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Big Flood In Europe

Towns Inundated and Loss to Property Will Be Millions.

BRUSSELS, Belgium. — Floods in the provinces of Liege and Namur have reached the proportions of a disaster and have already caused damage to the amount of millions in the valleys of the Meuse, Vesdre and Ourthe rivers where villages, towns and railroads are submerged. Vast havoc has also been done in the outskirts of Brussels, where hundreds of houses are under water. At the city of Liege the waters have risen six feet in twelve hours, and continue rising at the rate of about six inches an hour. Immense masses of water are pouring over the Gileppe dam from a height of 150 feet. The roads between Liege and Verviers are inundated, and mills factories and electric plants have been obliged to suspend operations. In the Vesdre valley the water reaches to the first floor of the scores of houses.

Despatches from Malines Charleroi and Mons report that the rivers Dyle, Sambre, Laine and Hommelle are overflowing their banks, inundating the surrounding country. No estimate of the loss of life has been received.

Koeslin, Germany, January.—A high tide submerged the villages of Dankerort on the borders of Buckow lake, adjoining the Baltic sea, last night and the fate of its 100 inhabitants is unknown.

A heavy gale is blowing inshore and the waters have reached such an extraordinary height that only three roofs of houses in the village were visible this morning. Troops have been sent here to assist in the work of rescue.

PARIS, January.—Telegraphic communications between Paris and Brussels was seriously interrupted late tonight, owing to the floods.

Debs Will Take a Hand

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 13.—Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, will go to the scene of the copper miners strike in upper Michigan to lend his assistance just as soon as his physical condition will permit, it was announced today.

Debs is suffering from a nervous breakdown at his home here and is under a physician's care.

"The Christmas eve panic, which claimed so many children's lives at Red Jacket, and the subsequent shooting of Moyer almost broke Debs' heart," Mrs. Debs said today.

FORD TO AID WOMEN WORKERS.

The Feminine Employes Who Support Families to Share Profits.

New York, January.—Some of the women employed in the plant of Henry Ford in Detroit will receive a share of the firm's profits under the new ten million dollar profit sharing plan recently announced. Arriving here today, Ford said that in addition to all women as well as men receiving a minimum wage of $5 a day, woman on whom large families are depending will be given a proportionate share of profits along with the male emplyoees.

Asked when he first thought of his plan, Ford said he did not know but decided to adopt it because he believed this to be an opportune time. "I looked out my window, saw men anxious to work and decided to provide work for them by employing three shifts instead of two in my factory. It was only a step to put employees on a more equal basis through the profit-sharing plan."

U. S. Scores Mine Czars

Labor Department Report Says Even Strike Breakers are Abused—Tells of Work at Gun Point.

Washington, Jan. 10—Severe criticism of the copper czars of the Calumet copper mining district, for their treatment of both strikers and strike breakers, was contained in a report made public by the department of labor today.

Five propositions for mediation, all of which the employers refused to consider, were set forth. Only a passing reference was made to the fire tragedy on Christmas eve.

The report contained the formal recital of facts as to conditions in the copper strike region as gathered by three department of labor investigators sent there in an endeavor to end the strike.

In telling of the treatment accorded strike breakers engaged at Chicago agencies the report says:

"Many of these made affidavit that the agent informed them there was no trouble or strike at the place they were to work; that on arrival they were guarded by deputies and soldiers and not permitted to leave the bunk house at the mine, and that they were otherwise mistreated.

"Some of the smaller companies have been operating at a loss," continues the report, "but the largest company in the region, the Calumet and Hecla company, which employ upward of 50 per cent of the total number of mine workers engaged in that region has had extremely large profits.

"Its actual cash capital paid in is $1,200,000. The total dividends paid from date of organization in 1871, to and including March 30, 1913, were $121,050,000, besides having reinvested about $75,000,000, out of its net earnings."

Five distinct propositions were drawn up by John A. Moffitt and John B. Densmore, who acted as conciliators for the department at different times, and were rejected by the miners, but all were rejected by the representatives of the companies on the ground that they could not deal with the Western Federation of Miners or have any of its members in their employ.

The report made public today by Walter D. Palmer of the department of labor, who spent some time in the Calumet region was approved by Secretary of Labor Wilson.

The report states that a number of riots occurred during the first few days of the strike, but it is not shown if strikers used any firearms at that time. It is said, however, that a number have been killed by guns in the hands of guards employed by the Waddell-Mann strike-breaking agency of New York.

Many contracts with strike breakers secured from the Austro-American labor agency were filled out in German with the exception of the word "strike," which was written in English, "probably," the report states, "to comply with the laws of New York, but evidently intended to deceive Germans who could not read English."

Two men made affidavits, according to the report, that deputies at the point of a gun, compelled them to go from Superior, Wis., to Calumet, where they were put into an automobile and taken to one of the mining camps.

Mother Jones Is Deported

"I'll Go Back," She Says.

Indianapolis, Indiana, Jan.—Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President United States, Pass Christian, Miss:

"Mother" Jones deported from Trinidad, Colorado, by state militia in violation of all laws of the land. We ask you to intervene and protect constitutional rights of American citizens.

John P. White, president,
Frank J. Hayes, vice-president,
United Mine Workers of America.

Similar telegram has been sent to secretary of labor W. B. Wilson.

All hail to Socialism, woman suffrage, and our slogan: A million Socialist women votes in 1916!

Rev. C. M. Sheldon of Topeka, is a convert to socialism and is a splendid speaker.

Judas and Socialism

(By G. W. Galloway.)

The Baptist Advance of December 18th last, publishes an article under the caption, "Socialism and Socialism," by Victor I. Masters, editorial secretary. Which article was intended to cripple the Socialist movement and thereby perpetuate the present system of legalized robbery and oppression. It says "the social implications of the gospel have never before received as much attention as at present. Books and papers teem from the press, the purpose of which is Socialistic.

This general tendency has in it the promise of an increase in the sum total of human welfare. We would not that less study be given to the subject, but there is need of careful discrimination. There is a world of difference between Socialism as a political creed and social service as a normal outgrowth of religious conviction and moral rectitude."

The City Mission Monthly, the official organ of the New York City Mission and Tract Society, is authority for the statement that "the Socialists have circulated among a certain class of foreigners a catechism for the children which puts the position of Socialism on the question of religion in very unmistakeable terms. See City Mission Monthly for June, 1909. We quote some characteristic questions and answers:

Q—What is God?

A—God is a word used to designate an imaginary being which people of themselves have devised."

Quite a string of questions and answers are given equally absurd. In fact they are so manifestly absurd that no sane person can believe them except tools of capitalism who are anxious to find some pretext true or otherwise, upon which to slander and damage Socialism. It is not reasonable to suppose that any of the several editors who published the malicious falsehood believed it to be true.

None of them were willing to assume responsibility for the publication.

God's Revivalist and Bible Advocate credits it to C. E. Cornell. Cornell credits it to the Pacific Coast Magazine. The Pacific Coast Magazine credits it to the London Standard. The Baptist Advance credits it to the City Mission Monthly of New York.

The catechism which these mammonistic tools of capitalism are publishing in a conspicuous effort to damage Socialism is known as the Geringer Catechism.

An investigation by the national office of the Socialist party disclosed the fact that the Geringer Catechism was used in Bohemian Sunday schools in Chicago. These schools are anti-Socialist, as well as anti-religious. Yet these professed servants of Christ and real servants of the master chose the ammunition of their enemies to fight Socialism and in fighting Socialism they prove their own hypocrisy. The principles and teachings of Socialism are in strict accord with the teachings of the Nazerene. Therefore, no professed Christian can twist their religion so as to oppose Socialism to receive the endorsement and plaudits of capitalist oppressors of the poor without putting themselves clearly out of harmony with the teachings of Christ. Those who believe that they can carry such a conglomerated mixture and be numbered with the saints are deceiving themselves. Those who wear the outward badge of Christ while endorsing and practicing what Christ condemned are in much worse condition than those who make no pretention.

Soon after the Socialist press forced a senatorial investigation and defeated West Virginia coal barons in their conspiracy to hang strike leaders and Socialist editors and agitators and thereby force the strikers back into slavery without hope for the future so-called Christians went to the relief of the defeated byrons and flooded the mining districts with copies of this spurious catechism and fake preachers in a desperate effort to discredit Socialism and regain the lost power of their masters, the barons, by mentally enslaving the miners through perversions of Bible meanings, such as servants obey your masters and other dogmas; be content in poverty here and thereby earn a crown of gold in the world to come.

The creed which rendered this valuable service to the barons are known as the Holiness Union. It was boilness boiler makers who steelplated the hull moose murder cars upon which machine guns were mounted and used in a murderous midnight attack on sleeping men, women and children. The machinists and all the boiler makers at the Huntington shops except a few holiness cranks refused to plate the murder car.

When the holiness cranks were called upon to do the work they requested time to talk it over with God. They retired for a short while and went through the mockery of prayer, returning with the statement that God said do the work. This is a sample of the material which is being used by exploiters to fight Socialism. The principles of Socialism are so manifestly just and their adoption so necessary to peace, prosperity and happiness of the human family that its enemies realize the fact that no one can successfully fight it without resorting to deceptional fights or bitter personal animosities marred the harmony of the proceedings.

The annual report of the state secretary, H. M Sinclair, was read its contents heartily commended, and a vote of thanks tendered him. It was shown that the slump in membership, which always follows a campaign, had been much less than was expected. A year ago demoralization, general apathy, and factional quarrels prevailed within the party; the state office was heavily in debt, and dues had fallen off greatly, our members being in hard luck by reason of crop failures and unemployment.

Situation Relieved.

This situation has been relieved. Party revenues are steadily increasing, dissentions have been removed, and more systematic and thorough organization is being extended. There are now nearly 400 locals in good standing, and many others in arrears, besides about 75 members at large. One hundred and eighty-one new charters have been issued since Feb. 15th, and the average membership for 1913 was 2,585. The party indebtedness, which was more that $3,000, has been wiped out entirely.

By a careful calculation based upon the known membership of the several organizations, the secretary figures that the Socialist party saved the working class of Oklahoma more that $1,000,000 by its activity in preventing the passage of the odious poll tax law which the Democratic state legislature sought to enact. And when the same legislature inserted a joker in the new mine law that would have practically put the men out of business, the Socialist party immediately rallied to the help of the U. M. W. of A. in securing a referendum vote on the question, by which the proposition was defeated by a large majority.

