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"A People Cannot Remain Half Slave, Half Free."
Abraham Lincoln.

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Church Must Be More Democratic

Says Church Must Preach More Socialism to Reach Workingmen.

Detroit, Mich.—Charles Stelzle, who recently resigned from a ministerial position in the Presbyterian church, and who has long been a "fraternal delegate" at American Federation of Labor conventions, told an audience in this city that the church must preach more Socialism it is to reach the laborers.

The church must be more sincere, more democratic and must preach a little more Socialism before the laborer will come back to it. Men who have stood high in churches, have tricked the laboring men on the outside and the fact has been spread abroad. These men have been so buffeted; they have been so ill-treated and so often tricked that they are suspicious of every man who claims to be doing something for them.

"Finally the church must preach a little more Socialism. Workingmen do not care to hear the tales of the old biblical people. What they want is not resolutions or gospel, but movement—something that can be done.

"Twenty-five years ago, a French statesman decided the fact that any one should consider the social problem. No serious man would say that today. Now is the time of labor unrest, the time of the formation of great movements, and yet some men cannot see the significance of trade unions, Socialists, Communists and Populists. It is the forerunner of a crisis when the church must stand as a competitor of these things and when it must either fall before them or absorb them.

"Nearly every workingman believes in the Carpenter of Nazareth as the greatest friend of himself and family. The majority of laboring men are intensely religious, although they do not attend church. They hunger for religion. And all these things make it true that the church must come against or face such movements as Socialism. These movements are moral problems and therefore somewhat of a religious nature."

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

As to the customs of marriage, in the Philippines it is largely a question of bargain and sale. The husband pays for his bride, and at the time we took hold of the Sulus the average price for a good looking girl was $10 in silver, a water buffalo worth about $15 and 500 pieces of rice cake, worth 1 cent each. Of the money paid $2 went to the girl and the rest to her parents

The Moro marriage ceremonies usually take place at the house of the bride. They are performed by a priest, who asks the man if he takes the woman for his wife. Of course, he says yes. The same question is then put to the woman, but she is supposed to let her relatives reply for her. After this the groom presses his thumb, which has been blessed by the priest, against the forehead of the bride. He then mixes up a chew of betel nut for her and throws it down at her feet. She pretends not to notice it, but one of her friends picks it up and gives it to her, and later on she chews it in secret. After this comes a wedding feast and then the family of the groom leaves and the husband and wife start married life. The wife has but few rights which her husband is bound to respect, but he has to live with her, and if he stays away for more than three months at a time she can demand a divorce.

6 Americans Killed in Mexican Trap

Train Bearing 56 People Rushes Into Burning Tunnel, passengers Die From Suffocation; Outlaw Castillo Credited WithOutrage, Revenge His Motive.

Cumbre, Chihuahua, Mex., Feb. 8.—Nothing but charred bones and buttons were found by the rescuing party which, with the aid of oxygen helmets and pulmotors, succeeded in penetrating the Cumbre tunnel today from the south portal as far as the locomotive and first two cars of the passenger train. They are supposed to be all that remains of the engineer and fireman of the ill-fated passenger train. They probably were killed when their engine crashed into the burning freight train which had been pushed into the tunnel by Castillo's bandits several hours before.

It is now believed every one of the fifty or more passengers, including the crew, which were aboard the train when it dashed into the tunnel last Wednesday night are dead, and whether the train was hurried into the tunnel to escape being captured by Castillo's bandits or sent heading to its destruction by the bandits may never be known.

BIG PROFITS.

Capitalist employers are very much dissatisfied with the Ford Automobile company in Detroit for doubling the wages of their men, because by doing so this firm has opened the eyes of the workers to the immense profits they are producing for the capitalist class. Imagine what it means for one concern to part with $10,000,000 annually, and still retain enough surplus value to satisfy the profit hungers! There is money in business, indeed, and every dollar of it is the product of the workers. Think of the rich harvest the workers would reap if the whole product of their labor would go to their benefit, instead of finding its way into the pockets of their exploiters. The Fords have given the working people a lesson well worth pondering over. They have shown the world what prosperity means to the capitalist class.

Denmark's School Teachers Furnished With Home and Land.

In Denmark the school teacher is almost always furnished with a house, barn, and a few acres of land, according to W. H. Smith, a recent observer from the United States bureau of education. "The tenure of office of the teacher is for life of good behavior, and 75 per cent of the rural teachers are men who settle down in their respective communities, cultivate the small farm, act as choristers in the country church, and easily and naturally become leaders in affairs."

There are no sore spots on the Socialists over the outcome of elections. They make the race under all the usual handicaps, and in the face of the usual trickery, but to meet these things with a smile and fight on with undiminished vigor, is a part of the lesson which all Socialists learn early in their political life. And being as yet the minority party, defeat is the regular diet and the taste is so familiar that they hardly notice the bitter.

Trenton, N. J., has found it necessary to consider the rigid enforcement of a curfew law requiring all girls under 16 to be off the streets after 9 o'clock in the evening. A score of cases are under consideration by the county grand jury, growing out of joy rides, which have increased to such an alarming extent that action was forced upon the attention of the commissioners.

Don't be deceived by the assertion that there are no classes in the United States. If those making this assertion were sincere, they would be Socialists and thus try to have but one class—the working class. Our interests are not identical.

COMPLETE victory.

Star City, W. Va.—Socialist carried this city, electing complete ticke—mayor, recorder and five councilmen.

Do You Want a Little More Money

Some Questions for You to Answer.

This, after all, is the problem that confronts the workers in the present campaign. For when we ask: "Do you want more money?" it merely means that we want to know whether you want better living conditions and a greater oportunity to live a fuller and more complete life in a better environment than you now enjoy.

The intelligent voter will compel any and all political parties to answer this question before he will give it his support.

In short the party that he supports "must mean dollars and cents to him."

This bold statement sounds bad, but it is all right. Such a party must be not a mere purchaser of his vote on election day, but that party hwich stands for a program which means an actual material benefit to him.

"Dollars and Cents" happen to be that medium of exchange upon the possession of which depends your living conditions—the food you eat, the room you sleep in, the leisure you have and all the oportunities you possess. They are the index to your material welfare. The guide to your economic condition. And upon your economic condition as a class depends your religion, your morals and your ideals. In other words, the economic conditions are the determining factors of your life. Nothing is more moral and nothing is more intelligent than that you should demand of all parties: "What do I get out of it?"

No party that does not strive to improve your economic condition offers you anything. Any party that does presents everything, for upon this all else depends. And there is another question, it is: "What am I getting out of it, NOW?" You can answer this question individually and if you are observant you can look around you at men and women like yourself.

What do you or they get? Merely the opportunity (if you possess that—hundreds of thousands do not) to work all your life for a mere living. You are not certain of that even. Your job may go tomorrow or the next day. Compede that it w certain—Is there anything to it?—Have you any leisure? Have you the opportunity to live the kind of a life you ought to?—How about your family? And your children, what are their prospects? Can you afford to have children? Would you marry if you were sure you could take care of your wife? You must answer these questions and having answered them, you must ask the further question: "Is there a party whose success means more money (better living conditions) for me?

There is! It is the Socialist Party and it is the only party whose success would mean anything to you. The only party that dares ask or face these questions.

The republican, the democratic and the progressive parties are each and all clamoring about things that do not really concern you.

Your interests are the interests of your class. They are the representatives of your exploiters—the capitalists.

The Socialist Party, alone, represents the working class. Its appeal is addressed to their intelligence and to their self interest as members of their class.

It is a democratically managed political organization of, by and for the workers. It grows as the workers grow in political consciousness. It exists for the purpose of giving you the opportunity to vote intelligently—that is, for your own interests.

Do you want more money?

Vote the Socialist Ticket ! !

Do you want any or all of the reforms promised by other parties?

Vote the Socialist Ticket ! ! !

The New York Call shows that many of the child slaves of the South are lineal descendants of the men who fought for freedom during the Revolutionary war. It proves that capitalism makes the freedom won by war impossible to keep.

A man who submits, without rebelling, to a system which compels him to send his children to work, is in our opinion, the acme of meanness.—Wichita, Kan., "Labor Gazette."

To Launch Co-Operative Ice Business

A Socialist in Slingerlands, New York, R. H. Ritchey, wanted to go into the ice business. Being unable to secure capital to start, he put the proposition up to some friends to state co-operative. They immediately took up the plan and organized a company. They now have $300 paid on an acre of land and are preparing to build a house 100x60x30 feet, and have secured a five year's lease of a creek for about one mile in length. The creek is from fifty to sixty fet wide and from six to fifteen feet deep. They also have 10,000 feet of lumber paid for and on the lot. They started with practically nothint. The capital stock of the company is $5,000 and the shares sell for $5 each. Four of the five directors of the company and the business manager are Socialists.

MEXICO CITY FEARS A REIGN OF TERROR.

Mexico City, Feb. 10.—With 2,000 soldiers under arms surrounding the national palace, Gen Huerta and his chief advisers in a secret meeting inside, foreign colonies in wild excitement and reports that fighting has already started in the suburbs Mexico City today believed that the final explosion which may end Huerta's regime is at hand.

Behind the revolt already in progress, it is reported, stands Felix Diaz, the man who a year ago next Monday caused the downfall of President Madero, a desperate battle in this city and Madero's subsequent assassination.

Around the arsenal where Diaz started his fight against Madero, many families have been ordered to move out and on the roofs of deserted houses are mounted machine guns beside which Huerta's troops can be seen day and night.

