the largest producer of silver,
the third largest of copper, and the
second largest of gold. It has a large
production of petroleum; and last year it
exported 1,200,000 barrels of oil.
It is the hope of the world for increased
self supply, and has sent out this
year for 32,000,000 tons of oil.
The total value of exports for 1911 was
\$1,200,000,000, and has sent over 50
per cent of her imports from the
United States.

Trade subscriptions, the coun-
tries trade.

FORCING OATMEAL
COMBINE

Quaker Oat Company Being Inves-
tigated by United States Agents.

CHICAGO.—The federal grand
jury today began an investigation of
the affairs of the Quaker Oat com-
pany. It was said in the district
attorney's office that this was a sequel
to the government's civil suit for
the dissolution of the so-called break-
fast food trust, which was filed last
June.

In this suit the government
charged that the Quaker Oat com-
pany, after absorbing the Great
Western Cereal Company, controlled
90 per cent of the oatmeal and by-
product trade of the country. The
company operates large plants at
Decatur, Ill., and Fort Dodge, Kan.

Half a loaf may be better than
none, but the Socialists know that
the more the workers get together
the easier to get the whole loaf as
a bait.

Join your labor union and your
labor party.

BIG NATIONS OWE
42 BILLION

France the Japanese Debt, While
the United States Stands Ninth.

WASHINGTON.—Saddled with
debt, the nations of the world are
feeling as never before the burden of
the "high cost of living." This is
set forth in a report by the
bureau of foreign and domestic
commerce. The aggregate debt of
the principal governments is upwards
of 42 billion dollars, an increase of
19 cents in the last decade.

France has been leading the list
for some time, for its debt of 13.2 billion
dollars is the largest in the world.
Following on its heels is Russia, af-
ter which come the United Kingdom,
Italy, Spain, British India, Japan,
Germany and the United States.

The debt of this country is approxi-
mately 1.1 billion dollars, after deduct-
ing cash in the treasury.
The rate of interest on this vast
volume of indebtedness are a source
of special concern to the workers.
The strong nations are enabled to get
along at comparatively low rates, but
the smaller and less well stocked
of business men are compelled to
pay heavily for accommodations, at
high as ten per cent in some cases.

CONGRESS FAVORITISM
OFFERED BY RAILROAD.

NO. 1074 AND 1075
WASHINGTON.—The supreme
court has upheld the constitutionality
of a commission in ordering a re-
duction of the freight rates on lemons
from California to Atlantic ports.
The court held that the act was a
hundred pounds.

When the Aldrich tariff was in-
troduced it contained a clause giving
the California lemons an advan-
tage of 10 cents a hundred pounds.
The railroads at one time raised the
rate just that amount. The interstate
commerce commission then ordered
the reduction.

The railroads refused to obey and
appealed to the courts. The case has
been decided. In the meantime the
lemons from California have been
the original cause of the trouble has
disappeared.

EASIER TO CASH MONEY ORDERS

Payable at Any Postoffice, Bureau
of Finance.

WASHINGTON.—Postmaster Gen-
eral Burdick decided to ask con-
gress for authority to make post-
office money orders payable at any
postoffice rather than at some ap-
pointed office as is now the case. A
commission which Mr. Burdick ap-
pointed some time ago to study the
question made this recommendation
to him and he has expressed ap-
proval of it.

EPICURAIANS TO HELP WOMEN
VOTE.

"Votes for women" at parish meet-
ing was favored by the Epicurean
Fraternity of the United States and
other nations. The women of the
fraternity, after a long discussion, de-
clined yesterday for the first time in
the new year. All the first time
declined 118 for and 64 against.

He who would give most strike
the first blow.

WHY SOME SOCIAL-
ISTS WON'T PRODUCE

The writer has belonged to the
Socialist party since May 1911.
He has seen the party grow from
the Socialist principles and party
principles almost hourly. We find the
Socialist principles are being properly
interpreted to be the lived lesson of
earth today. Because it will aid man
in all his duties of life. We know
ever, have found the party growing
to be wholly inadequate to present
a front commensurate with the
urgency and dignity of Socialist
movement.

In this our opinion is caused from
various reasons. Chief among which
is that some socialists are under-
standing what they are used for
what they pay down.

It is in this manner of comrades
to pay to appeal. We have debated
this question seriously and have con-
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WHATLANDS OF THE STREET

(Continued from Last Week)

Durst was met at the appointed place by the sheriff and his posse.

The chief demands included, very naturally, that drinking water should be furnished to the field twice each day. (Why so little water under such circumstances is difficult to conceive); 2, better sanitary conditions—more toilets and separate ones for men and women (as yet this distinction did not exist)—and an improvement in the conditions of those already in use; 3, \$1.25 per hundred for each picnic as the employer demanded.

Durst read them over and gave some evasive answers and discussion, slipped one of the committee, Richard Ford, in the face with his automobile glove. This Ford did not resent and later begged his companions not to report the occurrence to the laborers for fear of consequences to the employer that might follow.