Among the resolutions adopted by the convention was one extending sympathy to the sorrowing miners in Calumet, Mich., whose homes had been made desolate by the appalling disaster on Christmas eve, extolling the loyalty and fortitude of the strikers, denouncing the outrages committed by the capitalist class, and donating a sum of money to the Western Federation of Miners to aid the strikers. A similar resolution was adopted relative to the trouble in Colorado, and a like sum of money donated to the United Mine Workers in support of the strike in that state.

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The committee on press bureau recommended that more extensive reports on party matters be sent out from the state office, including propaganda matter as well as news. Also that a campaign book be prepared, containing platform declarations with explanations thereof, documentary proof of the inefficiency and corruption of the present Democratic administration in this state, a resume of the secretary's annual report, and other needful information.

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It was stated that in all probability the court would knock out the exemption clause and let the main provisoin of the law remain in force, which would mean an educational qualification for the voter, and would certainly be used by the dominant party to further disfranchise the working class.

When the committee on organization recommended the adoption of the "circuit rider plan" for propagada work in the various counties, some of the delegates declared it was a new one on them. It was explained to mean that the Socialist agitator should have a regular line of dates over the county, and visit such places once a month or oftener, to keep them up; somewhat like the old time Methodist circuit rider used to do in his religious work, only instead of carrying Bibles and religious tracts in his saddle bags and preaching sermons the Socialist agitator should carry Socialist literature and promulgate the gospel of Socialism.

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Chance for 12 Bad Boys

Worst Dozen in U. S. Will start Life Anew on Nevada Ranch.

Chicago. Jan 11.—The twelve worst boys in the United States were brought together here last night. They will leave Sunday to establish the Last Chance Boys' Club on a nine-acre ranch twenty-seven miles from Reno, Nev., where an effort will be made to make good citizens of them.

The club is suported by Jack London, Upton Sinclair, Robert Hunter, and Jack Robbins, president of the Glenwood National Fellowship Club.

The boys range in age from 13 to 15 years. They are selected from among 9,000 bad boys in twelve states and each is rated at over 87 per cent bad. Mr. Robbins started October 2 in search of them. Their home cities are Hartford, Conn., Souix City, Ia; Mishawaka, Ind; Lima, O.; Detroit, Mich.; Erie, Pa.; Racine, Wis.; Bridgeton, N. J.; East St. Louis, Ill.; Boston, Brooklyn and Wheeling, W Va.; In the group are seven Americans, three Hungarians, one Jew and an Italian.

"We do not believe in anything of a police nature in the reformation of boys," said Mr. Robbins. "We are going to give our plan a several year's trial. If successful it will start the greatest bad boy reclamation project ever known."

Socialists Hit Poll Tax Law

(By B. M. Williams.)

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 13—(By Mail).—That the state Socialist convention which closed her on December 31st was the largest and most successful one ever held by the party, is the consensus of opinion among those who are in a position to know. About 100 delegates were in attendance, besides many other Socialists, and a large number of non-Socialist spectators. No factional fights or bitter personal animosities marred the harmony of the proceedings.

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The New Militia Bill

IT PROVIDES THAT THE PRESENT SECRETARY OF WAR SHALL HAVE CONTROL.

At Least Secretary Garrison Says if it Does Not He Will Not Give His Support.

Washington, Jan. 14—Sec. of of War Garrison declared that he would not endorse any militia pay bill that did not give the United States great jurisdiction over state troops including the power of sending them on foreign service, without calls for volunteers as was necessary during the Spanish War.

"The Dick bill does not go far enough," said Garrison. "I want a bill which will give the Federal Government adequate tangible results in return for the money advanced."

Under existing law the organized militia can be used only within the borders of the United States.

FRISCO FAIR WELL UNDER WAY.

Three Thousand Men Now on Construction Payroll.

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—A statement issued today by the management of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition shows that three thousands men are now employed on construction work and that the daily payroll is $10,000. All the exhibit palaces are under way and during December five million feet of lumber was put in place. Six thousand applications for concessions have been made. Of these only 164 have been allowed. These will expend nearly eight million dollars and employ more than seven thousand persons, it is said.

Plain, old fashioned religion is out of favor with many up-to-date, "progressive" ministers!

A. D. A. R. Leader Dead

Mrs. Walker, of Missouri, Was Noted Daughter of Patriots.

Kansas City, Missouri, Jan.—Mrs. John R. Walker, honorary vice-president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, died at her home here today of heart disease. Her husband, who is a Mrs. Walker's portrait in oil hangs in Continental Hall, Washington. Her father was Judge of the Missouri Supreme Court. Her husband, who died in 1909, was United States District Attorney here.

THE KANSAS CITY FIGHT.

(Telegram to Solidarity.)

Eighty-five men in jail for speaking on the street. Fight important; must have aid, men and money. All foot loose rebels start at once. Show Kansas City the I. W. W. cannot be whipped. We will organize the slaves and put the bosses to work. Come. War is on!—Free Speech Committee.

Every bread line is proof of the failure of capitalism.

The Stolen Will Found

Washington, Jan. 13.—The will of Martha Washington, stolen from the records of Fairfax county, Va., during the civil war, has been located in the library of J. P. Morgan.

A request has been made upon Morgan for its return and he has refused to accede to that request.

State Senator R. Ewel Thornton, Fairfax county, will next week, when the legislature meets, introduce a resolution authorizing and instructing the attorney general of that state to institute suit against Morgan in the United States supreme court for the recovery of the will.

THE NIFTIEST THING OUT

Say you ought to see that new Redtag and Old Glory envelope its a dandy, printed in colors, with your return card, 100 for only 40 cents. SOCIALIST CO-OP., Iola Kansas

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On February first a new anti-Catholic monthly publication, to be called THE CRUSADER, will be started. It will occupy an entirely new and separate field from any publication now in existence, or as far as we know, has ever existed. Its objects and policy will be different from that of any existing publication. It will declare its principles and attack no one, except as those principles are attacked by others, and all those who are the enemies of the plain, straight and simple principles it advocates, it will defend those principles with all its power.

Its principles are, first, those well stated principles phrased first by Baron d'Holbach, the well known Latin Rite Mason, in the eighteenth century, and translated into English and made the great American ideal in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, amongst which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among man, deriving all their just powers from the consent of the governed." These principles mean DEMOCRACY. They mean free speech, press, assemblage, free public schools, and freedom of conscience, or complete toleration. They mean universal CITIZEN SUFFRAGE. All who are citizens are entitled to participate equally and freely in the government to which they have to submit.

It is called THE CRUSADER because since the day of the assembly of the congress that adopted and signed the Declaration of Independence which passed it mainly because they needed the common people to rally into the Continental army and fight Great Britain, and because Jefferson, Dr. Rush, Benjamin Franklin and others of equal standing and repute were Masons in full sympathy with the Latin Rite Masons, and thus announced those Masonic principles. Since that day, there has been an insidious conspiracy of men of wealth, and of late years an ecclesiastical oligarcy and political machine has joined with them in sympathetic union, to destroy all the practice of those principles, and to jesuitically undermine and defeat them. THE CRUSADER has entered the field to fight against those who would destroy the great American ideal. Not that it hates them, except that all enemies to the American ideal are its enemies. That to defend the American ideal obliges it to attack those who have limb by limb cut from our Liberty Tree, and now have laid the axe at its roots, and openly declare they will utterly destroy it.

As the Crusaders of old fought the Moslem hordes because they were in possession of what they at that time deemed holy and sacred, so THE CRUSADER today would, like Peter, the Hermit, arouse the people and rally and encourage them to start on a new and modern crusade to rescue the Altar and principles of American Liberty from the polluting hands of a pagan priesthood, Catholic and apostate Protestant, who would fawn upon the privileged rich, and unite in a political machine to kill Americanism and American Ideals, and give to a hypocritical band of sworn aliens the keys of political power.

THE CRUSADER will not entrench upon the field of any of the patriotic publications that are so rapidly increasing, but its editor, after 25 years' of experience on five continents, meeting and understanding the international character of the organization of the enemy of all Liberty, KNOWS that none of these publications nor patriotic societies really know what they are up against as an organization. As for himself, he has escaped so far, though all of those with whom he has been associated in this fight, were either poisoned, or "disappeared" entirely. Here in the United States the enemy cannot dare to do things that he knows they have done in Mexico and South America. That is, he has no knowledge or evidence that would hold good in a court, that they have done so here, but that does not prove a negative, as matters suggestive and suspicious have happened and are constantly happening, that if properly investigated would show that the same things are done, only they are more cautiously managed and therefore not found out, or even suspected. All this and more THE CRUSADER will deal with.

Papers such as the Menace, the American Citizen, Watson's publications and others, are run by people who have only lately waked up, but the editor of THE CRUSADER was waked up 45 years ago, and has been actively awake and observant ever since, and for 5 years has been organized and connected with an international order that has been meeting the "great conspiracy" on its own ground.

The lately awakened people do not seem to realize that it is not the Roman Catholic Hierarchy they are fighting. Does it stand to reason that only one-fifth to one-sixth of our population would be as bold and defiant as they are, did they not feel the elbow touch of the organized putocracy in full sympathy with their political aspirations? The plutocracy are organized international like the Church of Rome, and the aim and desire of both is the death of Liberty. They are in agreement, and "death and hell are and have made a covenant." But for this, Rome knows her plans would be utterly hopeless, and but for Rome, the plutocracy would feel their hopes groundless. Mark Hanna well knew this, and declared that "the Roman Catholic Church would be the last bulwark of capital."

The Rothschilds, (Jews), are at enmity with "the Standard Oil crowd" in a struggle for the oil fields of Mexico and China. One Jews, the other nominally Christians, but on the question of entrenching privilege, they are Chang and Eng twins, and on the question of the destruction of Liberty and Democracy they join with Rome. What is religion between friends who are but to exploit the producing classes? The Smelter Trust, the Mining Trust, represented by the Guggenheims, a catspaw of the "Jew Jack Pot," work in harmony in the United States Senate, in Alaska, in Colorado, in Michigan, with the "Christian Jack Pot," AND BOTH BACK ROME'S PRETENSIONS AS AN AID TO THEIR PLANS. This is the combine we, the people of all the world, are up against, and THE CRUSADER is against this combine, because it is against Democracy and Modernism. THE CRUSADER stands ALONE ON THIS GREAT STATE SECRET. Bismark saw this and organized state capitalism to meet it, and prepared Germany to defeat Austria and France. He not only moved to try and smother socialism on the one hand, but to meet the COMMUNISTIC ideal of internationalism on the other, by the internationalizing of an international oligarcy of capital, the last stand of privilege against the rising tide of Democracy all over the world. This is the issue, and Rome is but A PART of the conspiracy.