Refugees coming into the city from Guadeloupe to the north, brought word to Huerta that the garrison there had revolted paving the way for entrance into the city of several thousand rebels.

The anxiety of Huerta was increased by rumors that the police of the capital are armed with carbines and ready to join the rebels whenever they gain an entrance to Mexico City.

It was believed that the vain efforts of Huerta to put down the plots against him indicate the extreme disfavor into which the dictator has fallen with the people and the present conspiracy was thought to foretell the final downfall of Huerta by disaffection within in conjunction with rebel attacks from without.

SOCIALISTS WIN IN DUBLIN.

In the municipal election which recently took place in Dublin, Ireland, two Socialists were elected to the city council. There were also 17 nationalists, one independent home ruler, and three unionists elected.

TRY TO BLOCK SOCIALIST WORK

When the Socialists took office in Hamilton, Ohio, they found that the retiring mayor has tried to block the Socialists by having the superintendents of the water works and gas works resign two days before their term expired. He then reappointed them for the next two years. The Socialists intend to fight the matter through the courts is necessary.

CARRIE RAND HERRON DEAD.

Carrie Rand Herron, wife of George D. Herron, recently died in Florence, Italy. Her mother was the founder of the Rand School of Social Science, and it has been largely because of Mrs. Herron's aid that the school has been able to continue. Memorial meetings were held in a number of eastern cities.

Prominent Teacher Joins the Socialist Party.

Mrs. Ida Fursman, president of the Teachers' Federation of Chicago, has recently joined the Socialist party. She made this announcement while making an address at a Socialist meeting in Chicago a few weeks ago.

A big campaign lies before us, in fact two of them.

Some Real Prohibition in Kansas

Chafin Says Kansans Are Most Civilized People in the World.

Enid, Ok.—Eugene W. Chafin, candidate of the prohibition party for president in the last national campaign, told the students of Philips university here today that Kansas had the only real prohibitory law in the United States, and that the people of that state were farther advanced along the scale of civilization than any other people who ever lived. He based his assertion on three laws Kansas has passed—suppression of the sale of alcohol, abolition of capital punishment and woman's suffrage.

In Whose Interest Should Street Cars Be Run?

When a Cleveland street railway expert, wholly disinterested, tells a committee of congress that car riders in Washington are paying over a million a year toll on watered stock, he is either right or wrong.

If he's right, then clearly it is up to Uncle Sam to stop the robbery. Cleveland's own experience warrants the presumption that he isn't wrong.

The nation's capital city should also be its model city—a city teaching by example. What lesson is more important in crowded-ridden America than good transportation of people in cities at low cost?

Based on Cleveland's experience, fares in Washington, for the best possible service, ought not to exceed 3 cents each, and might be as low as two for a nickel.

This would mean cutting out the million-a-year private graft and turning it back to the people. How soon would it be before such a result in the capital city of the nation would force public ownership in other cities?

The grafting big interests see this and will put up a terrific fight to avert the experiment.

It is worth while to measure their strength.—Cleveland Press Feb. 7th, 1914.

Socialism and Capitalism at War.

After having had a free hand at excessive rates for half a century or more, the express companies were suddenly brought up with a very sharp turn. Under the new law the Interstate Commerce Commission was given power to revise and fix their rates, and, following an investigation by the present Secretary of Labor, was very drastic, indeed, in its exercised. At the same time came the new parcel post, with the express companies' lobby, under the late Senator Platt, had fought for years. It was time for humble pie. One of the companies, the Wells-Fargo, has left off talking of confiscations and murder, and goes practically to work to beat the government at its own game. It has organized a supplemental parcels service, especially for the collection and delivery of food products. This is a shrewd move. Industrial agents have been appointed for the principal cities. And their business will be to bring the farmer, the dairyman, and the fruit grower in actual contact with the people of the cities. It is the elimination of the middleman; the direct from-the-producer-to-the-consumer business gain. It is computed that, roughly on every dollar of food products the grower gets a quarter, the compadies twenty cents, the wholesaler five cents. And the retailer gets half. Now the expressman will call at your door, take your order for so many Sunflower eggs, so much Clover Leaf butter, so many Ramona oranges, and so on, and in the course these things are at your door. The company collects, takes its toll, and gives the balance to the producer. This is intelligent warfare. The outcome will give valuable hints on the question of private efficiency versus collective effort. Incidentally, governmental competition is already doing good.

Soon the workers on the industrial field will be organized into one organization, and then with one political party on the political field we will sweep the world for workers.

Many who object to Socialism on the ground that it is a foreign movement go to Europe for their vacation.—Northern Iowa Leader.

National Party Pays Big Debt

Socialists Pay $5,676 Debt in Last Six Months.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—The report of the auditors who have examined the books of the national office of the Socialist Party shows that $5,676.95 of the debt of the office hase been paid in the last six months, leaving $13,694.08 still standing. In addition to this a considerable amount of new work has been undertaken and some extraordinary expenses met.

ARE OUR AGENTS AFRAID OF MORE WORK?

Why so much lecturing from members of the interstate commerce commission on the dangers of public ownership of railroads?

While ago it was Chairman Clark who was telling us that we ought to let the few alone in their control of the means of travel. And now Commissioner Prouty is going about warning us how expensive and wasteful an experiment it would be if Uncle Sam should undertake to own as well as regulate.

Both worthies miss the big point. It isn't to save money that Uncle Sam is going, not long hence, to take over the railroads, but to improve and Socialize the service.

Now the aim is to enrich a few. That is the only reason for private ownership. Well, we have given that plan a long trial, and we find that it is breaking down. The few who are enriched are not the better for their excess riches, and the many are very much worse off than they would be if the motive in operation were the greatest good for the greatest number.

Suppose that the millions now going to the Harrimans and Morgans were distributed in higher wages to the men who run the trains, the men whom Clark used to represent, wouldn't it widen prosperity's base?—Cleveland Press Feb. 3rd, 1194.

The Socialist Vote of Virginia.

It is an old saying that the news of the Socialist vote always comes by freight train. It was not known what vote was cast by the Socialist Party in the fall election of 1913 until the state legislature made its canvass on January 16, 1914. It was then and there revealed that the Socialists cast 5,899 votes in the Old Dominion state. The Socialist vote of Virginia since the organization of the party is as follows: 1908, 225 votes; 1909, 1,377 votes; 1912, 3,370 votes; 1913, 5,899 votes.

LOOK FOR VICTORY.

The Socialists of New Zealand are looking forward to the capture of another seat. At the first ballot in the Lyttleton district, which just took place, the Socialists polled 2,075 votes to the government's 1,560, and 922 for the liberals. The Socialists fi confident of victory on the second ballot.

TO STOP WAR BY STRIKE.

A resolution declaring the miners would call a general strike in case war is declared, was passed by the national convention of the United Mine Workers in session in Indianapolis. The resolution was introduced by Duncan McDonald of Illinois.

APPOINT ALASKA SECRETARY.

Lena Morrow Lewis, known throughout the nation as a Socialist organizer and lecturer and member of the Woman's National Committee, has been appointed provisional state secretary for Alaska.

Socialists all know the cause of poverty, ignorance, superstition, crime, social disease, prostitution, insanity and the whole measles offspring of this harlot system, and all Socialists have the remedy, that is: remove the cause—the profit system—and replace it with the cooperative commonwealth, which means this: "The cooperative ownership and democratic management of the means of production and distribution of wealth."

It is time to get your forces in line; your literature brigade in action and your speakers busy.

Always carry a red card.

Hop Pickers Must Serve Life Terms

Marysville, Cal., Feb. 9.—Richard Ford and Herman Suhr, convicted of second degree murder in connection with the Wheatland hop field strike riots last summer, were sentenced to life imprisonment.

There was no demonstration when sentence was pronounced by District Judge McDaniels. The men took the sentence stoically.

The killings of which the men were accused were those of District Attorney Manwell and a deputy sheriff, who were slain in a fight between a sheriff's posse and hop field strikers last August when the deputies went to the Durst ranch, near Wheatland, to stop a mass meeting of strikers.

A statement given out by the International Workers' Defense League today says that Ford, Suhr, Beck and Bagan were not tried for murder. These men were tried because they had ideals for the working class and the courage of their convictions, and because there is an attempt on foot by the employing class to make a strike a conspiracy before the law.

This is most significantly illustrated by the fact that the complaint against by Ralph Taylor, the hop magnate, against Dick Ford before the sheriff's fatal raid was for "inciting to strike," a crime unknown to the statute books, but none the less "legal" to Durst and his servants.

"The four men were of the committee who dared to protest to the hop baron, Ralph Durst, against the wage and living conditions on this pestilence breeding camp. They were of the crowd who suffered the murderous attack of the ruffians (whom charity would bid us surmise were intoxicated), who, led by an irresponsible sheriff, fired into a close-packed gathering of some 2,000 hop pickers, which included hundreds of women and children.

Yet the public has been asked to believe that these men "conspired" to murder the officers of the law, and that the strikers, when they went out to do murder, armed to the teeth, took the women and children along with them. Yuba County has made this monstrous and hideous plea (which would be suppressed in any community which had either a sense of humor or a sense of justice) the basis of a terrible reprisal.

SOCIALIST WRITERS AND PRESS CAUSE MINE PROBE.

If there was any doubt as to who is responsible for the congressional investigation, the following from the Mining Gazette of Calumet, Mich., the organ of the mine owners should settle the question by showing that it was the "Socialist writer" and the Socialist press that "butted in" to the controversy.