The conference ended with Durst was notified that if he did not yield to the demands within a couple of hours he would be short of help. Indeed he summoned a constable for the arrest of Ford.

The officer appeared without warrant and for the purpose of arresting a man who had committed no crime. The crowd sensed the wrong of the thing and refused to permit Ford to be taken. The constable departed without his "prisoner."

Durst, then, to rid himself of Ford, whom he conceived to be the leading spirit of those thousands called upon the county officials to make with a warrant and make all necessary arrests.

"Refusing to budge," New Kind of Crime. The district attorney filled out a warrant for "John Doe" against each person with a "crime" not enumerated in the statutes of the commonwealth, "refusing to strike."

The sheriff and one or more deputies and the district attorney then returned to the scene of the strike. On arriving there they found the workers assembled in a vast mass meeting. This was held at the dance platform—a place regularly assigned for the gatherings of the employees.

It consisted of some short speeches and a good deal of song singing. This was on Sunday afternoon. The meeting was perfectly legal and perfectly orderly as the sheriff had since admitted to the attorneys for the defense.

The strike stopped near the platform. The sheriff stepped from his machine, walking into this orderly and legal gathering and, according to the unqualified evidence of the attorney, fired his pistol into the air shouting that he was the sheriff of Tulsa county and by his authority commanded the crowd to disperse—a command that he had no authority to utter and much less to enforce.

Side by side in an auto were shot by the Porto Rican before he expired and with the sheriff's pistol that he had picked up from the ground. But the confusion was so great, and everything transpired with such rapidity that no one could possibly say one detail after the sheriff was dragged to the ground.

The militia was at once sent to the work field and the detectives set to work to hang somebody for the killing of the officials.

About a dozen are arrested and all charged with murder. These have been scattered throughout the four county jails, some of them being hidden away for weeks before the attorneys for the general defense of these men could learn even of their arrest. They are not now sure that they have located all who have thus been placed in confinement. The while these wretches are left to the merciless modes of gunmen and Pinkertons.

A strenuous effort is being made to prove a conspiracy among those arrested, and to hang them if possible. Torture Used to Force Men to Confess.

The manner in which some of these prisoners have been beaten and tortured in the various prisons of that part of the state is effort to force a confession of some sort finds a parallel only in the bastilles of Russia. One official is now on bond for his brutality and many others should be in confinement.

And what could the prisoners confess? Many witnesses who saw the whole affair swear that they cannot attribute any crime directly to any particular person. How could the prisoners be truthfully expected to do so?

Those who are selected from those thousands to die for crimes precipitated by the lawless greed of an employer and the unscrupulous cunning of some officials—officers of the law all too willing to respond to the beck of a millionaire, but still indifferent to lawlessness that affected only the toilers through these might number by the thousands.

Comrades, the case is before us and it certainly demands action upon our part. These imprisoned workers are of us economically and industrially if not politically.

Their cases merit our support to the last possible degree. These men are not criminals. There is no evidence that they ever for a moment contemplated murder or that they committed such a crime.

Our imperative duty is to rally to their defense. As their trials open the 1st of December, the time is brief and further delay is intolerable. We therefore recommend and urge—

Call to Action to Save Workers From Death Plot.

Socialist Supply Co.

IOLA, KANSAS.

The object of the Socialist Supply Co. is to organize the buying power of the Socialists and workers of the United States and to create a demand for goods made by Socialists in factories owned and operated by co-operating groups of workers.

If you workers will co-operate we can start the co-operative commonwealth now and here. We can supply the workers with better goods for less money because we can cut off the profits that now go to capitalism and cut a lot of useless middlemen's expense.

As fast as we have enough demand for any line of goods we can establish factories to be owned and operated by co-operating groups of workers.

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We sell direct to the consumer by mail, the goods made in our own factories.

Comrades, let us figure a little. These 2,000,000 Socialist voters in the United States. If every one of them will order one pair of overalls, or one shirt every one we can have the biggest shirt and overall factory in the United States.

We want all of you to try one of our shirts and pair of our overalls, because we know if you try them once you will always wear them.

If the Socialists of the country who buy cigars, will smoke our cigars, we can give them these better cigars for less money.

As our demand increases we can buy our raw material direct from the tobacco growers and cut out every middle man's profit.

This will enable us to sell for still less money. The Socialists of the United States smoke enough cigars to keep 1,000 cigar makers busy the year round.

Comrades, let us buy the Red Flag Cigar. Let us keep the profits in the party. If you will do your part we can have ten Socialist cigar factories scattered over the United States instead of a year.

Let us start the co-operative commonwealth now. The opportunity is here, the plan is economically sound and practical. Its success depends on the loyalty of the workers. Are you with us?

Made of heavy blue denim, full sized and well finished. We guarantee them to give satisfaction. They are as good as any \$1.00 overall in the market.