The editor has been a special secret agent of two foreign governments, and acted for two of their departments of state, with the sole object of discovering who were pulling the wires that produced afterwards the downfall of the Liberal Government of President Jose Balmeceda in Chili, South America, in 1891, and the downfall of Porfirio Diaz in Mexico, elevated and assassinated Madero, and brought Huerta, the tool of the Roman Church and the "Jew Jack Pot," into power as dictator. He has personally witnessed the mobbing and killing of American sailors in Valparaiso, in order to involve the American government in the Balmeceda government, which failed in its object. He has seen his friends poisoned, and "disappear" who opposed the combine. He knows who blew up the Maine, and why, and he proposes to tell all that can be told and not involve men who are still living, nor violate the terms of his solemn oath of secrecy. He cannot tell all that he knows, obviously, but THE CRUSADER will be, as its title infers, a champion of Liberty, a defender of the principles that "old glory" is supposed to represent to the oppressed people of the world.

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MOTHER JONES' COLUMN

LIBERTY VS. PRIVILEGE, NUMBER EIGHT, AND LAST.

Well, when Masonry could not be killed like they killed other organizations, because it was so wisely organized that it couldn't be done, they the spies of privilege, and the reactionary priesthood of Rome, kept their agents in its lodges to emasculate its actions, and reduce them to the lowest terms, and they, the spies, are there yet, and always "on the job." When the Brotherhood of the Union was dying out under the manipulations of the Jesuit directed spies, the labor unions began to discover that they needed more industrial unionism. The men they discovered to be spies, always were "good union men," but they opposed the amalgamation of associated trades. Any old time men, of the "Amalgamated Carpenters and Joiners," know that that amalgamation between the different trade unions was bitterly fought, and by whom, and it was the same critters who always opposed any talk of political action, and often sang the song that the interests of labor and capital were identical, etc. Old Alec. Stephens, head cutter at Wanamakers Clothing house at Sixth and Market street, was the head of the Garment Cutters' Union, and organized and held that trade more compactly than any other. Frank Boub, of the cigarmakers, studied Stephens' methods and ideas, and the carpenters and joiners got old Alec, "the old war horse," to tell to them in their unions. Between them all (Father Jones was then a kid, and Alec Stephens old man) Stephens got the head men of the unions together and broached his idea of The Knights of Labor. It was to be intensely secret, not even its name was to be mentioned out of its lodge rooms. Where lodges met no sign was to be used, but the sign of a lance, and the night and time of meeting. No badge, button, pin, or emblem of any kind was to be used. And when men were nominated on any ticket, not Knights, or who would not give the best pledge to labor, they cut their enemies, and voted for and spoke and electioneered for Knights, or their friends. Old John Shedden of North Second street, "the old man eloquent," Isaac Rehn, James Walker of South Second street, went among the unions, and finally 63 delegates met in secret conclave at the Garment Cutters' Hall, northwest corner of Sixth and Walnut street, diagonally across Independence Square, and there the Knights of Labor was formed, and the first Knights swore themselves to secrecy even of the name of this secret labor federation. Father Jones, then but a kid of 21, was one of the 63. He and Victor Drury, now dead, and Joe Stiener, the last I saw of him was as bugler at the National Soldiers Home in Tennessee in 1911. We three were Socialists, or 3 to 60.

Tom Pitzgerald, "Red Headed Fitz," was the delegate from the Typographical Union. After our next general delegate meeting where Alec Stephens was elected our first grand master workman, the Press, John Forney's paper, came out with an account of the general delegate convention, of the "Knights of Labor," and told of Stephens' election, and pretty nearly a correct account of the Knights. Victor Drury had told the Knights to be awfully careful about letting in Romanists, and to not be stuffed with spies as they had been in the labor movement of France and Italy, etc., and this showed not only the work of a spy, but a bold and reckless one. Some hot heads said: "Find who he is and we'll kill him," but Old Alec said: "Well be careful as we can, but that wouldn't be being careful. We are known now, but that should make us hang together all the stronger." Himself and Drury summoned "Red Headed Fitz" at once, and we got word that Fitz had a long talk alone with the Press night editor. That was not positive proof, he might have written after a job on the paper, and that might a coincidence. Drury set a man to shadowing Fitz, and just before an important meeting, all three of us shadowed Fitz one night, and followed him to Big hop Ryan's house next to the Cathedral on Logan Square. We were seen by men outside the Bishop's house, but that was the last We ever saw of "Red Headed Fitz." We waited around until daylight. He disappeared as completely as if he had dissolved into the air. I have given this in detail as it will illustrate other things that happened. I have space don't permit to mention. When the American Federation of Labor was broached in the unions, Millis of Christ mss, or the organizations now openly known, and publishing its organ as such, got busy, and soon the heads of all Unions, their secretaries, treasurers, etc., were full of these spies John Lynch head of the Typographical Union was one, John Mitchell head of the miners another. The head of the Weavers, the Machinists, later the Electrical Workers, in fact nine tenths of the Labor union heads were Jesuit spies, and when Terence Powderly was put at the head of the Knights of Labor, he put its duties on it, and when the American Federation of Labor was formed, its officers, delegates and "whole shootin match," were all devout kissers of the holy daddies hands, and came to them for orders. Oh, you say Sam Gompers the "head push" wasn't a Papist. No, but a bone headed reactionary like him, and Bill Taft, can be of more service to the skirted daddies than one of their own kind, and then he's not suspected as they would be. Then too, experience in Russia, Italy, France, and South America has shown, that men not known to ever go near a R. C. Church, were found to be Jesuits of higher grade, educated for the very work they are in, and given dispensations, for marriage, for strategic purposes, to speak against the church. Besides that, just as a practical common sense question, what difference does it make if a man wears a Quaker drab suit, but does the deeds and work of a Jesuit? Its deds, work and results, not words, labels, clothing or names. Sure, that's awfully simple but say fellow citizens, that the simple proposition that the Jesuits have, and are fooling a whole nation with.

Well, then the Federation of Labor was formed, the Militia of Christ was in control of it and of the Unions, and then the Civic Federation was formed and paid Gompers and Mitchell $500 per month or $6000 as "Leaders of Labor," that is Jawn Mitchell sported a diamond pin worth some $200 and Sam Labor he led could not sport a overcoat in the winter, or their children shoes, or enough grub to keep off the hunger line. And some flannell headed gumps, wonder why American Laborganizations never get anywhere.

The Militia of Christ, all wired up by the R. C. Church, has the Labor unions thrown, roped, and hogtied. They don't intend the unions shall amount to anything for the labor, but only for the master. Do you understand now why the Civic Federation, a master guild, pays Gompers, Mitchell, and other Labor Leaders, a monthly bribe of $500 when the money is generally passed quietly in an envelope, and in a bath room, or some dark alley, but these bribes, to the tune of from $18,000 to $25,000 as a whole are passed openly and shamelessly. Why you ask? Well because we'uns spell our name thus E. Z. Mak's. See? American Labor Unions, with a few exceptions wouldn't take a tumble to themselves, not if a brick house fell on Alec. Alec. Mak, that's no joke. Therefore we today have reached the point in the fight between Liberty and Priveledge, where Priveledge has the R. C. political machine solid, it has a majority of control of the labor organizations and "Leaders," it holds the courts and judges, congress and the president, and only about one tenth of the people awake to the details of Liberty.

As an example, December, 24th, the National Secretary of the Socialist party, wired the president, requesting an investigation of the Calumet, Michigan, strike. Will the President ever see it, or even know of it? Just according as a Jesuit, the assistant president and private secretary sees fit or not. Just consider that fact for a moment, turn it over, study it, and think what it means. Yet it is, and has been despite such conditions, that Liberty has constantly gained during the last 3,000 years, and privilege has just as constantly lost. That is, to put it plain, that contrary to apparently all natural law and reason, Liberty steadily, like the drift of mighty glacier, advances, and privilege, armed with all the forces of governments, armies, navies, legislatures, courts, judges, police, money the pulpits, the press, the rostrum so organized in Lecture Bureaus, that only the doctrine of privilege gets a fair hearing, and labor, with the unions officered by Militia of Christ men, and spies, and informers of privilege, why it's all one sided like the handle of a jug, yet the real and true leaders of labor like Eugene V. Debs, and a few others, still have a firm faith that Liberty it to win.

You may ask: Has Debs lost his reason? No, but its like this. Way No matter whether you call it, what Haeckel says, "a constant drift towards meliioration," the name is not material, but most people use the term God, and Father Jones says: "Debs and others have faith in Liberty, because he knows God is with it and in it, and that one man with God, is a majority. Those who are for liberty are on God's side. The church gets on the side against God, and then prays to God to be on their side. The church never prays that it may be on God's side, but always that God may be on its side, and then goes on the devil's side. The church tries to serve God and mammon and Jesus in the sermon on the mount said it couldn't be did. What do you think?

THE CITIZENS' ALLIANCE

(By Clarance Darrow.)

The members and sympathizers of the Citizens' Alliance Association of Calumet, Mich., wilfully assaulted, beat, shot and then deported Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, from the copper country. It is fair to presume that the mob was composed of mine owners, their agents, hired gunmen and sympathizers.

The excuse they make for this open and serious violation of law and this vicious attack on the leader of the union, is that he slandered the citizens' association. The mine owners say that they believed that someone wearing a button of the citizens' association, gave the alarm of fire which caused a stampede at the federation hall, which resulted in the death of about seventy of the children of the striking miners.

Of course, no person believes that the mine owners or their agents deliberately murdered more than seventy children in violence and cold blood. These children at least were innocent and when the facts are discovered, if they sometimes are, it will probably appear that whoever did it was either insane or lost his head and was in no way morally responsible for the act; but the conduct of this mob might furnish a lesson to the leaders and inspirers of the mob.

Since July the miners of Calumet region have been out on a strike. Mr. Moyer is president of the Western Federation of Miners, who has this strike in charge. From the time the strike was called, the mine owners and their agents publicly and privately have made all sorts of criminal charges against Moyer and the Western Federation of Miners.

They have called them murderers and assassins. They have made these charges through the Associated Press, to the governor of the state, to every person with whom they have talked or for whom they have written. They have charged Moyer and his associates with more and greater crimes than were inferentially charged against the mine owners and their paid gunmen and citizens' alliance.

They have never felt that either Moyer or the miners were in any way justified for violating the law, no matter what slander has been uttered against their name and their organization.

Beyond all this, the killing of seventy-two people, mostly non-combatants, was a serious and dreadful catastrophe. It shocked every person of the world who read of the horrible holocaust, but horrible as it is for seventy-two to be trampled to death, this is a small matter compared with the slow starvation of many times that number which has been going on in Michigan for the last six months.