After carefully reading over the entire proceedings we are impressed with one or two things that stand out conspicuously. One is that the investigation we are going to have is being held for one reason and there is publicity in the newspapers for the cause of the labor agitators. That sticks out in all the appeals for the investigation. We fail to get that point, in view of the fact that the alien agitators who have worked this country for the past few years have been in control of most of the publicity channels all of the time and have worked the newspapers and magazines for millions and millions of columns of publicity, the greater part of which was written at their own direction or by Socialistic writers in complete sympathy with their point of view and their plans. But if this country has got to suffer from more of the same stuff there seems no help for it. Let girls and hear it.—Milwaukee Leader.

Schmidt Is Guilty, Decides the Jury; Must Die in Chair.

Hans Schmidt, the Catholic priest who murdered Anna Aumuller, was convicted of murder in the first degree by a jury in the supreme court criminal term last night, and Justice David will sentence him on Wednesday to die in the electric chair. Schmidt later said he would not aid his counsel in any appeal in his behalf, and said he would like to die today and not delay it. The whole attitude of the prisoner was that as soon as he heard the verdict a big load had been lifted off his shoulders, and he was apparently happy in his misery.

YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

KING WINTER.

A Story For the Children.

(Rhelwyn Mills.)

I want to tell you a story that I have liked very much for many years. It was written by Miss Louisa M. Alcott, the good friend of all of us boys and girls, and I can't remember everything just the way she told it, but anyway I'll tell you now what I do remember, and perhaps you will enjoy it, too.

The flowers and the leaves and the grasses were weeping bitterly. They were almost starving to death, and only beauty and the strength of their spirits kept them alive at all and made them hope for better and brighter days. They had been driven from their own land of summer where the sun shone bright and the warm soft earth gave them food and nourishment every day.

One day in September, when they were just waking up for could morning dawns and the birds were tuning up their little throats so as to furnish music, they were every one slapped in the face and knocked over by a big gray form called Autumn. After that they could never get warm again and they could never get enough food from the earth, which got harder and harder every day. So the leaves all fell from the trees and lost their bright green color; the grasses' dresses all turned brown, and the flowers' pretty petals all dried up and lost their freshness. So the spirits of all three ran away from their own bright land into the neighboring country of winter sleep.

And it was well they did; for just as they were running out, the big gray form of Autumn changed into a still bigger white giant called King Winter. Then Winter blew a big blast on a mighty trumpet and all his courtiers and subjects flocked to his side and built him a big palace. A wonderful place it was, all white and glistening, trimmed round about with rows of sparkling icicles and covered over with a thick feathery blanket of snow. The palace grounds were decorated with the dead forms of trees and bushes and fenced about with a tall hedge, all of which were covered with fantastic snow and ice trimings which Winter's little son, Jack Frost, had carefully made. And then, so as to keep his palace and grounds perfect in their cold whiteness, Winter had his servants, North Wind and East Wind, blow and blow over the whole earth, and his friends, Storm Clouds, open up their treasure boxes and cover the earth with snow.

Now, our dear little flower friends all had a long sleep in their new country, for they were tired after their summer's play and festivities. But pretty soon they one by one, began to waken, and, as we told you at first, they were nearly starved, and, worse than that, even their strong spirits were nearly frozen to death. So they sent out some scouts, called Pussy Willows, to find what was the matter, and see if there was any chance of their ever getting a bright warm home again. Pussy Willows came back and told all about Winter's palace, just as we have told you. But Pussy Willow had a nice little furry coat on, so they could stand it to stay out-doors, even in cold March winds. Then all the Flowers agreed to send out the spirits of the big strong trees to call on King Winter and ask him to please, please go away and let them all have summer land again. But the trees never got to the palace, for the guards at the gate showed them their dead forms covered with ice and told them they would never let them grow any more small green leaves on those forms and they would kill them right away if they came into the grounds.

Then the big yellow Chrysanthemum spoke up and said he was so strong and hardy, he surely could get in and talk with Winter about it. He was afraid of nothing; but the journey was so long that he laid down to sleep on the way and when he woke up his legs were frozen and his beautiful golden cap had rotten stiff and brown, and he could scarcely crawl back alive and report his failure.

Then gentle timid little Violet said she would go. They all shouted, "No, you are far too young and delicate to attempt such a thing!" But Violet's heart was filled with love and in the early morning when no one was looking, she covered herself up with her own big green raincoat, just like the big green violet leaves we know, and then she covered that over with a layer of snow, and started out. She ran fast and when North Wind and East Wind tried to blow her over, she hid behind a tree. When she reached the palace gate her heart was full of joy and she sang a song so beautiful that the guards were spellbound and let her pass.

When she came before King Winter's throne, she dropped off her green coat with its white cover, and stood before him in all her pure simplicity and gentleness, and looked straight into his big cold face with her deep blue eyes, and all her love for her flower friends was shining forth, and all the warmth of the sun in her heart was begin to melt and to change the cold atmosphere of the ice palace. And the heart of the king was touched. When she told her story of the suffering of her family and friends, she was so sweet and loving that his big cold heart was melted, and he saw that this was no place for him to stay and that he must quickly disappear. So he blew his big trumpet again, but this time it meant, "We must all be out." So Storm Clouds closed up their boxes, and North Wind and East Wind turned and ran away, and all the little icicles and snow ran down and out of sight so fast that their steps fairly twinkled; and in the confusion the king and his palace completely disappeared.

When the ground got soft with the moisture of the melted snow, the big sun came and warmed the earth once more, and the Leaves and grass and flowers entered again into their summer land, led by dear little Violet, the first child of the spring.

The Bennett Bill

(By Lucien Saint.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—"I shall support this bill on account of the clause in it that I am about to read, if for no other cause." So declared Representative Johnson of Washington, just before the house passed the Burnett immigration bill. The clause to which he referred is drastic legislation denying the right of political asylum to practically all men and women who have been revolutionists, or who belong to revolutionary organizations. Johnson was the first congressman to do so much as to refer to the anti-political provisions of the bill. A conspiracy of silence seems to have been formed to rush through the bill without "un-American" and illiberal sections securely lodged in it.

By the time this dispatch is printed the bill will probably have passed the house and have come to conference for consideration. The Socialists of the country are the only organized group who can and will make effective protest against this section of the Burnett bill. They must act quickly. They must pass resolutions of protest and mail or telegraph them to the president, to their senators and to their representatives. It was the united action of the workers of the country that forced the secret house caucus to order the Michigan and Colorado investigations. It will take their united action to force the democratic party to a showdown this time.

By the terms of the Burnett bill persons are excluded from the United States "who believe in or advocate the overthrow by force or violence of the government of the United States, or of all forms of law, or who disbelieve in or are opposed to organized government, or who advocate the assassination of public officials or who advocate or teach the unlawful destruction of property." Persons who are members of or who are affiliated with any organization covered by the above description are also debarred, or if found in the country, must be deported.

There is, furthermore, a joker in the literacy test clause which provides that unless the would-be immigrant can prove to the satisfaction of the immigration officials that he has come to this country solely for the purpose of escaping religious persecution, he shall not be admitted. Political persecution is not mentioned.

This is because Senator Lodge of Massachusetts thinks there isn't any any more.

These provisions are worded in such a way that to oppose them makes the opposer apparently endorse assassination, murder and dynamiting. The effect of the provisions, however, will be to shut out any man or woman who has been engaged in revolution against the existing government. If England had had such a law in the 18th century, George Washington could not have visited the British Isles. Cader this law Garibaldi could not have come to the United States. Mrs. Pankhurst will not be allowed to land. Under the very shadow of the statue of Liberty the Russian police will be able to capture those who are revolting against the tyranny of the czar. The Burnett bill, in short, is almost unbelievable in its surrender to international capitalism.

Aside from a few Socialist writers the press is silent on this subject. This silence must not be taken to mean consent. There is still time to force a change in the bill.—Socialist Party Press Service.

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE FORD MATTER.

There is one view of the Ford Autocracy $5.00 a day wage minimum wage scale that don't seem to have reached the general public, and that is, that the $10,000,000 thus distributed, or the total of $22,000,000, fifteen of which goes to profits and ten millions to labor, that it is the public who buy the goods, who pay the $25,000,000

That is to say, that $25,000,000 the public are soaked for, and that two-fifths of this "hold up" is to be given to the men who help Ford in the "hold up." We are told that Ford's plan is a blow at the "high cost of living," but where does the consuming public come in?

This is only cutting off one end of the blanket to sew onto the other end, and we fail to see how the blanket is made any longer.

Under Socialism, or production for use and not for profit, the consuming public would have some share in the benefits. It don't make any change in the system, so there you are.

Young Socialist Column

PICTURES FOR LIFE.

(By W. S. Morgan.)

Boy—Papa, what is a slave?

Father—A slave, my son, is one who works for another for his board and clothes.

Boy—Are all workingmen slaves?

Father—Why, no, my son; what put that idea in your head?

Boy—Well, ain't their board and clothes all most of them get?

Father—Yes, and many of them don't get enough of that.

Boy—Then ain't a workingman a slave?

Father—Well, in one sense I suppose he is, but he don't know it.

Boy—Papa, what is wealth?

Father—Wealth, er, let me see, wealth is property.

Boy—Who makes wealth?

Father—The workingmen create it.

Boy—Then why are the workingmen who create the wealth so poor and the others who don't create any of it have the most of it?

Father—It is this way, my son, the creators of wealth—the workingmen—make so much of it that they can't buy it back again with the wages they receive, and that leaves a surplus value," which the men who own the machines take for their own use.