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POLL TAX NOTES

BECOMING A CITIZEN.

(A list of questions that are asked a person who is taking out his final papers to become a citizen of the United States.)

The applicant for final naturalization papers is required to give his age, occupation, personal description, place of birth, last foreign birth, date of arrival, the date of arrival, the name of the vessel in which he came to the United States and his present place of residence in the United States. He must also state that he is not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government, or a member of, or affiliated with any organization, or body of persons teaching disloyalty or in opposition to organized government; that he is not a polygamist or a believer in the practice of polygamy; that it is his intention to reside permanently in the United States; whether or not he has been declared an alien as a citizen of the United States, and if declared, the grounds of such denial, the court or courts in which such decision was rendered, and that the cause of such decision has since been removed. He will also be asked questions tending to show whether he has a general knowledge of the constitution of the United States and the present government officials.

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Comrade Stanley of DeQuene writes for an organizer for one week. The Bureau comrades have reorganized with 14 members.

Local Midland is again in line. Comrade De Witt at Hamilton has succeeded in lining the comrades up over in that part of the state again. He writes for organization blanks and supplies.

The Jefferson County comrades have elected comrade Galloway county organizer. He is busily engaged in lining up the county work.

"Send me organization blanks and instructions and I will do all I can to organize down here," C. N. Smith, Eldorado.

ARKANSAS STATE NOTES

Organize, organize, organize, and then stay organized.

Comrade Samuel F. Patton has organized eight localities in Ashley County during the first half of November.

November has broken the records so far for the amount of organization work. Let us all line up and try to beat our own record.

Comrade Blackwell is delivering the goods straight from the shoulder. Not only is he knocking capitalists, but he is jacking the Socialists up themselves for their lack of organized effort.

Comrade Lancaster begins work again on November 27th. Comrade Lee Rhodes writes for thirty dates through Arkansas during December. Comrade Stanley, number one speaker should write headquarters for terms.

O. F. Branstetter is arranging a League Circuit including several of the Southern states. The lectures he delivers are of special interest to Socialists as he is one of the comrades who has had a great amount of experience in the party's work.

The comrades down at Waters get together and organized, fire of their signals the chapter application.

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It is a full weight, five-inch, hand-made, long filler cigar, made in a union shop by union men.

We have tried to produce the best 5 cent cigar that can be made and comrades who have smoked the cigar say they have succeeded.

It has a clean rolled, long filler of well cured Old Dutch and Pennsylvania brand tobacco, bound in a Connecticut Havana Seed Binder and wrapped with a high-grade Florida Synatra wrapper. A combination that will please most critical smokers.

It smokes well, burns even and has excellent flavor and aroma. Guaranteed to please. They are packed in tin boxes holding 25 cigars.

The tin box keeps the cigars moist and insures carrying well by mail. Shipped by parcel post.

Price, Postage.
1 box (25) \$.78 & .07
2 boxes 1.56 .12
3 boxes 2.34 .12
10 boxes 7.75 .42
25 boxes 15.25 .84

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Easy Money

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We want 1,000 Socialists to sell RED FLAG CHEWING GUM—the best gum made. You can easily make \$2 per week.

Send us 40 cents and we will send you a box containing 20 5 cent packages of Red Flag Gum. You can sell to everyone, young and old, men and women. Everyone who tries it wants more. Help us build up a Socialist business.

1 box, 20 5c packages 40c
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Postage Paid
SEND TODAY.

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90c Per Pair

Blue overall, regular big and slender style. Good material and made to wear. We guarantee them to be as good as any \$1.00 overall you ever bought. Be sure to state size around the waist and the length of the leg. 50 CENTS PER PAIR DELIVERED.

Our Price, only 18c, Postpaid

Shirts

A High-Class 50c Work Shirt for 42c

Delivered Free. These shirts are high-class, full sized, well made and will please you. Solid color, blue, tan or black or gray with black stripes. Be sure to give size.

Every comrade should send for at least one of these shirts. Guaranteed to satisfy.

Shears

Just to show you how cheap we can sell good articles we offer you a pair of Smith, all steel, self-sharpening Shears for 18c. These shears are well made and well finished and will spring. They have a tension spring that takes up wear and keeps the shears sharp.

Many dealers sell these shears for 30 cents.

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THE POOREST OF MEN.

The poorest of men is he who labor leaves him no time for thinking and dreaming, whose every hour is filled with the tasks that earn bread. When a holiday comes he is unable to enjoy simple pleasures, recreation is hollow and his satisfaction shriveled. Diversity of tasks brings the farmer for every diversion—From the Country Gentleman.

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STICK BY YOUR UNION.

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Stick by your union. Get in touch with your fellow workers.

Organize! Standing together you are a mighty army. Standing separately you are broken reeds.

Only a mut will vote to continue the system that keeps him in bondage.

Amuse the voters. They will not be deceived by their own illusions. They are in bondage.

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