All the women and children among the striking miners of that unfortunate district have been on the verge of starvation for months, and yet no hired thug has been shocked to see them die.

They have been slowly starving while the agents of the government, the governor of the state and good citizens everywhere have been urging the mine owners to settle this strike.

The mine owners have persistently refused all negotiations to end this strike. They have demanded of the men that before they work, they must abandon their unions. They have refused to submit the questions in dispute to a board to be appointed by the president of the United States or the governor of Michigan, or in any other way. They have openly said to their workers and their wives and children that they will kill them by slow starvation unless they go back to work with their complaints unheard.

What the mine owners lack is not so much human feeling, as imagination. The seventy women and children are trampled to death under their eyes, they can suffer with the women and children and raise money to bury the dead, but if 40,000 are dying of slow starvation because of their stubbornness the only sensation they get is one of satisfaction and pleasure.

It is really unfortunate for the country that these mine owners have no imagination.

WOMAN WITH $125,000 IN HANDBAG DROPS DEAD

Chicago, Jan. 7—Carrying receipts for securities worth $125,000 in a handbag, Mrs. Henry B. Wombacher, wife of the president of the Standard Typewriting Company, dropped dead early today, while waiting for a car at a street corner. She has been estranged from her husband and had spent yesterday listing her bond holdings.

WOMAN'S COLUMN

WOMAN IS POPULAR.

Prof. Emma Perkins is a member of the board of education of Cleveland, Ohio, and while many of the men are not considered for re-election, she is always on the list. She is the only woman member of the board.

MANY WOMEN VOTERS.

The College Equal Suffrage League of Northern California has been collecting reliable information as to the success of equal suffrage in that state. In thirty-seven counties statistics were obtained in regard to the voters. In most of the counties more than 50 per cent voted and in two counties over 90 per cent voted For the whole state the average of registered men voting was 56.4 per cent.

WOMEN AS A POWER.

"If ever the time comes when women shall come together simply and purely for the benefit of mankind, it will be a power such as the world has never dreamed of."—Matthew Arnold.

FIGHTING FOR THE LAST CHANCE.

(By R. A. Dague.)

Under the above heading Mary O'Connor Newell, in the Chicago Record-Herald, of November 30, devotes an entire page of that paper to which she describes and illustrates the conditions women are selected to serve as janitresses and scrub women by the city officials of Chicago. Recently there were 115 vacancies to be filled. A notice was posted for applicants. On the day set for examination of those who applied, 650 poor, anxious women were on hand. The writer said they mingled with the surging, poorly-dressed women and questioned a good many of them. They were nearly all mothers, widows with small children to support. As to their former occupations, the correspondent said:

"Scrubbing in department stores at $3 to $6 a week—13 hours a day eight and a half hours—was the commonest experience. One woman, earning $6 a week, reported fourteen years in one department store, averaging at $5. Her hours were from 7 to 5.

"One woman scrubbed at the county hospital every day from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. for $45 a month.

"'With meals? Oh, no; I keep house. I have small children going to school.'

"Her job is much better than the usual one—night work that pays about $1 a day.

"The city pays janitresses about $45 per month.

They come on duty at 4:30 in the afternoon and quit at 12 at night, except Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday they go on duty at 1 and are through at 5.

"To the women who stand on life's firing line, who must have bread for themselves and their children and a roof over their heads, to have only physical labor to exchange for it, the city's janitress jobs are sinecures. Even though as hard, back-breaking chill and rheumatism-producing as any office scrubbing, they offer the enviable, much sought after opportunity of combining home-making and wage-earning."

"Far from being of the type recognizable at sight as scrubwomen, a surprising number of the applicants were refined of speech, gentle of manner, dignified, even cultured to an extent.

"Why were they so keen to get a place on the very firing line of human existence, where the only weapon is physical strength?

"Some were not armed even with that."

Maggie Maloney, age 23, the mother of three children, frantically plead for work. She says:

"But let her tell the story in her own way.

"'You see, miss the good man died only last month in Mercy hospital. It was the cancer in his throat. He was hardly sick before he was dead. He left me with the baby, and Jamie and Jimmie. So I'm taking this job. It's to be home with the children all day I'm thinkin'.

"The floodgates were open. No use for Mrs. Pratt to try to shut them until some the pent-up emotion had flowed.

"'Oh, miss, if you only knew how bad I need the job, you'd give it to me. I'll have to give 'em up. I'll work to give them up. I'll scrub my fingers to the bone first. So there.'

Now comes a statement of the damning outrage which the capitalistic system has adopted in Chicago. It seems that the petty tyrants in authority have instituted a brutal system of physical examination through which they put weak, half-starved women before employing them. Dr. E. T. Olson superintended the tests of these 650 poor females, which consumed an entire week.

Mrs. Newell says:

"Thereis a machine for finding out the strength of the forearm muscles, another for learning the power of the individual's upper arm and chest muscles, still another for finding out the strength of her back.

"After pulling and pressing and tugging a little at each of these instruments the would-be janitress was required to raise a twenty-five pound dumb-bell, and skip for twenty yards, first on one foot, then on the other.

"No matter how weary and worn, toothless, even palsied, or so nervous that even their heads shook, the women went gamely through the tests.

"One old woman with high-bred face, whose experience had been from teacher to housekeeper to day's work, couldn't get the dumb-bell to her shoulder. Other women swung it high in the air and brought it straight down to the ground.

"Some skipping test brought many a laugh."

Mrs. Newell further says:

"Chicago's commission is very proud of its physical tests for civil service applicants. Chicago was the first of any city to work out such for employes outside of the police and fire departments. Numberless requests come to it from outside cities for its methods. The Chicago commission reasoned out six years ago that people put on the civil service list should be good physical risks, and year after year it has perfected its system."

I am not sure that Mrs. Newell favors this infamous outrage upon working women, and yet she says:

"Every housewife who has to hire domestics ought to have a set of the testing instruments used by the commission to test the fitness of janitresses. With these at hand the mistress could quickly learn whether Katie would not work because she was lazy, or was lazy because she could not work."

What a damning disgrace is this brutality to not only Chicago, but to the state of Illinois, to the United States of America and to this, the twentieth century! And we are informed that "numberless other cities are considering the advisability of adopting this infamous Chicago outrage upon poor women who apply for work. Here is a bugle call to organized labor and to Socialists to get busy and again go to the defense of the helpless, homeless, friendless victims of a system of brutal capitalism. Don't wait for the protests of a muzzled capitalistic press, and of a cold-blooded, mammonized church. With few exceptions, they will be as silent as the Sphinx in regard to the outrage perpetrated by capitalism on wage-slaves.

In these days of war between brutal plutocracy and outraged humanity there are few defenders of the power of order of organized labor and the Socialist party. Now let labor unionists and Socialists from ocean to ocean demand that poor, homeless, helpless mothers of little children shall not be subject to the diabolical outrage that they are compelled to endure in Chicago, and let organized labor and the Socialists of that city see to it that the tools of a heartless plutocracy who are practicing the outrages named shall, at a future election, be turned out of offices they are unfit to occupy.

Creston, Iowa.

COMER.

D. B. Comer is candidate again for the governorship of Alabama. It is business to run for whatever position he desires.

But at the same time it is the business of the people of Alabama to see that he is defeated.

If the devil in person should present himself as a candidate against Comer the people of Alabama should elect devil by unanimous vote.

D. B. Comer is a well-known figure in our contemporary history. He is the man who, in 1908, was responsible for the defeat of 18,000 coal miners in their efforts of raising a reduction of wages; he is the man who threatened to have all the strikers arrested and sent to the penitentiary; who gave orders to the soldiers to destroy their camps; who trampled constitutional and human rights; who permitted a mob composed of the vilest elements to rule with a reign of terror and brutality; who swapped his honesty, his oath of office and the trust which he once held from the people, to wear the livery of his corporation masters.

His candidacy for the highest office of the state is an insult to human decency, his election should be considered by the civilized world as a dishonor to the fair name of any commonwealth, China and the land of the anthropophagi included.

YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

THE FRIEND I MET.

(By Nellie M. Cope.)

I met a friend, the other day—
He wore a cap of red;
Yet as I passed he did not deign
To lift it from his head.
Instead, he gave a saucy quank,
With head atilt, for he
Was just a downy woodpecker
A-tapping on a tree.

"Be Kind to Animals."
FOUR FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Useful animals are entitled to the best of treatment. The horse that hurries to get you to your work, to your school or takes you for a pleasure ride, ought to be well fed, well groomed and comfortably stabled. And so should the hard-working horse that helps you to till the soil and gather the harvest.

The gentle cow that gives sweet milk every morning and night deserves your kindest care. Have you ever stopped to consider how much human beings are dependent upon cows for food?

And the faithful watch-dog that keeps an ear alert and an eye open through the night to guard you and your home from every danger—is it right that you should neglect him?

Do what you can to make happier the lives of these animals, and you will be better off and happier yourself.

DENNY.

(By Josephine Conner-Kaneko, Editor "Coming Nation.")

Nobody knows exactly how many billions of people there are in this world, but there are a good many of them.

Right in New York City there are something like four million men, women and children. Nobody could think that in a world with so many people anybody could go about alone and unnoticed. And yet that was what was happening to Denny.

Right before Christmas, too.

Denny sat in his nook of boxes and debris, on the bank of the great river, and watched the sparks shoot skyward from the smokestacks of the tug boats, and other river traffic as it made its way up and down in the shadows and dancing lights that criss-crossed over the wrinkled surface of the stream.

It was Christmas eve, and the crowds had been rushing up and down all day. Even the river traffic seemed to be in a hurry to get somewhere and have done with its sooty toil. Among all the streams and myriads of people Denny seemed the only one who wasn't going any place in particular, and he had all the time there was in which to get there.

It is true he had been helping a boy with his news route all the morning, for which he got six pennies, and he had done a few odds and ends of service in the afternoon, which had brought him, all told, twenty-five cents. It had been a fairish day, financially, and he couldn't complain about that.

But Denny felt lonely. Overpoweringly lonely. The very holiday atmosphere pressed down upon him a sense of his own smallness and insignificance as a living creature. He might as well be dead, in fact, so far as any one cared. So far as his own worth to humankind was concerned. So, after bolting a sandwich, he had sought refuge from the crowds and their mocking gaiety, among the boxes at the river's edge.

The river, in its blackness spoke something back to him that allayed his pain, and yet brought the tears to his eyes. Denny was too much of a New York street waif to indulge the luxury of self-pity very often. But tonight, somehow, it hurt, and drove out that hard thing that was so wont to settle in his heart and hurt, while it still helped him to live above the rebuffs of his street life.