Boy—Who gets the most, the ones who own the machines or the ones who create the wealth?

Father—The ones who own the machine, of course, or they would not be so wealthy.

Boy—If the workingmen who create the wealth owned the machines couldn't they get this surplus wealth?

Father—Oh, I suppose so; aren't you sleepy, my son?

Boy—Nope! Then if all that worked got all the wealth they created, and there wasn't any surplus values, they wouldn't be poor, would they?

Father—No, my son, but you would better go to bed now.

Boy—Then if those that worked quit dividing up with the ones who don't work there couldn't be any very rich people could there?

Father—Of course not; but off with your clothes now and go to bed.

Boy—And if this surplus value was owned by the workingmen and women who created it nobody would be poor who was able to work, would they?

Father—No, no, my child, of course not; but you must go to bed now; you are making me think and it always hurts me to think.

Boy—Then why don't the workingmen and women own the machinery so that nobody who would work would be poor?

Father—I don't know; because they haven't sense enough I suppose, besides that would be Socialism. But what has put all these foolish ideas into your head? If you keep on you'll be a rampant Socialist before you quit wearing knee pants. Mather, come and put this boy to bed.

Boy—But all men and women are entitled to the full fruits of their toil, aren't they, Pa?

Father—Yes; now go on upstairs with your mother and go to bed; goodnight.

Boy—And all the children ought to be in school and not allowed to work in the mills, stores and shops?

Mother—Come on Johnny, your papa will get a strap to you if you don't quit annoying him.

Boy—And everybody could have a home then, couldn't they, mother?

Mother—Yes, but you must come now.

Boy—And not have to pay any rent?

Y. P. S. L.

Great Growth in Membership of Young People's League.

There are 112 Young People's Socialist Leagues in the United States with a membership of about 4,800 according to the first report just submitted to the Socialist party national executive committee by Young People's Secretary J. Adrian Rogers.

Secretary Rogers reports that 64 leagues have been organized since the department started work, October 13.

The national executive committee men are enthusiastic over the showing of this department and are planning to give the leagues added support and encouragement. They endorsed an essay contest on a national scope. The subject will be "Socialism and the Youth" with gold and silver medals offered as prizes.

Mason City, Iowa.—The Young People's League is growing nicely here and every boy and girl is invited to join. It is a million times more noble to join this organization than all the boy scout movements on earth.

THE CURE FOR GRAFT.

One by one the Socialist ideas are forcing their way into acceptance, and one of these is the Socialist cure for graft. We hold that graft is the natural result of giving private individuals the right to own and control some branch of public service, and capitalists are always willing to pay liberally for such a right.

Aldermen and others are franchises for sale there will be graft in the administration of city affairs. As long as railroad companies and insurance companies are controlled by private individuals, these railroad companies and insurance companies will be in politics. As long as our great factories are run for private profit, our tariff legislation will be conducted on the log-rolling plan.

Every party has proclaimed this self-evident fact for years, while the other parties have either denied or ignored it. Francis J. Heney of California, one of the leading anti-graft republicans of the United States, said:

"After five years of investigating the causes and cure for graft, I would bring this one message—I am driven to believe that public ownership is the only cure for graft."

It ought not take Mr. Francis Heney five years more to learn that graft in the railroad business and in the manufacturing business, mining business, etc., must have the same remedy. Take away speculative, and unearned profits from any line of business and there will be no graft in it. But just as long as you give private individuals access to unearned profits, they will continue to pay for the privilege, and that is graft.

WHAT IS LIFE TO ME?

(Geo. D. Coleman.)

To live to love the radiant souls,
To truth were ever true,
To see, with eye of faith, thro' gate
That waits my spirit too,
To love the human ties that bind
Me to my task below,
To fulfill my earthly duties,
Rejoicing as I go.
To gather up the wisdom ripe
Of those who've gone before,
To love the martyrs to the truth,
Their faithfulness adore,
To watch, with joyous eye, the march
Of Progress on its way,
And see the red'ning of the sky
That tells of coming day.
To ever trace the hand of God
And ever thankful be,
That He has opened up my eyes,
Where others fail to see.
To try and show to stumbling souls,
The loving hand of God,
That beckons on to higher paths
Than they have ever trod.
Life's but an opportunity
Strengthening the human soul,
To give it strength and mastery,
To be complete and whole,
Life to me, the dark and dreary,
War, creed and greedy strife,
Yet from the conflict gather I
Still, mastery and life.
Love's the secret of the ages,
The sole creative power,
And when we others freely love,
Ourselves we richest dower.

HIS REASONS.

"You say there is a real estate boom. Have you any grounds for that assertion?"

"Sure I have. The grounds I am trying to sell."

ANENT BENSON ON THE CONSTITUTION

Geo. D. Coleman.

In the winter of 1869-70, as a member, I engaged the hall of the Spring Garden Institute at the corner of Broad and Spring Garden streets, Philadelphia, Penn., under the auspices, aid and support of the Brotherhood of the Union, and announced a series of lectures upon "The History and Character of the Constitution of the United States."

It may not be generally known that the Brotherhood of the Union was a secret order, founded by George Lippard, based upon his writings, and its ritual written by Lippard.

It was at one time a powerful order, and was, through the activity of some of its members, a great factor in giving us the Homestead laws, and in agitating for free public schools. In fact it was a member of the Brotherhood who was hauled from the steps of the state house by a mob, composed mainly of Roman Catholics, led by a priest in disguise, and hung for advocating free public schools in 1836.

President Woodrow Wilson, in dedicating the old Congress Hall at Sixth and Chestnut streets, stood on the identical spot where such a piece of history happened, and President Wilson, himself a writer of American history, I dare say, did not, nor does not even know of this fact, American history presents many such anomalies. In fact, American history verifies the word of Josh Billings: "It's better to know nothing than to know so much that ain't so."

It would be as unfair as ordinary American history, to place all the blame of this mob upon the Roman Catholics, for the Protestant pulpits of Philadelphia denounced the public school movement, and declared it an attack upon the American. Polish and would break up the home, and—but why enumerate? They say the same thing today of Socialism. Members of the Brotherhood now gone to their deserved reward, have told me, that "Old Brimstone Corner," the church that stood where the North American Building now stands, was the most flagrant offender. As a young man, I sat in one of its pews in 1860, and heard a sermon that declared "Slavery a Divine Institution." And while reminiscent, permit me to refer to the published, and still available, records of the proceedings of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Cincinnati, in 1836. This general conference voted unanimously, not one dissenting voice, endorsing Chattel Slavery. Look up the record. And this in the face of the statement of John Wesley, on his return from Georgia, "Slavery is the sum of all villainies." The M. E. conference was like the old Scotch lady when told that Christ had said: "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath," replied "Aye mon. I ken that He said that, but I nae always thocht ill of Him for it."

But to return to my lectures. The brothers of the order did the press agent act, i. e., advertised, and reporters of Forney's Press, Child's Ledger, Alec McClure's Times, just then having done the dirty work act by absorbing the Age, and Morton McMichael's North American, were all present, and gave a good report of Lecture No. 1, which was mainly quotations from Madison's notes of the secret constitutional convention, that became non-secret by discovery among his post mortem papers.

Short editorial notes, indicated an agreement with the question of the tadpole, when his tail dropped off: "What's coming next?" The reporters had lots of copy on the second lecture, but not a word was published of the stated defects in the constitution, except a reverie on the statement that the senate was a "poor copy of the English House of Lords." This wording of Thomas Jefferson's letter from France, was held up to ridicule, and the reporters who were in sympathy with me, said: "We made a good report, but they wouldn't print it." The third lecture where what we now call the initiative, referendum and recall, were stated, was excluded from all notice. The proposition of proportional representation, which I had written in large letters on a blackboard, showing how the still present system failed to express the will of the majority, so struck the reporters that they all copied the figures, but not one line appeared in print, but editorials did appear, and the words crank, communist, (the loving logic men term anarchist was not then in use), and other endearing handles were put to my name. In fact one paper, I cannot recall with certainty which one, used the expressive words that "mad dogs are best when shot."

The fourth lecture, in which I quoted Franklin's words on the constitution, George Washington's, and the fiery criticisms of Patrick Henry, and Thomas Jefferson's words, were violently attacked, yet the reporters told some of the Brotherhood that they had been ordered to keep away and the papers denounced what they had no knowledge of, a custom still prevalent with our today press. And still that smug and lying proverb is quoted that "the press is the leader of public opinion." The richest humor the world knows is the unconscious humor, what is called when the witty Irishman perpetrates a bull.

Well, the fifth, and concluding lecture, never came off, as the Spring Garden Institute refused the use of the hall, giving when asked its reason, that they had been warned that it would be mobbed. Who warned them they would not say, nor could we of the Brotherhood discover with certainty. But the then present history of the order, cast an odor of suspicion very strong upon a secret legal order now insidiously active, and perniciously opposing free speech, free schools, free assemblage and the Americanism of freedom of conscience. In fact, all that Masonry stands for, Toleration and what the Brotherhood stood for, because the Masonic organization failed to put their doctrines in practice.

I might say, that had American Masonry in 1778-80, come as many wished, under the affiliation and jurisdiction of the French Masonic order, and not the Scottish Rite, there would have been no Brotherhood of the Union, no American mechanics senior nor junior order, and no other labor organizations that have come up from the fact of the difference between what is called Latin Masonry, and English speaking Masonry. Had the desires and oaths of it an attack upon American, Polish and other Masonic officers of the Revolutionary army, who pledged themselves after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, in the society of the Cincinnati, and elected George Washington their first head, have been fulfilled, American Masonry would have been under the Continental European jurisdiction and not under the leadying Scottish Rite.

There would not have been a Brotherhood of the Union, or the others, because there would have been no need.

This is not my personal opinion, but a symposium of the opinions of today's leaders of the Scottish Rite Masons, of the inner circle of the Brotherhood, when the "tent scene" of the 3rd degree was sought to be emasculated. Any still living 3rd degree master mason, who saw purposely destroyed order of Lippard, will bear me out in my statements. Old Brotherhood men in New York, grand old Elliot of New Orleans, Pike's orders and attempts upon his life had no effect on others, men like Senator Magalhaes Lima, grand master of the Grand Orient of Portugal, men like the present grand master of the Grand Lodge of Mexico, who recently spoke to the American people, exposing the assassination of President Madero of Mexico, was published broadcast in the geography of the American Press, showing that the conspiracy was hatched in the United States legation, will all hear me out in my statements. It is suggestive, that this same powerful secret reactionary order, succeeded in soft pedaling the activity of the press in following up this letter, and quashing action or recognition by President Wilson, of so flagrant an act of the violation of all diplomatic precedents. The great skeleton in Uncle Sam's closet was endangered and the door was closed and locked, and it was allowed to become "a closed incident." When Grant was president, Minister Resencrants was recalled by telegraph, for simply promising to do, what our ambassador DID. The particulars and details of this incident, I received from the mouth of Ignacio Mariscal then chief of Mexican ministry to the president of Porfirio Diaz, and during Grant's administration the secretary of the Mexican legation under Matias Romero, the Mexican minister. My old friend Ignacio Mariscal is now dead, and I commit to the care of confidence now in stating it. America is awakening, and when she fully awakes, she will know that from the secret constitutional convention to today, our history is one was secret conspiracy against the principles we call Americanism. Against what the Masons who fought for the principles of the Declaration of Independence, pledged themselves to perpetuate in the Society of the Cincinnati, and they will possibly remember, that when a deserter from George the Third's Redcoats, formed the order of Tammany, it was openly avowed, and not denied, object, was to oppose the Society of Cincinati, and its subsequent and present day history, confirms the fact that it is the political tool of that organization which is known to never forget nor forgive. The great skeleton in our closet, that when anyone dares to speak of their well organized forces makes our press tremble with unmanly fear and contemptible cowardice.

It has been a long and dusty road, it has seemed the truth was never to be upon the cross, and conspiracy hold the spear to make death secure, but the tomb of silence is to be broken, the stone rolled away, resurrection day into the East with hope, and the Roman soldiers that watch the tomb will fall down in terror when the angel of truth with a bright face, shall roll away the stone, and Americanism shall break the bonds of death that constitutions "judge made law," and machine made politics have held in bondage.

SLUMMING REVERSED.

(By W. M. Maupin.)

The visitors who knocked at the brownstone mansion on Gold avenue were dressed in rags and gave every visible evidence of having come from the slum districts.

The liveried servant who opened the door tried hastily to shut it, but the foremost visitor in line thrust his foot between the door and the jamb, then pushed the door open with a exhibition of muscular force that made the servant grasp with astonishment.

"What's the meaning of that noise, Jobson?" quired a woman at the head of the marble stairway.

"Hi don't know, mum."

"Boy, youse," said the spokesman of the visiting party, "we've out seein' how de rich live. An' we's coming in, too, see! An' we goin' to pike our bloomin' noses into everythin', an' we's goin' t' ask all de imperdent questions we like, see!"

"This is an unwarranted intrusion, and if you do not immediately leave I shall call the police," exclaimed the lady of the house, appearing upon the scene, clad in a silk kimono and other articles.

"Nope; nixey on de bults," said the spokesman. "Dis ain't no intrusion, mum. We's jus' returnin' a friendly call, see! A few days ago youse an a bunch o' nobs comes overt' where we live, investigation conditions o' de poor, 'slumminn', I believe youse call it. Sure youse was interested in de amelyrishun o' de conditions o' de workin, classes, or some such dope, an, had t' study the condishuns o' de rich an' we's gotter have it first hand, see! We picked out fer our first visits dems what butted inter our tenements without invitation an' made dereselves at home. So mum, we' need dis hand bottomed gazebo ter de scrap pile an' pilot us aroun' de dump."—Exchange.

Whatsoever a nation sows, that shall it reap, and our country is being sowed knee deep today in anarchy, in Colorado, Michigan, Seattle, West Virginia and every town and hamlet, the ruling class is announcing to the world that labor as a class has no rights that cannot be set aside by the power of the militia, police or courts.

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How a Young Lawyer Won a Suit and Fell in Love

By R. A. Dague, Author of Henry Ashton, etc.

(Continued from Last Week.)

Clarence Walker received many congratulations from friends and neighbors and more than once was the remark heard in public places that "there is at least one honest lawyer in this town."

In a few days a letter was received in Hastings that read as follows:

On the Farm,
Adams County, Nebraska.

"Charles Walker & Sons,
Attorneys at Law,
Hastings, Neb.

Gentlemen: My father, Wm. Taylor was thrown from a horse on Tuesday last and so severely hurt that we fear he may not recover. Our doctor gives little hope and advises father to adjust his business affairs and prepare for the worst. Will a member of your firm please come down to our place as father not only wishes legal advice on a matter of business, but also an attorney to write out his will and testament? And he instructs me to tender Mr. Clarence Walker his profound thanks for what he did in his behalf in Esquire Clark's court recently. His actions proved him to be a young man of courage and sterling integrity and honor.

Yours Respectively,
EFFIE TAYLOR."

The next day after the receipt of Miss Taylor's letter Clarence Walker alighted from his conveyance at the home of Wm. Taylor prepared to render his professional services as they might be required. He was met at the door by Miss Effie, whom he had never seen before. If I were a novelist, I would at this part of my story devote several pages in describing the first meeting of these two young people. In flowery language and rounded periods I would tell how the young lawyer fell in love at first sight, with the pretty farmer's daughter, and how after spending a day at the farm, he went home wondering if he had made a favorable impression on her.

Wm. Taylor executed his last will, engaged Chas. Walker & Sons as attorneys to attend to his legal affairs and passed on into the great beyond in about two weeks after the accident already mentioned.

Clarence was delegated by his father to superintend the settlement of the affairs of the late Wm. Taylor. The business required frequent visits to the Taylor ranch by the young lawyer and one day his bluff old father with a significant shrug of his shoulders remarked, that "if Clarence charged the usual attorney's fees for the frequent visits he makes to the Taylor farm, there wouldn't be anything left of the estate for the widow and children."

That Clarence was deeply in love was plain to all. Did Miss Effie reciprocate that tender affection? That was the all important question in the mind of the lawyer. While she seemed pleased to meet him each time he visited the family and apparently enjoyed his company, yet he was not at all certain that she loved him.

Several times when he left home to go to see her he resolved that on that very day he would ask her to be his wife and become his bride; but while she greeted him most cordially, served him with a splendid dinner prepared by herself, laughed and chatted most charmingly and at other times discussed weighty subjects of economics, theology, politics and law, yet he never saw just a time he considered opportune in which to put to her the all important interrogatory.

There was one thought that troubled Clarence somewhat. He had heard that the late Wm. Taylor was a Socialist and from some remarks inadvertly dropped by Effie, he feared that she too might look with favor on that foolish if not wicked belief.

(Continued next week)

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NEW AMERICA FOR NEW AMERICANS

America is a great country and we are proud of it. It is great in many natural resources, so great in fact that students of population confidently state that one billion or more people can live comfortably here, and I believe it, but the only resources that the masses can afford to enjoy and can not afford to do without is the natural gas, which is the section of the state abounds in such vast quantity that there is enough for all. This new America of ours was begun in May, 1607, with a permanent settlement on the English at Jamestown, from which time has grown rapidly and extensively and to some degree satisfactorily. Prof. Ross has called this the changing America, which is quite true for the influx of foreigners keep the population increasing and changing thereby changing the people religiously as well as politically. The tax rate was determined by "gentlemen" of the old world, and was fought out and settled in 1776. Then negro slavery loomed large, later preachers and lecturers of that time produced public conscience, a bloody war ensued, the slaves were set free, thereby reducing many wealthy families to poverty but, since those days democracy has been country-wide and tidal, it wants men rated by wisdom, character and efficiency. "One man, one vote" does not make Sambo equal to Socrates, but registers a public opinion. America has had two great fights, one over taxes one over slavery, another is going on now over gang rule, the outlook is promising, one of the most noticeable is the growth of Socialism, there was remarkable increase in the Socialist vote polled at the last two presidential elections. The political influence of trade unionism is growing every day so, any fair minded person can readily see it all points to "a government by the people and for the people."

There is a new woman in America; she is educated, emancipated and resolute, never was the like of her. "woman movement" known before in history, because of this emancipation there is no telling what will yet happen to the American domestic life, it points to the difference in the home now and two centuries ago, it is being leveled up and the husband is being leveled down some what, and the wife leveled up very much, this probably explains why the divorce rate has increased till now one marriage out of ten is dissolved, and this should not be so but how can we do without this new woman for our new America.—An American.

SOCIALISTS WILL FIGHT CZAR RULE.

Locals Decide to Take Hand in Special Election to Place the City Under the Control of a Few.

Clinton, Ia., Feb. 10.—"The commission plan of government was at first opposed by the big financial interests of the country but of late years and at the present time the corporate interests are among its most ardent advocates. This within itself should justify every believer in democracy in thinking twice before voting on the new charter.