Mother, father, it was not for these that Denny mourned, for he had never known them. His father had died before he was born, and his mother soon after. It was not the lack of brothers and sisters that grieved him, for he had never known them, either. He didn't know what it was that hurt so, but it was just a big, black void that seemed to settle down upon his heart and soul and made his life seem so far away and apart from the world, and useless and unnecessary.

And all the time that Denny sat apart and alone the crowds were rushing, headlong, on the streets above.

Presently the snow began to fall. Splendid, big flakes, that fell into the dark stream below him, and melted. They were very beautiful, and gave a soft, down appearance to the air, and the landscape, and Denny, being young, and full of the romance of youth, which is the saving grace of the world, settled down among the crates he had found in the box into which he had crawled, and began to dream. The dream had to do with life, with beautiful things, splendid lasting food, and friendship and love, and adventure, and all that must exist somewhere, but which had never come into his own life.

And as he dreamed his impossible dream—impossible or realization for himself—Denny drifted off into sleep, and the crowds above him rushed hither and thither preparing for the celebration of Him who said, "The birds have nests, and the foxes have holes, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head."

Young Socialist Column

HIS WIFE.

When he was only seventeen
He chose the woman he would wed.
She must be young and sweet and fair,
With mind enriched beyond compare.
And if he could not find her like,
He'd never marry, so he said.

He had his chances, goodness knows,
The nicest kind of girls he met.
And sometimes, just to make amends,
He raised the hopes of all his friends,
By near-proposals, but alas,
He had not met his sweetheart yet.

And then at last he fell in love;
Not young nor fair, but plump and plain,
The girl he married, but, they say,
She had a taking kind of way,
And what men love at seventeen,
At twenty-five they will disdain.
—Frank Fair.

BUILDING A MOVEMENT.

Over sixty new young people's Socialist leagues have been formed throughout the United States during the past two months.

The Socialist party organizations are just beginning to realize the importance of the young people's work. Even some cities in the South are now undertaking this work and hope to meet with success.

Practically every large city in the nation now has a young people's organization and those that have not are rapidly falling into line. Many of the smaller places are also forming leagues. In the little town of Centralia, Washington, they have an organization of forty young people.

We must not only organize new leagues, but we must keep them in existence after they are organized. It is a different thing to start a new league in proper working order. There are many obstacles when beginning work.

The locals of the party should assist the new leagues in every possible way. After a few months has passed they will be on their feet and probably able to fight their way alone, but in their early days it is especially important that the leagues should receive encouragement and support from the older Socialists.

In case a league fails, the young people lose heart and it is a difficult thing to reorganize it.

Leagues should also make things so interesting that they will be constantly adding new people to their membership.

Some leagues which are now in existence have twice the number of names on their rolls as there are actually in the leagues. People join the organization and drop out within a few weeks because things are made dull and uninteresting.

Make your meetings live and bright. There is no necessity of getting into an all-night wrangle over some trifling matter. A few do all the wrangling and the many are bored. If an executive committee is elected, most of the business which comes before the league can be discussed by them in a quiet, dispassionate manner and better results attained.

Start your meetings promptly on time. The sooner the business is transacted, the sooner you will have time for other things.

Open the meeting with song. This puts the crowd into a pleasant mood when starting the evening's work and also develops a much neglected phase of Socialist work.

Limit your business to one hour and follow it with a lecture, dancing or a social evening of some sort. This attracts the young folk and makes them return, while a dry business meeting will drive them away.

While it is not necessary to make your organization a mere pleasure club, you must mix pleasure with your other activities in such a manner that you can teach the young people Socialism and also hold them. If it is constantly preached to them by speakers and there is nothing else to interest them, they will drift away.

MOYER'S OWN STORY OF BRUTAL ASSAULT

Here is President Moyer's own story of the shooting, given by him in an interview at Milwaukee, enroute to Chicago for treatment of his wounds:

"Organizer Charles Tanner and I were in our room in the Scott Hotel at Hancock," Moyer said. "Sheriff Cruse called. He demanded that we accept for the Federation the funds the Citizens' Alliance had collected for the families of the Christmas eve fire horror victims.

"I replied that the strikers themselves had raised $5,000 and this was sufficient; while we were grateful for the proffer, we could not accept the money.

"Cruse left. Five minutes later the mine whistles began to blow, as if they were a prearranged signal. As they blew 150 members of the Citizens' Alliance invaded our room.

Shot Three Times.

"We were seized and held by some of the men, while others danced in front of us, striking us frequently in the face and kicking our bodies.

"Finally someone stepped behind me and shot me. I fainted when the first bullet entered my back, don't remember the second and third.

"When I recovered consciousness, we were being passed from one man to another down the hotel stairs. As they passed us along each one struck us."

Maniacs Line Up.

"Between lines of dancing, shouting members of the Citizens' Alliance we were passed along in this way to the railroad station. There their fury abated somewhat, through fatigue, I guess.

"But the mine whistles continued their unearthly shrieking, and the men their howling and dancing.

"I could hear the passenger train's siren long before the train appeared, my window filled with startled faces.

"Two deputies bought our tickets and accompanied us on board. There I received first aid and my wounds were dressed again when we reached Channing.

Hopes for Peace.

"After I left the strike district I received the best care. All my wants were attended to."

Moyer was accompanied to Chicago from Milwaukee by former Congressman Victor L. Berger.—The Citizen.

THE BOY SCOUTS

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York City several years ago organized what they called The Health and Happiness League. The league members consist of children most of whom carry insurance in the Metropolitan.

The object, (and they make no secret of it,) is to improve the health of their policy holders and assist in reducing the death rate in the interest of the Metropolitan.

In the Metropolitan Magazine volume 26 number 10 the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company urges all its "Health and Happiness League" members between the age of 12 and 18 years to join the "Boy Scouts" and offers to give "The Boy Scout Hand Book," a "Service Badge" and "Boy's Life" a $1 a year boys magazine to each boy that joins the scouts, and makes a record satisfactory to the scout master.

It's quite evident that the Metropolitan Insurance Company can see what's coming and are using their influence to develop the war spirit among our boys and training them in a way that they think will enable them to be used in later years to subdue the working class who are rapidly becoming class conscious and will soon demand the full product of their toil.

The Metropolitan is one of the largest insurance companies in the United States.

IN THE NECK COMING AND GOING!

Remember that the insufficiency of money led to the creation of private money, otherwise known as bank notes. A private bank has notes printed, promising to pay coin on demand. These notes are handed out as money and loaned out on interest. If you make out a promissory note, you have to pay interest on it; when a bank makes out a promissory note it collects interest. So you see, we get it in the neck, coming and going. We pay interest on notes we give out, and on notes we take in!

Work for Socialism.

Encouragement For Socialists

(By R. A. Dague.)

"Watchman, tell us of the night—
What the signs of promise are?"

The late W. J. Wayland, after a lifetime of heroic, unselfish work to promote Socialism, became discouraged and the last thought to which he gave utterance was:

"Oh, the selfish, cruel system of competition—let it pass; it is not worth while to try to abolish it."

Other great souls have cried out in despair at the close of life, because they failed to see a breaking away of the dense fogs of selfishness which have enveloped the human family for centuries.

The bloody tyrant, Emperor Constantine, at the beginning of the fourth century paganized and mammonized the Christian church, changing both its doctrines and practices. He forbade communism and co-operation of the early Christians and substituted competition with its foul brood of private monopoly of land and the charging of interest, rents and profits, and the practice of speculation, or the getting something for nothing.

Thus was pure Christianity eclipsed from that time to this. The paganized church and state upheld bloody kings and tyrants; kidnapped and enslaved weaker people and deluged the earth with blood through the hellish wars they prosecuted. Civilization would have perished had it not been for the few heroic souls known as "heretics." These contended for brotherhood, co-operation, peace, and for a larger measure of democracy and less of monarchy and plutocracy.

Little or no credit is due the organized church for what religious liberty we now enjoy, or for the good and desirable institutions that constitute part of our political, social and industrial system today. All the great reformers were regarded as infidels, atheists and lunatics by the church. Even in this American republic was born the church denounced its founders as "infidels" and said the Declaration of Independence was "heretical" and the Constitution was "Godless," and Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Paine, Thomas Jefferson and other fathers of the Republic were vehemently anathematized by the clergy.

The church, both Catholic and Protestant, claimed that negro slavery was a divine institution. The great anti-slavery champions were Wendell Phillips, Charles Sumner, William Lloyd Garrison, Theodore Parker, Gerrit Smith, Horace Greeley, Parker Pillsbury and Robert Owen, not one of whom was an orthodox churchman, and they also were most bitterly assailed by the clergy, and were accused of being enemies of the home, home, as advocating the marriage of "niggers" by white girls, and as atheists and bad characters generally.

And so it has been since the days when the cruel selfish system of individualism was made to displace the socialistic and co-operative system of Jesus Christ and the primitive church by act of the Pagan Emperor Constantine.

Happily the dark cloud of church bigotry, ignorance, intolerance and selfish paganism that has enshrouded the world for sixteen hundred years is receding. Light is coming. True Christianity is on the way and will arrive in the not distant future. It will come when Socialism arrives. It could not come before. Thousands of church people, heretofore blinded and misled by their religious teachers, are coming to understand that the mammonized churches do not truly represent the life and teachings of Jesus, and they are beginning to agree with Frances E. Willard, who said, a short time before her death:

"Socialism is practical Christianity; it is God's way out of the wilderness."

Working people, long enslaved and robbed by capitalism, which exploitation was defended by a perverted church, may take courage over the signs of the times. The open-minded, clear-thinking, justice-loving, kind-hearted clergy are turning from paganized Christianity to Socialistic Christianity. The Rt. Rev. F. S. Spalding, D.D., of the Episcopal church; Rev. Dr. Charles Stelzel of the Presbyterian church and scores of other able and honest clergymen, preaching the new, yet old, religion. The Rev. Mr. Edgar Wheeler recently said:

"In twenty-five years religion has been dragged out of the supernatural into the natural. The old idea was to live to die; the modern idea is to live, and if we can, to assist our neighbor to live."

The Christian Herald said:

"It cannot be exaggeration to say that there never was a time in the history of the world when so many people were trying to help so many other people as today.

"It has happened like this:

"The study of sociology has been progressing gradually, some of its most earnest and its brightest scholars working outside the Christian faith. They did not care about the authority of Christ and the inspiration of his message. They were studying man, and earth, not God and Heaven. And they found that the thing that is hampering and spoiling life is selfishness. They found that selfishness is non-social, unreasonable. They found that co-operation, that interest in another, is the only reasonable way to live. So we have come to see, just from a natural and earthly standpoint, what a preposterous and ridiculous and disastrous policy selfishness is. Society and civilization means co-operation.