"Clearly the purpose of the commission plan, is to concentrate the powers of the government in the hands of a few. This is the most objectionable feature of the plan. It is a repudiation of democracy and a return toward a monarchy. It would dethrone the sovereign people and set up a czar, a king, or an emperor and put him entirely out of touch of the people.

"Corporations have learned that it is easier to get control of a few men than it is to get control of many and for that reason have become the most ardent advocates of the commission plan."—Clinton County Socialist.

ACCEPTED SOCIALISM.

The Metropolitan Magazine comes out after flim-flaming the comrades the past year explaining what "kind of Socialism we advocate." The February Review prints a timely article on how the Socialist Party is being played for suckers by capitalist publications that have no intention of advocating real Socialism, but which would say anything to get candidates for office and who stand on a platform that is perfectly satisfactory to their advertisers and the capitalist class. It is time we began supporting our own papers and magazines instead of spending money to help scheming capitalists who mean to betray us at every time of trouble.

Let them publish all the Socialist articles they want, but let somebody else pay for them.

A Reply to Harrison Gray Otis

(By R. A. Dague.)

The following editorial is copied from the Los Angeles Times of January 12, 1914. (Harrison Gray Otis, Editor.) He says:

"In 1910 the total wealth of the United States was one hundred and thirty thousand millions, being $130 per capita, and her indebtedness is $10.

"It is considered 'progressive' for the insolent to rail against people who are willing and able to pay their debts, and to abuse employers who decline to submit the conduct of their business to a union of their workmen. Dreamers like the Socialist, Debs; grafters like the cockney, Gompers, and the convict, Tveitmoe; leeches upon the body of labor like Darrow and McCarthy; demagogues like the job-chasers, Job Harriman and brawling Hiram (Johnson) bogus bad men like Henry, and ambitious power seekers like Tooplous, who

'Crook the pregnant hinges of t' knee
That thrift may follow fawning,'

may all sneer at money and denounce it as 'predatory wealth,' and 'ill-gotten gains,' and 'big business,' and 'loathsome capitalism,' but they take good care to get all they can of it.

"There is nothing legally wrong or morally reprehensible in the possession of wealth if it be honestly acquired.

"It has been well said that 'men may talk against wealth as much as they please; they may talk about money being the root of all evil, but there is little real hapiness in this world without some of it.' It is very handy when staying at home, and it is a most indispensable adjunct to travel abroad. Money is a good thing. It makes others happy; it makes happy those whom you love, and if a man can get a little together, when the night of death drops from certain upon him he is satisfied that he has left a little to keep the wolf from the door of those who in life were dear to him.

"The United States is the richest nation on the face of the earth. It has achieved this place through the industry and energy and intelligence of its people, operating under the wise government framed by the fathers—the government which a syndicate of ambitious and egotistical 'progressive' asses and knaves clamor to have changed.'

I have been a reader of the Los Angeles Times for twenty years, and its editor has been a puzzle to me. Sometimes he has printed some excellent editorials that contained valuable information and useful suggestions. At other times the General would be furious in his denunciations of people who differed from him. He would especially anathematize and curse labor unionists and call them all kinds of bad names. Often his editorials contained distorted statistics and his arguments were so disjointed, incoherent and unsound as to be amusing if not disgusting. Now, in the editorial above quoted there are some facts stated, and as many falsehoods as facts. It is true that the total wealth of the United States in 1910 was one hundred and thirty billions, but: General Otis was careful not to say that ninety per cent of it is owned by a very small per cent of men who got the bulk of it without returning any equivalent for it. In 1850 the producers owned 7 1-2 per cent of the total wealth of the nation, and there were no strikes, no tramps, but few beggars and but little crime. Now, the producers own but 10 per cent of the total wealth. Fifty millions of people own no homes; several millions of homes: working people are unemployed; two millions of children are enslaved in mills and factories, and insanity and crime have increased a thousand per cent in fifty years. There is poverty, suffering, destitution from ocean to ocean, and millions are suffering for the want of the commonest necessities of life. A few millionaires, such as General Otis, and Rockefeller, and Carnegie, are happy and insist that times are good. General Otis has no patience with the discontented agitators. He says "Socialist dreamers," and the "Brawling Gompers," and "Progressive asses" sneer at money, and denounce it as "predatory wealth," etc. He reminds me of certain slaveholders in the South before 1860. They said: "Times are good in the Southland, but if those brawling fanatics such as Garrison and Phillips and Sumner keep up an agitation they will make our niggers discontented. What we want is to be let alone."

Editor Otis says: "There is nothing legally wrong or morally reprehensible in the possession of wealth if honestly earned; money is a good thing; it makes one happy, etc."

Oh, wise General Harrison Gray Otis! What a marvelous discovery! What rich nuggets of wisdom! Why had the "Dreaming Socialists" and "Progressive asses" never thought of that until Brother Otis told them?

The General further informs the "egotistical asses and knaves" above mentioned that "money makes people happy" because "if a man can get a little of it together, when the night of death drops from certain upon him ,he is satisfied that he has left a little to keep the wolf from the door."

There, now, that settles it. It will be about the right caper for the "special privilege," and "grafters," "convicts," "dreamers" and "knavish Progressive asses," who "crook pregnant knee-hinges," to go behind some convenient barn and give themselves a parcel of good, vigorous kicks in the right locality of their anatomy as punishment because they have been "sneering at money," and been so busy chasing John that "thrift might follow fawning."

Say, Brother Otis, let me whisper in your ear and say that you and I are several years past the age of three score and ten (a good many years more than the Doctor Osler chloroforming said it occurred to me that it may be you and I would better stop trying to enlighten stupid people. I am sure that it can convince them we are right and they are wrong by calling them "rooks," "knaves," "demagogues," "brawlers," "knaves," "convicts" and "asses."

But now, Brother Otis, in a more serious vein let me say that Socialists do not denounce money. Their contention, as you must know, is that the present system of industrialism has outlived its usefulness. Owing to the law of evolution and improved machinery, one worker now produces more wealth than fifty workers could produce by hand tools sixty years ago. The Socialist denounces no individuals. He says a new era has come to the world and we should adjust things to harmonize with those conditions, and by harnessing steam and electricity to wealth-producing machines. Individuals now monopolize, for private profit, most of the forces of nature and the machines used in producing and distributing wealth. Things have become so lop-sided and unfair that the workers are getting but about one-fifth of their honest share of created wealth. Socialists are trying to induce the people to readjust our economic system to the end that workers may receive their fair share of wealth created. They also insist on a system under which stock-watering, child slavery, speculation, and the private monopoly of a nation's public necessities shall be eliminated. It is not money, nor "wealth which is honestly earned" that Socialists object to, but the outgrown system or capitalism—of individual ownership of those great industries or necessities that all the people must use to live. Now, friend Otis, Why should you anathematize Socialists and labor unionists and call them all sorts of bad names for proposing such good measures? I hope, General, that you will throw into the waste basket of your editorial pen of yours, and stop abusing working people who are trying to make better conditions for their wives and little ones, so that "when death drops the curtain they will be satisfied to leave a little to keep the wolf from the door of those who were dear to them in life." It has been said you are a millionaire. I have no censure for individuals who play the "business game," even though it is a gamble, but while I do not condemn you personally, my heart bleeds in sympathy for the millions of jobless, homeless, destitute men, women, and children who are suffering untoldless misery because of a selfish, dishonest, cruel system of capitalism, which you defend.

Now, in conclusion, General; You don't like "Gene" Debs. Well, I will venture to prophesy that future historians will write of that man that he will stand in history as a hero long after you and I have been forgotten. He will be mentioned as the gentlest, noblest, truest, most unselfish friend of the poor, the homeless and friendless of all his countrymen who lived in this restless, transitional age.

And there is Mother Jones, about whom the Times has said such cruel and false things! Now, General, my admiration for individuals is not apt to overflow, but as a student of history and a pretty careful observer of current events, I want to tell you that Mother Jones, now 82 years old, whose hair is as white as snow, is the greatest woman this world has seen since he days of Joan-of-Arc, too, has earned immortal fame and a crown of imperishable glory because of her life-long, constant, unselfish service, given without money and without price to the homeless poor and the exploited wage slaves of capitalism. In the truest sense she is the greatest and best queen on earth. She owns no home, possesses no property, spends her time ministering to the wants of the poor, or in jail. She is hated with all the venom of demons by capitalist exploiters of working people, who would murder her if they dared; but she is also the dear beloved "mother" to millions of victims of brutal capitalism. As I write she is held a prisoner in a Colorado prison and guarded by soldiers and treated like a felon for no offense except that her great mother-heart beats in sympathy with the poor.

Brother Otis, I would rather be a Mother Jones, loved by millions of earth's poor, than a millionaire editor, scorned by many, loved by few. Long after Mother Jones' persecutors and capitalistic exploiters and big business gamblers have gone to oblivion, her great soul will go marching on.

Creston, Iowa.

WOMAN'S COLUMN

SEND THE NEWS TO THE CZAR OF RUSSIA.

A procession of women and children marching to the miners union hall in Trinidad, Colo., to hold a meeting of protest against the imprisonment of Mother Jones, was ridden down by Gen. Chase and his militia cavalry. Three times the cavalry charged into the thick of the crowd of women and children, many using their sabers.

Women and children scattered in all directions, many of them taking refuge in front yards and vacant lots.

Many afterwards displayed sword cuts.—Cleveland Press.