"It is a grievous thing that in so many instances the church, as represented by individuals or organizations, has failed to show this spirit of unselfishness which Jesus demanded of his followers. Indeed, the accusation is often heard that it has at times set itself definitely against the movements which were working for the emancipation and the betterment of mankind. But there never were more eager souls than ever to be what Christ meant them to be—the servants and helpers of their neighbors and of the world."

Some of our clergy and editorial friends, in discussing the great problems referred to in the foregoing prefer to call Socialism by names which they think are a little more polite and respectable, such as "Sociology" and "Co-operation," but they have the same meaning that the word "Socialism" has when used by a Socialist.

To "the man with the hoe and the slanting brow"— he who has for sixteen centuries been religiously misled and been exploited out of five-sixths of his earnings, he who has fled, fought and suffered, and bled, from his cruel masters, I send happy greeting.

I bid you to look up and take courage, for the day of deliverance from paganized Christianity and a savage system of industrialism is drawing nigh.

Creston, Ia

Extracts and Letters

A NEW STORY.

The well known Socialist writer, R. A. Dague, author of the popular Socialist novel, "Henry Ashton," has just completed one of the best productions in Socialist fiction, "How a Young Lawyer Won a Suit and Fell in Love."

Our comrades will remember that Comrade Dague is an invalid confined to his bed paralyzed from the waist down, but for all this, is nobly doing his part to destroy the monster, capitalism, and set all men free.

The first installment of this story —Comrade Dague's latest effort—will appear in the issue of January 24, and will probably be ended about the last of February.

After which the story may appear in book form.

Chanute, Kan., Jan. 10, 1912.

Dear Comrade Bard:—

Just received the Letter and thank you for the splendid writeup you gave me in the paper. I think this issue is a dandy. My subscribers have been telling me all along each issue is better than the last one. I did not think it possible to make any improvement but you are showing that it can be done. Go to it, comrade, you are editing a good paper that can't be beat anywhere.

I am still confined to bed, but improving and out of all danger; expect to be around in a few days. When I get on deck I will stir up the wild animals. Yours for the cause.—F. L. Simpson.

SOCIALIST GROWTH HERE GREATER THAN EXPECTED

The Socialist movement in Anderson County today, is far greater than the most optimistic dreamer had hoped for six months ago. The paid membership is just double what was predicted, for this time. The interest shown throughout the county is amazing, considering that we have had an active organization less than four months. It is certainly gratifying to see the way the workers are taking hold of the propaganda work here. We have a great many more requests for literature than is possible for us to supply. We predict that we will have the old parties turning mental "flip flops" before our next election. Two volunteer subscriptions Saturday. — Anderson County Bee, Garnett, Kan.

To the mind of the editor of this paper it seems that the most important work of the Socialist party at present is to secure working class solidarity.

Socialism is neither cut and dried theory nor an utopian dream, but a living, growing, developing movement.

In view of the facts set forth above, we believe that the policy of the Socialists of Rock Island County should be, to debate questions of difference, without acrimony to encourage the growth of unionism, to build up the Socialist party until it becomes the strongest class conscious organization of workers in the county. To this end boost the circulation of our paper and help to make it an effective working class organ.

Ten minutes a day!—Rock Island County Socialist, Moline, Ill.

To our Comrade and Co-Worker, John G. Scott, Editor of "Justice," at Kennett, Mo.: Here's a hand through the bars. I know what it is to be deprived of my liberty, for taking part in a free speech fight in Omaha last summer in which there were over 100 arrests, but we won the fight just the same and Omaha got a little free advertising in our behalf and within twelve states, the beef trust and the rotten police department to the contrary notwithstanding.

Stay with them, Comrade Scott. We are doing our best to wake up the Henry Dubs, but capitalism is beating us at that job. And in the meantime, let every lover of liberty in old Missouri subscribe for "Justice" and watch the jail doors swing open.—The Workers' News, North Platte, Neb.

J. G. Everet received as New Year's present from John Nipkau of Lodi, Calif., a box of fresh ripe figs, grown upon a tree in Mr. Nipkau's yard, which is supposed to be the largest fig tree in the state of California, as it measures 90 feet in diameter and 300 feet in circumference and is over 50 years old. Such a souvenir is certainly appreciated.—The Hillsboro (Kan.) Sun.

The little fellows in Corsicana, who foam and rave, and declare that The Plain Dealer shall be suppressed, are here given notice that The Plain Dealer is read by paid subscribers in Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and all over Texas. Don't worry, bobbitts, kick and squall all you want to. The little pains in the stomach indicate that you have mental and moral indigestion, and the truth nauseates you.

Many of the best ladies in Corsicana have filed "White Slave Traffic and Religious Graft" away for safe keeping and to show their friends. We have their names. They are good, honest, church members, and true Christians, and they all think The Plain Dealer is engaged in honest work.—The Plain Dealer, Corsicana, Texas.

We have put on 100 new subscribers to this paper during December and we start the New Year with a fixed determination to more than double our circulation in the coming months.

Our next special edition will be issued January 25th, and will be a Socialists at Work edition. 1,000 extra copies will be printed of this edition showing what Socialists are doing in cities all over the country. Locals or comrades can order this edition at 50 cents per hundred, if ordered in advance.—Northern Iowa Leader, Mason City, Iowa.

A sustainers fund for the Free Press has been pledged by several of the faithfuls and is instrumental in raising funds to meet current deficits of the Free Press.

It is only necessary to raise about $3.50 per week to insure the success of this paper which has now lived for two years.

Comrades, if you will get one subscription per week, the editor will cheerfully give you more local matter, as it takes money to pay type composition bills, etc.—The Free Press, Joplin, Mo.

The Whips of Hunger Are Held by the Capitalists

From the tiniest animal to the largest of living giants, including man himself, there is subjection to physical wear and tear; all must pay the waste tissues renewed or else die. The painful craving due to lack of food is called hunger, and there is scarcely a living creature that does not fear it more than any other thing. Through hunger the microscopic amaeba absorbs a still tinier animalcule, the life and strength of which becomes the life and strength of the amoeba.

The master class in every age, the slave-owners and feudal lords, have maintained their supremacy by controlling the food supply of the workers; and shall capitalism, which uses every possible force in production, allow hunger, the greatest of the worlds, to remain unorganized, out of its control?

Capitalism has already answered, and the world's workers awake to find the inner force of humanity harnessed in the service of the capitalist for the exploitation of the producer. Under the police and military, who enrolled not because they feared hunger, capitalism lays hands on the riches of the world, monopolizes the lands, factories and machines, and subjects the wage-worker to a life of uncertainty and penury.

In the factory, mine and mill, the workers toil through the days and years until old age ends both toil and life. Every day masses of wealth pour from the world's great workshop; the choice and costly things—those products upon which the worker has spent most time and care—go to the homes of the wealthy, the squanderers, the idlers, the useless robbers of society.

Another portion, the coarse and cheap, goes to the proletariat, who have but their labor to give in return; who control no lands, factories, or mines, but who are themselves controlled. The portion of the proletariat is again divided; part goes to the army, police and other instruments of capitalist oppression, part to the industrial army, the toilers who provide for all.

Down in the very basement of society is a third section of the proletariat; to these is sent food, despair, starvation and misery in their lot; to them come disease and death. They form the great unemployed army—the vast reserve force of hunger power on which the capitalist society hinges.

But for them there would be no military; the workers would not sweat. Remove unemployment and the fear of starvation goes. Remove the spectre of want and the proletarian would not murder, the proletarian would not arrest strikers, and the workers would not be slaves.

The capitalist loves efficiency and cheapness in the worker. Efficiency means greater quantities of wealth; cheapness lessens the portion of the worker and increases that of the capitalist. The man without a job grows desperate. It by selling his labor more cheaply than does the policeman, the soldier, or the worker, he can at least get a crust; then a crust is better than no bread.

But the employed has only a crust and to lose his job would be to lose that crust, so he keeps his job at a still lower wage, and the jobless man can starve. Only when the policeman is too old and weak to bludgeon, the soldier is no longer strong enough to murder, or the worker is unable to keep the pace, or when the capitalist extends his lines and requires more flunkeys and slaves, have the unemployed a chance.

The worker can only absorb as much as his wage will provide; his wage is the lowest that will keep body and soul together. The capitalist, who knows no want, whose chief occupation is gambling in lands, mines, railways, factories and human lives, keeps all the wealth the worker produces but cannot buy. In all living capitalist countries there is a condition of chronic starvation and unemployment on one hand and magnificence and extravagance on the other. In the early years of the capitalist era there were disastrous crisis, caused by the production of greater quantities of wealth than the workers with their starvation wages and the capitalists with their enormous profits could buy.

But along with its profit-grinding capitalism shapes the means for its own destruction. With the growth of machinery and the concentration of industry, the nature of the workers as a whole is being changed. They no longer attribute their condition to Providence, but see in their bondage a thing man-made and realize in themselves the power to overcome it.

Everything is changing; trades become out of date; old standards of right and wrong give way before new thoughts and ideals. Finding no other way out of the machine-mad rut, the worker joins with the hundreds and thousands of fellow-workmen with whom the system brings him into contact. His aim, then, becomes revolutionary; his only hope lies in depriving the capitalist of the control of the factory, mill or mine. He agitates and organizes for shorter hours and higher wages, and every penny he receives is one less for the capitalist. When the working class leaves nothing for the capitalist, the day of hungry men shall have passed.—Exchange.

THE COLORADO STRIKE

Denver, Jan. 12.—(Special).—Governor Ammons' advocacy of anarchy in Routt county and the deportation from Trinidad of "Mother" Jones, 85-year-old angel of the coal miners, has further proved the necessity of a full congressional investigation into the Colorado coal strike.

Darkest Russia with all her despotism never saw the rights of the laboring people trampled in the dust with such utter disregard as in Colorado since the strike of the coal miners began September 23.

Governor Ammons, a recognized mental weakling, wholly incompetent to fill the executive chair, has proved a willing tool for the coal operators. He has enforced every law against the miners and conscientiously allowed the operators to mock law and order.

General Chase, intoxicated with his over estimated idea of military authority and drunk with the flattery of his bosses, the coal operators, has practised tyrannies on the striking miners which are beyond the conception of a law abiding citizen.

The mask that the military were sent to Southern Colorado to preserve the peace has long since been proven a mockery. They were sent there to intimidate, to imprison, to abuse strikers, to shoot them if necessary to serve the purpose of the coal operators.