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND FALLEN WOMEN IN U. S.

There are 500,000 fallen women in the United States today, according to statistics. The average life of these women, is only five years. The consequence is that under the present system, they lay a tribute of 100,000 new girls each year that are carried to the brothels and houses of ill-fame to a life of degradation and shame. Really while this is a dark picture, there are many thousands more who are not rated fallen, but who are leading lives of shame in all the great cities.

Now there is a cause for all this. We claim that Socialism would go to the bottom of the cause and cure the disease. The last United States ried men of marriageable age in the United States at about seven million. This leaves an equal or greater number of women of marriageable age. It is natural for men and women to marry. Under favorable conditions they would marry, but why this vast number of unmarried men and women Low wages and—even worse—the uncertainty of a job. The fear resting in the minds of these men that they might fail to hold employment even if they should get it, and under the high cost of living and high rents are actually afraid to take the responsibility of a family. Under Socialism, where every man would be assured of continual employment, with a wage that would equal the full products of his labor, where every man would have an opportunity by industry to own a home and support a family, doesn't it stand to reason that 80 or 90 per cent of this seven million men and women would marry, have happy homes, raise children, and therefore prostitution would almost cease? Then, instead of Socialism standing for free love, or free lust, it would bring about conditions that would do away with the incentive for prostitution and cure the disease.

SOCIALIST WOMEN BUSY IN OAKLAND.

(By "Penelope Jane.")

It is with pleasure that I chronicle the increasing activities of the women in the Socialist movement in Oakland and the east bay cities.

The mass meeting given by the Woman's Socialist Committee Oct. 7, was the awakening blast from the trumpet and truly in the language of the wily Irishman, "They did themselves proud." All along the line the echo of women's voices can be heard and a new glad note that tells of hope springing afresh and earnest discussion of ways and means of bringing those hopes to fruition. Comrades who might be called luke warm and who thought they were doing their full duty by strolling in every quarter to pay their dues and staying a short half hour only to show how bored they were by anything of a propaganda nature, have become eager and anxious to attend committee meetings and are now actively working in many ways to help the cause of Socialism.

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS AND LABOR OUTRAGES.

Mrs. Gertrude Lee is head of the Democratic state central committee of Colorado. When appealed to regarding the labor outrages in Colorado, said: "I don t know what there is anything wrong in the coal strike fields." Will the women of Colorado support her in this inhuman and evasive attitude? If they do, the "moral influence of women in politics" evaporates into thin air. Let us hope that the women will not endorse her heartless attitude. If a congressional investigation shows something wrong, Mrs. Lee will get a set-back that will warn all other women in power to not play politics against humanity and the law and the constitution.

Rome Shows Her Hand

The Jesuits Have Put in Operation Their Diabolical Scheme for Abolishing the Public School System of the United States.

The New York Evening World of January 12, 1914, informs us that Dr. Wm. H. Maxwell, superintendent of schools, and Thomas W. Churchill, president of the school board, have given permission to the hierarchy to give instruction to pupils in the public schools of New York outside of regular school hours.

What does this mean? Isn't it quite plain? If it is not plain to you, read the following and perhaps it will help you to understand its real meaning:

"Education must be controlled by Catholic authorities, even to war and bloodshed."—The Catholic World.

"The public schools have produced nothing but a Godless generation of thieves and blackguards."—Father Schauer.

"It will be a glorious day in this country when under the laws, the school system shall be shivered to pieces."—The Catholic Telegraph.

"I frankly confess that the Catholics stand before the country as the enemies of the public schools."—Father Phelan.

"An imperfect and vicious system of education that undermines the religion of youth."—Cardinal Gibbons.

"Education outside the Catholic church is a damnable heresy."—Pope Pius IX.

Now put your thinkers to work and if you want to learn all about the great conspiracy to destroy the free press and free speech, read The Crusader, the paper that has the goods and is not afraid to deliver them.

The Crusader is unquestionably one of the most able anti-Jesuit papers in the country. 25 cents a year. Sample copy will be mailed you upon receipt of 2 cent stamp. Address, THE CRUSADER, Ames, Kansas. adv.

SAYINGS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Compiled by Dr. Stephen A. Northup.

Give the boys a chance.

We cannot escape history.

Don't swap horses in the middle of a stream.

Calling a sheep's tail a leg doesn't make it so.

When you can't remove an object plow around it.

Is a man to blame for having a cowardly pair of legs?

Come what will I will keep my faith with friend and foe.

God bless my mother: All I am or hope to be I owe to her.

There is no grievance that is a fit object of redress by mob law.

Faith in our God is indispensable to successful statesmanship.

Keep the temperance pledge and it will be the best act of your life.

So long as I have been here I have not willingly planted a thorn in any man's bosom.

No man is good enough to govern another man without that other man's consent.

A man has no time to spend in quarrels. If any man ceases to attack me I never remember the past against him.

If he had known how big a funeral he would have had he would have died years ago.—On hearing of the death of a rival general.

I have lost confidence in everything but God, and I now believe my heart is changed and that I love the Savior.—To Doctor Gurley, his pastor at Washington.

It may seem strange that any man should dare to ask God's assistance in wringing bread from the sweat of other men's faces; but let us judge not, that we be not judged.

When there shall be neither slave nor drunkard, how proud the title of that land which shall truly claim to be the birthplace and cradle of both these resistless foes!

In regard to the great Book, I have only to say that it is the best gift God ever has given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book. But for this book we could not know right from wrong.—In acknowledgment of a Bible presented by a committee of negroes from Baltimore, as reported in the Washington Chronicle September 5, 1864.

God Pity Greed-Crippled Michigan and Spur on Uncle Sam.

That the Calumet grand jury which thought it a crime for labor leaders to try to win for labor's army a little more freedom and a little more pay should see no crime in the shooting of Moyer and his forcible deportation needn't surprise us.

It is utter blindness in those Calumet lawyers and doctors and preachers and storekeepers to side with the tools of absentee exploiters; as blind as was the blindness of those northerners who sided with the southern slaveholders in the angry ferment which preceded the Civil war.

In such an alliance they have much to lose and little to gain. Nothing is clearer than the truth of what Lincoln said: This nation cannot live half slave and half free. It has purged itself of chattel slavery and it will purge itself of white slavery. Labor is going to have a voice and a vote in the management; a share in the profits as well as in the hazards.

Those men in Calumet who are riding labor's back and feeding off labor's earnings will find that it's suicidal to try to starve the source of your sustenance.—Cleveland Press Jan. 29th, 1914.

Topeka—Man and not God is responsible for the death rate in Kansas, in the opinion of Dr. S. J. Crumbine, secretary of the state board of health. Dr. Crumbine declares that preventive medicine and preventive measures of various kinds will mean the elimination of communicable diseases some time in the future. For example Dr. Crumbine declares that typhoid fever cost Kansans last year the sum of $2,000,000 in money spent for medical attention, medicines, loss of time, funerals, etc., saying nothing of the breaking up of homes, the heartaches of widows, orphans and others left destitute or homeless. He declares in his opinion one-twentieth of that sum, $100,000, properly expended, would almost have wiped the disease out of the state and saved the lives as well as the dollars spent in attempting to cure the victims.

If being without money or a job is a crime, then there is about six million such criminals in the United States and every one of them is a walking interrogation point to capitalism, asking "What are you going to do with me" the only answer that capitalism knows is the jail, parish road, and farm. What is your answer? The Socialist answer is contained in its platform, get one and learn the answer.

LEADER GETS NEW TRIAL

A new trial has been ordered in the Milwaukee Leader libel suit case. Judge Fitz has decided that the judgment given exceeded $7,500 the highest amount which could have been given under the law. The Socialists expect the judgment to be entirely reversed in the new trial.

There never was a political "ring" or "graft" deal ever made by the common people.

WORTHWHILE WEEKLY.

There is only one weekly Socialist paper in America that has a staff poet, a staff "paragrapher" and a woman editor in addition to the editor. This paper is The Laborer. Nat L. Hardy, formerly of the Appeal to Reason staff, is editor; Winnie Fouraker-Hardy is editor of "Woman's Sphere"; Karl Kiag, writes the poetry—real poetry; and J. L. Hicks, formerly editor of the Farmer's Journal is the paragrapher.

The subscription price of this paper is only twenty-five cents from now until April 1. It is worth a dollar. Sample copy 5c.

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1704 Commerce Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Extracts and Letters

It will pay you to advertise in The Light—the only labor paper in the city. Our circulation is growing fast all the time. We have a guaranteed circulation of TWO THOUSAND A WEEK.

Debs Here March 11th.

How many people will hear Debs in Shreveport March 11th? Let's make it the biggest day Shreveport has ever had. Are you with us? Our city campaign will be opened on that date. We are now working on the railroads, trying to get them to put on excursion rates for that date.

Debs comes to Shreveport under the direction of The Southern Light and the Southern Worker.

We want 5,000 subscribers before the election this fall.—Southern Light, Shreveport, La.

The ladies of the local served hot frankfurter sandwiches and coffee on election day. They were the best ever. We ate two just before the election returns began coming in and thereby saved our life. For while we received the bulletins with a sinking sensation inside of us, fortified with such sandwiches, we managed to maintain a bold front, and join the mournums in singing that well-known song, "Somewhere the Sun is Shining."—Rogers County Voice, Collinsville, Okla.

It is probable now that enough names will be secured to place the question of "Free text books in the public schools," of Lyons in the ballot at the school election March 9th, 1914.—Clinton County Socialist, Lyons, Iowa.