They have served their purpose well. They have committed outrages unheard of in civilized countries.

These militiamen, many of them recruited among the barrel house bums of Denver and other western cities, conceived the fiendish outrage of making Andrew Colmar, a humble Croatian, dig his own grave.

"Jim the Greek," shot in the leg and helpless, was chained to the bed in a Denver hospital, then forced to ride eight hours to Trinidad and thrown into jail where he is in a critical condition.

The homes of three striking miners at Valdez were robbed at the point of guns.

Gus Martinez was taken from a sick bed and arrested. He was placed in a military tent hospital at Walsenburg where his condition became worse and he was thrown into jail. There because he would not comply with the requests of the militiamen to "scab" in the mines, he was placed in a damp cellar where he contracted pneumonia and rheumatism and died.

To show their authority, the militia arrested Mrs. L. R. Burns, a gray haired old woman, for singing a strike song after six o'clock in the evening and sentenced her to 60 days in jail.

The militia have arrested scores of striking miners as "military" prisoners, held them incommunicado and kept them awake five and six nights by jabbing them in the feet with bayonets and throwing cold water on them. They tried to drive these prisoners to insanity and false confessions. Many of them were promised freedom if they would "scab" in the mines.

Anarchist Ammons has been provided with affidavits of these and even more terrible outrages of the militia. He promised to act if this proof were furnished. He could not keep this promise and please the coal operators so he has done nothing.

"The position of this wholly incompetent governor of Colorado is shown in an editorial of the Denver Express of January 5.

"As an advocate of anarchy Governor Ammons merits the severest condemnation of every man, woman and child in Colorado who believes in the cardinal principles of liberty upon which the government of this state and nation is founded.

"And Ammons is nothing less, nothing more, than an advocate of anarchy.

"For he has openly given his complete approval of the lawless movement among Routt County citizens to drive striking union coal miners from their homes, because they have dared to exercise their constitutional right to quit work as a protest against inhuman and unsafe conditions.

"He gave it in this wise:

"'So long as the citizens of Routt County make no attempt to drive the strikers from the state, I don't see why they should be prevented from putting them out of the county.'

"There you have it right off the bat from Ammons, anarchist.

"He's the man who has prated about law enforcement and has enforced the law against the miner while the three coal barons, who brag they control 95 per cent of the output in Colorado, have been allowed to mock organized authority. (The federal grand jury report furnishes ample authority for this.)

"And when a mob threatens to deport citizens, the governor encourages the mob and offers no protection to the citizens he is sworn to serve.

"What use is there in organized labor of Colorado hoping for anything from such a public disgrace? Why should it complain of the work the militia when they know the militia is acting in perfect accord at all times with Ammons' misconception of his duties and disregard for his oath of office?"

Denver, Colo., Jan. 13.—Probably the most pernicious lie ever circulated by the capitalist class, that sent out by the coal operators to the effect that the disaster at the Vulcan mine, New Castle, Colorado, was the result of a labor plot, was nailed by the coroner's jury which found that the action of the state coal mining laws by the Rockefeller coal interests of the state caused the death of thirty-seven men.

Scarcely more than a month ago the sooner happened than officials of the corporations started the story that the explosion was caused by sympathizers with the coal miners who have tied up the mines by a strike.

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The strike of the Colorado coal miners conducted by the United Mine Workers of America under the supervision of International Vice-President Frank J. Hayes, has been so successful that the Wall Street interests were able to produce but 20 per cent of their normal tonnage of coal in November. This was the highest percentage reached since the strike began September 23 and the coal barons are desperate.

No despicable act has been left undone to break the spirit of the men. Hundreds of Baldwin-Feltz thugs and gun men were brought in to the state to intimidate and tyranize the miners. Although they murdered striking miners in cold blood the men stuck and the operators were forced to have the state militia sent to the field to commit greater outrages. Strikers were arrested by the wholesale without cause or right. Guards kept them awake five and six nights at a stretch in the hope that, driven almost insane, these men would sign false confessions to crimes they knew nothing about. Baldwin-Feltz gun men were enlisted in the militia and the soldiers began looting houses, insulting women and as climax perpetrated the fiendish outrage of making Andrew Colmar, a humble Croatian, dig his own grave. But with all of this the spirit of the miners was not to be broken.

Driven to desperation, the coal operators have risked the lives of hundreds of men in their effort to get out coal. Cotton pickers, free lunch grabbers and hundreds of others who knew nothing about mining coal were sent into the mines. These men violated all of the laws of the state regarding practises within the mine. This fact and the utter disregard of the laws by the coal corporations, sent thirty-seven men to their death in an explosion at the Vulcan mine at New Castle two weeks ago.

Knowing full well that the lack of experience of their men and their own disregard of state laws caused the explosion, these moral coward corporation tools of Wall Street started a report that the explosion was the result of a plot of union sympathizers. Seldom if ever has a more iniquitous attempt to discredit labor been made by capital. But it was one attempt in which they failed. An impartial coroner's jury fixed the blame and fixed it where it belonged.

The jury summoned at Glenwood Springs by Coroner G. A. Hopkins returned a verdict charging that the blast was due to the negligence of the Coryell Leasing Company, a subsidiary of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company.

The verdict recites that the operators were negligent in that they did not sprinkle the mine properly, that they permitted the use of open lights and that smoking by the men was permitted, and that the first school was while the men were on duty in the mine was a common practice.

The verdict further recites that the recommendations made by Deputy State Mine Inspector Oberholtzer on October 24th were not complied with.

Throughout the inquest the evidence indicated that the men were in the habit of smoking underground and that because they were not experienced coal miners they violated many laws of the state regarding practises within the mine.

Under the law the men should have been provided with copies of the state mining statutes. This the company, the verdict says, failed to do. A further requirement of the law is the posting of notices printed in the various languages represented in the mine. This, the jury found, was not done.

The utter disregard of capital for human life and the belief that they can kill the working man of his right and soul as long as he produces wealth and then send him to his death is shown by the insulting offer of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company to contribute $75 toward the funeral expenses of the dead. Capital has gotten all it can out of these men. They become real philanthropists, in their minds, when they offer to bear part of the funeral expenses. The widows and orphans of these men who were killed by the operators' negligence can starve.

Intercollegiate Socialist Society Convention

The fifth annual convention of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society was held in New York City the last days of 1913, December 29, 30th and 31st, and was the most successful thus far held under the auspices of the Society. At the final convention dinner of December 30th, over 500 were present, including graduates and undergraduates from 90 American and foreign universities. At this session "Suffrage and Socialism" was the subject under discussion. The speakers were George Lansbury, former member of the British parliament, Morris Hillquit, Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Harriot Stanton Blatch and Max Eastman. A few undergraduate speakers were also present.

The principal discussion of the convention centered about the question of an international congress of students interested in Socialism. Dr. Herbert Kuehnert from the University of Berlin, extended greetings from the Socialist students in Germany, and was empowered by the convention to seek the co-operation of student bodies abroad in organizing an International Intercollegiate Socialist Congress next summer to be held about the same time as the International Socialist Congress. Greetings were also received from the British University Socialist Federation.

The meeting was called to order at Miss Stokes' studio Monday afternoon, December 29th, by Miss Mary R. Sanford, chairman of the convention committee. J. G. Phelps Stokes, president of the society, presided. Alexander Trachtenberg told about the work at Yale, where the S. S. Chapter had held the largest meetings undertaken this year by any undergraduate body. Walter Lippmann, Harvard 1910, urged all socialists, now graduates, who joined the Socialist movement, not to unite with it so much from a sense of duty as from the impelling motive of a passionate interest and love for the cause, and indicated the necessity of constantly readjusting our ideas to the changing conditions of American political life. Leroy Scott spoke of the splendid future of the society's magazine, and William English Walling and Dr. Kuehnert dwelt on the advantages of an international organization. Anne Page, Radcliffe, 1914, described the way in which the successful Radcliffe Chapter was established, and Alfred Jaretzki, Harvard*1913, urged that the policy of the society under which autonomy was given to our chapters be continued. Harry W. Laidler, organizing secretary, gave a report of progress. He declared that there were now 80 undergraduate and 14 graduate chapters in the colleges of the country and in the centers of population. Six chapters were formed during the year in the Middle West at the Universities of Cincinnati and Montana, Western Reserve, Denison, Hiram and Hornindale; four in New England at Radcliffe, Mass., Institute of Technology, Simmons and American International College; two in the Middle Atlantic states at Adelphi and Cooper Union and two on the Pacific Coast at Oregon Agricultural and Fresno Junior. One was effected in the South at North Carolina University. There are now 22 chapters in the Middle West, 15 in the Middle Atlantic States, 14 in New England and several on the Pacific Coast, in the South and in Canada. New York, Massachusetts and Ohio respectively had the largest numer of chapters. The strongest groups were found in Yale, Harvard, Michigan, Radcliffe, Simmons and the Universities of Illinois and Columbia. During the past year, the organizer declared, the quarterly, The Intercollegiate Socialist, had been established and more trips were made among the college than ever before. Rose Pastor Stokes, Victor L. Berger, J. G. Phelps Stokes, Bouck White, William English Walling, John C. Kennedy, Joseph Wanhope, Mary R. Sanford, Harry W. Laidler and others had toured among colleges in the interest of the society. About half of the undergraduate members are Socialists, and about half are sympathetic students of Socialism.

At the reception given to the delegates Monday evening, a number of the members of the executive committe spoke on various phases of Socialism, including Messrs. Stokes, Walling, Hillquit, Bouck White, Laidler and Miss Hughan, Miss Lloyd, Miss Sanford, Miss Stokes and Professor Hayes. Graham Wallas, one of the original Fabians, sold interestingly about the intellectual movement abroad.

At the Tuesday and Wednesday morning sessions, undergraduate and graduate problems were discussed and the delegates put itself on record again as a study organization. A Question Box session was held Tuesday afternoon at which Robert W. Bruere, Jessie W. Hughan and William English Walling answered questions. Various sessions from Harvard, Yale, Radcliffe, Williams, Princeton, Columbia, Barnard, C. C. N. Y., Cornell, New York University, Springfield Y. M. C. A., American International College and New York Dental College and fraternal delegates from Wellesley, Smith, New York Normal, Howard, General Theological, Missouri, New York Medical, Wisconsin, Amherst and others. The alumni chapters at New York, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Staten Island and Long Island, were also represented.

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No. 71—Regular 50c Suspenders 40c
No. 72—Regular 25c Suspenders 18c
Boys' Suspenders, 25c kind..... 15c

TERMS.

All orders to be accompanied with cash, money order or check.

We carry no accounts.

We guarantee safe arrival of all shipments and insure on the customer observing ordinary rules when receiving goods, to have agent note any damages incurred in transit, and if not made good there, t' en all papers to be referred back to us for action, meantime the order will either be refilled or made good to your full satisfaction.

Make checks, money orders, etc., payable to

SOCIALIST SUPPLY CO.
Chicago. Kansas City. Oklahoma City.

We always ship from the warehouse nearest to you.

CIGARS.

The Celebrated Red Flag Cigar. 5-inch, full weight, extra quality, hand made, union label 5c cigar; in cases of 25c delivered by parcels post anywhere in the United States; per box of 25 ..... 85c

SPAGHETTI AND MACARONI

The Red Flag Spaghetti, full pound package 8c
The Red Flag Macaroni, full pound package 8c
We guarantee that this will please you.

BEANS.

Navy Beans, choice, per lb..... 5¼c
California Lima Beans, per lb... 8c
New Pinto Beans, for Chili, splendid flavor, per lb..... 5c
In lots of ten pounds or over.

PANCAKE FLOUR.

Ralston's or Kimball's, per doz. 90c

TOILET SOAPS.

Jap Rose, Wild Rose or French Violet, regular 10c cakes, 4 for 30c

STARCH AND LAUNDRY GOODS.

Anti Stick 5c
Best Laundry starch, No. 2, for 7c
Household Ammonia, large 24c bottle 15c
Washeo, the famous washing compound, serves rubbing. 5 5c packages for 10c
Try it, and you will never be without it.
50-foot Wire Clothes Line..... 12c
100-foot Jute Line 23c
Searchlight Matches, per doz. on boxes 35c

CANNED GOODS.

Iowa Sugar Corn, dozen..... $ .85
Early June Peas 1.00
Sifted Early June, No. 3 ..... 1.40
Standard Tomatoes, No. 3, doz. 1.10
Standard Tomatoes, No. 2, doz. 1.00
Pumpkin, No. 3 ..... .80
Kraut, No. 3 ..... .80
Sweet Potatoes, No. 3 ..... 1.00
Hominy, No. 3 ..... .75
Baked or Green Beans, No. 2.... .90
Baked Beans, No. 1 ..... .50
Beets, pickled, No. 3..... 1.10
Sardines, oil or mustard, doz... 1.45
Alaska Pink Salmon 1.10
Alaska Red Salmon, (sockeye) 1.65
Delgado Chili, doz. 1.00
Evaporated Milk, all 10c brands .90
Evaporated Milk, all 5c brands .45
Peaches, Yuba City L. C., can.. .20
California Apricots ..... .15c
Hawaiian Pineapple ..... .20
Pears, eastern ..... .15
Plumbs, No. 2 ..... .10
Raspberries, red, No. 2 ..... .15
Strawberries, No. 2 ..... .15
Blackberries, No. 2 ..... .15
Gooseberries, No. 2 ..... .15
No. 10 Peaches, Pears or Apricots ..... .40

PURE SPICES.

4 oz.
Pkgs. 1 lb.
Allspice 7c 15c
Cinnamon, ground 7c 25c
Cinnamon, stick..... 7c 22c
Cloves 7c 25c
Mustard 7c 25c
Ginger 7c 20c
Nutmegs 9c 30c
Mixed Pickle Spices 25c

PURE FLAVORING EXTRACTS.

Lemon, Vanilla, Banana, Pineapple, Peach, Raspberry, Grape, Wintergreen, Almond, Cinnamon or Orange; any flavor, four ounces, 15c; 8 oz., 30c; 16 oz., 40c

LAUNDRY SOAP.

Red Flag Laundry Soap, full size, full weight, full quality, 9 bars ..... $ .25
One case, 100 bars, 60 lbs..... 2.65
Any of the Capitalist Soaps—Diamond C. Water Queen, Lenox, or World Beater, regular 5c size; our price 3c per cake; or case of 100 bars for 2.75
Granite Sweetheart, 10 oz. Butternilk, 5c bars for 4c per bar, or a case of 100 bars for 3.50

COFFEE.

Red Flag Breakfast Coffee, per pound ..... $ .30
Red Flag Blend, 4 lbs. for..... 1.00
Rio Santos Coffee, 5 lbs. for... 1.00
(Good for the price).
We guarantee our Red Flag Coffees to be the equal of any package coffees, regardless of price.

CEREAL COFFEE.

The Red Flag Brand.

The food drink—for all who like cereal coffee.
25 ounces package 20c
5 lb. package 50c
None better made.

SPICES.

Campbell's 10c size, per dozen.. 90c
Snider's, per dozen..... 88c
Any variety.

TEAS.

—Price per lb.—

Japan Uncolored ..20c, 28c, 35c, 40c
Japan Colored ..20c, 28c, 30c, 40c
Gunpowder 22c, 28c, 25c, 40c
India Gunpowder 22c, 35c, 40c
English Breakfast 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c

Our Teas at 40c are absolutely the best that come to America. They are the kind sold in fancy groceries and under advertised brands at from 70c to $1 per pound. If you were to advertising, buy it, but if you want just tea, the best tea imported, we have it.

SODA CRACKERS.

22 pounds fine Soda Crackers..$1.35
When you buy Uneeda Biscuit in 5c packages you are paying nearly 20c per pound for 5c crackers plus advertising.
Sweet Crackers, Ginger Snaps, Frosted Creams, Iced Housekolds, Orange Gems, Lemon Cakes, Sugar Crimps, 5 lbs. plain or assorted 50c

CHOCOLATE AND COCOA.

Walter Baker's Chocolate, one pound 32c
Walter Baker's Cocoa, ½ lb..... 20c
Walter Baker's Sweet Chocolate one lb. 38c

PURE SORGHUM.

No. 10 cans 50c
No. 10 Molasses—A-1 ..... 45c

BAKING POWDER.

The Socialist Kind.

Red Flag Baking Powder, the best, per lb. 12c
None better at any price.
5 lb. cans of Red Flag Baking Powder 85c
The Capitalist Baking Powders: Comet, Hygienic, Rumford or Eagle, 25c size, our price..... 20c
(But at 12c per pound, the Red Flag is better and goes farther).
No. 2 Red Flag Chewing Gum, per box of 100 pieces..... 40c

FLOUR.

196 lb. barrels A-1 hard flour in wood $4.60
In Jute 4.40
Four 48's burlaped 4.75

SUGAR.

Granulated Sugar, the best, per 100 lb. sack $4.50
Granulated Sugar, four 25 lb. sacks 4.60
Yellow C, in 100 lb. sacks 5.00

PEANUT BUTTER.

The cheapest spread for bread—healthful, appetising and nutritious.
5 lb. pails, our price..... 75c
10 lbs. or over, 13c per pound.

RAISINS.

Fancy Seeded Raisins, 24 1-lb. boxes in case $3.25

CEREALS.

Kellogg's Corn Flakes, per doz 90c
Corn Flakes are grits rolled out and toasted. You are paying (retail) 20c per pound for the food value in 1 pound of grits.
Hominy Grits, 10 lb. sack..... $ .35
Hominy Grits, 100 lb. sack..... 2.50
Barley (Pearl), 10 lb. sack..... .45
Barley (Pearl), 100 lb. sack..... 4.00
Corn Meal (best), per 100 lb. sack 2.10
Rolled Oats (best), per 100 lb. sack 3.00
Tapioca, 5 lbs. sacks ..... .30
Rice, fancy Jap head rice, 10 lb. sacks 50c
Per 100 lb. sack 4.75
Rice, No. 1 broken, good eating rice, per 100 lbs. 3.68
Corn Starch, per package..... .04
We carry all Grits Scabbles.

Red Flag Gluten Grits.

The Socialist's breakfast.

A highly concentrated combination of wheat, oats and barley, scientifically prepared. Builds brain and brawn.

Per package, 15c; two for..... 25c
Per case, two packages $1.35
Per case, two dozen 2.50
Buy it in bulk—it's cheaper.
10 lb. sack ..... .45
24 lb. sack 1.10
48 lb. sack 2.10
98 lb. sack 4.00
The most food for the least money.
Red Flag Farina, 2 lbs. 8c
Or if you prefer to pay for advertising, buy it, as they are the same except the package.
Cream of Wheat, 15c pkgs..... 12c
Wheat Berries—(Your 60c wheat, puffed, advertised and sold back to you at $18.00 per bushel).
10c packages, our price per doz. 90c
It contains one-third of a lb. net.
Quaker, or 10c Oats, per doz.... 90c

: : TOBACCO : :

We save you 20 per cent on Tobacco.

All 5 cent Smokng Tobaccos—Bull Durham, Duke's Mixture, Drum, Bob White, etc. 4c
ALL 10c SMOKING TOBACCOS. Prince Albert, Velvet, Tuxedo, Curve Cut, City Club, Lucky Strike or Edgeworth (Union Made) 8c
All 10c Chewing Tobaccos—any kind 8c
Order your tobacco with your Groceries and save money.

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Red Flag VEGATOL

FOR SHORTENING AND FRYING
Cheaper, Cleaner, Better, Healthier
Than Hogs' Lard or Any Packing House Product Made from Animal Fats

VEGATOL is a pure vegetable compound. Made from pure Olive Oil, refined Peanut Oil and refined Cotton Seed Oil, carefully blended.
NO ODOR—NO TASTE.
Never becomes rancid.
Keeps in any climate.
Replaces butter, lard and grease in the kitchen.
Price per gallon, 10 lb. can..... $ .90
5 gallon can 4.35
10 gallon can 8.65
F. O. B. Kansas City or Oklahoma City.

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Red Flag Gluten Grits

(The Socialists Breakfast)

Buids Brain and Brawn.

A Highly Concentrated Combination of Wheat, Oats and Barley Scientifically Prepared.

GLUTEN GRITS

Contains Every Element Necessary to Replace Waste of Brain, Nerve, Bone and Muscle.

Satisfies Hunger, Builds Tissue, Tickles the Palate

Contains all of the good of the entire grain in easily digestible form. More food value for less money than you can get in any other food—not excepting beans or oat meal. Best of all, it's good—it's good food in a dozen ways. As a breakfast food, or fried as mush, or in pancakes, or panned and served with syrup, or in many more ways.

In the manufacture of GLUTEN GRITS the grain is scientifically treated so as to dextrinize the starch making them more palatable, easier of digestion and quicker of assimilation.

It energizes and vitalizes mind and body.

15c a package, two pkgs. for..$ .25
A case of two dozen pkgs..... 2.50
Buy it in bulk, it's cheaper.
14 lb. sack ..... .45
28 lb. sack 1.15
98 lb. sack 4.10

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