Get busy you Socialists and sympathizers and let us put the San Antonio Socialist in the home of every sane man in the city, and dispel this darkness from the minds of those who get their impressions from such tommy rot as is generally published in all the capitalist papers. Prostitution and profit go hand in hand. It is not the body, the intellect is prostituted which is a great deal worse.—L. P. D., in San Antonio (Tex.) Socialist.

A MINE GUARD.

Guard of the guttersnipe step forth,
And pass into your brother's eyes;
And see your soul reflected there—
A shriveled thing that men despise.

And are you more than first born Cain,
Bespattered with his brother's blood?
And worse than Cain you do not spare
The breast of budding motherhood.

You do not spare the tender child,
But send your Gatling bullets wild;
Your soul is dwarfed, your heart is slate,
And all your being is defiled.

A man made law by bribery passed,
You make excuse for bloody strife,
And lead and coal are sacred things;
Food! Naught is sacred, naught but life.

And man must have a living wage,
Else womanhood must bare the blight
Of cheated, thwarted motherhood,
And grope for life through blackest night.

Guard of the guttersnipe and scab,
Fear not the vengeance of your race,
But fear the spreading mark of Cain;
A horror showing in your face.
—C. W. Handley.

UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION UNABATED IN LAST MONTH.

No abatement of the unemployment situation showed itself during January, according to the report of the free employment bureau. During January, last year, 1,800 men applied for work compared to 2,140 this year. The number of jobs last year were 1,925 compared to 650 this year, while 1,850 men were referred to places last January compared to 700 this year. About 1,000 men actually secured work last January compared with 450 for the same month this year.

A PARABLE.

And it happened that a certain man arose in the councils of the suffragists and lifted up his voice and revled them, saying:

"Why rage ye, women, and entreat the people to listen to your wisdom? Know ye not that the lot of woman is better than that of man? Of a truth she hath outrun him in privileges under the law, and hath been placed like a queen, yea, even as a mighty queen, high above him. Sit ye down, therefore, and be silent. Ye have no more to wish for."

Then with quickness a woman answered him and said:

"Do ye not, therefore, long to be a woman, man, even one of us? I constrain ye, speak the truth as it is in you?"

And he hung his head and muttered in his beard saying:

"No."

And the woman smiled and spake with triumph:

"Woman can scarce be that high queen ye mentioned, or beyond man in privileges under the laws, or ye would fain change your unhappy lot for one more fortunate. The time hath not yet come for our silence."—Woman's Journal.

And then if you voted for Socialism, which would be a rose in white and kiddies, you "would lose your vote." Every time you vote a capitalist ticket you lose your vote, because you are voting for something you do not want. Be a man. Vote for what you want whether you get it immediately or not. Vote for your own class.

TREAT PUPILS' TEETH FREE.

A Kansas Side Society Will Open a Dental Clinic Tuesday.

A free public school dental clinic will be opened to the pupils of the schools of the Kansas side Tuesday morning. It will be under the direction of the Wyandotte County Dental Society and will be free.—K. C. Star.

CHRISTABEL DENIES SHE AND SISTER ARE AT OUTS

Paris, Feb. 7.—Christabel Pankhurst today denied there was any enmity between her self and her sister, Sylvia Pankhurst, who was withdrawn from the Womab's Social and Political union in London. "Mother and I are now working out plans for the future campaign of the English suffragettes," Miss Pankhurst said. "Sylvia does not agree with us and therefore has withdrawn to work along her own lines with the federation in the east end.

"It is untrue that there is any misunderstanding between Sylvia and me. Our ideas differ, but there is no unfriendliness."

ALL CHICAGO IS SHIVERING.

One Died and Thousands Are Suffering From the Cold.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Zero weather brought one death and suffering to thousands of poor here today. The cold wave predicted by the weather bureau arrived last night and at 3 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered zero. At 8 o'clock 7 degrees below was marked, and the mercury since then has hovered near the zero mark.

Seventy-five fires, most of them caused by overheated stoves and furnaces, kept the fire department moving all day. Tonight the department was badly crippled, many of its men are suffering frozen hands and feet.

Charitable organizations were busy giving relief in cases where the suffering was acute. The temporary relief committee, a Jewish charity just organized to help the garment workers who have been thrown out of work by the mild winter, gave meals to more than a thousand persons.

Twenty-six hundred men were cared for tonight in the municipal lodging houses and as many more were turned away, the police said. The Bread Line, a private charity, contained more than a thousand, the most of any night this season.

The main question for the wage slave is the abolition of wage slavery.

This country is naturally a paradise and the only thing the matter with it is the industrial system. Let us change it to a co-operative one which will give to all workers their full product, not rob the worker for the benefit of the shirker, as this capitalistic system does today.

LONGEST RIDE FOR A NICKEL

Chicago Traffic Ordinance in Effect Unifies All Surface Lines.

The new traction ordinance, with its "one-city-one-fare" program involving universal transfers and unification of all surface lines, has gone into effect in Chicago.

Chicago now offers the longest street car ride in the world for a nickel—twenty-eight miles from the southern limits of Evanston to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

Leonard A. Busby, president of the Chicago Surface Lines, promises ninety new cars within four weeks. Some of the improved features of the new cars, he says are:

Closed rear platforms.

A safety signal light, which flashes when the rear doors are closed.

Seats for fifty-two passengers, as compared with forty-four seats in the old double end cars and fifty-one in the near side cars.

A "boss" is a "boss" whether he believes in "God" or not.

BRYAN TO SOUTH AMERICA?

Secretary May Attend Pan-American Conference in Chile.

Washington.—Secretary Bryan said that he had not yet given consideration to a proposition to visit Santiago de Chili, next August, on the occasion of the fifth pan-American conference. It is known that several invitations have been extended to him to attend this gathering, as did his predecessor, Secretary Root, when the conference was held at Rio de Janerio several years ago.

In case Mr. Bryan concludes to go, he will go in the capacity of Secretary of State and perhaps will address the conference, but will not participate in its deliberations as a delegate.—K. C. Star.

Socialism will remove the need for children working in factories. Is that against your religion? Some people will tell you to stay away from the Socialists as they are against your religion. If you look carefully for the cause of their statement you will find it a financial one.

Every one who has been loaded to the guards with suppressed winter weather comment, has had an opportunity to unburden himself on the coldest weather this winter.

Montana reported 45 degrees below zero, the blizzard condition in Kansas and the Southwest brought the temperature below zero, and suffering among the poor and unemployed are past describing.

Married men, according to General Miles, are better fighters than bachelors. Flippant people will at once say that it is because married men have had more practice.—A mere woman would say he had more to fight for.

An old criminal was once asked what was the first step that led him to ruin and he said: "The first thing that led to my downfall was cheating an editor out of two years subscription. When I had done that the devil had such a grip on me that I couldn't shake him off. You see I couldn't buy booze and pay my subscription both."

WHY HE MISSED IT.

While traveling on a steamboat a notorious card sharper, who wished to get into the good graces of a clergyman who was on board, said to the reverend gentleman:

"I should very much like to hear one of your sermons, sir."

"Well," replied the clergyman, "you could have heard me last Sunday if you had been where you should have been."

"Where was that, then?"

"In the county jail," was the answer.

MORE THAN SOME ADVERTISE.

"Why don't you advertise your business?"

"I do. I tell it to my wife."

Victor Berger in a late interview declared that the country is facing a panic and an industrial crisis such as it has not experienced since the year 1893. Berger is quoted as follows:

"The currency bill is largely a measure favoring the banks of the country and the farmer at the expense of the city banks and incidentally the working class, who will have no benefit at all from it," said Berger.

"President Wilson and his guard claim this new bill will make panics impossible, and that it will lower the cost of living. The next six weeks will show them that the country will be in the midst of a panic, and industrial crisis of a kind that we haven't had in twenty years—not since 1893—and the next six years will prove to Mr. Wilson and his advisers that any lowering of the cost of living is impossible under the capitalistic system.

"I will say so much, though, for Mr. Wilson and the democratic party, that the panic and industrial crisis which we are facing would have come, even if the republicans had been in power.

"Only the democratic way of doing business will make the crisis more violent and far-reaching."

OUR OPPORTUNITY.

(By Albert F. Caldwell.)

If we only knew the good we'd do
By speaking, each day, a kind word or two;
If we only knew a merry smile
Would travel on, mile after mile;
If we only knew that honest praise
Makes glad the heart for days and days;
If we only knew a restraining arm
Keeps one so often from endless harm;
If we only knew what we could do
By a little pains, myself and you,
Would we ever say, to make excuse,
At we often do, "Oh, what's the use!"

QUARREL IN ZION CITY AND GET FEET WASHED.

Zion City, Ill.—Hereafter if two followers of John Dowie quarrel, each will be compelled to wash the other's feet in public, by proclamation of Overseer Voliva.

Two men just love the farmer who neglects to shelter his machinery and protect it from ravages of the weather; one of them is the junk dealer and the other is the manufacturer.—Ex.

Oh, if labor could but see its interests, then we could sing, "how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things, Rom. 10. 15.

Victor Murdock, progressive congressman from Kansas, said on the floor of the house recently:

"In the last eight months I have seen the mental attitude of Democratic leaders change from a desire to serve the public to an attitude of trying to avert national disaster."

In other words: "Give us what we want," say the interests "or we will visit disaster on the public."

If you strike together why don't you vote together?

NEW CASTLE, PA.

Socialists established rest rooms. Raised wages of policemen, street cleaners and other city workers. Created a board of health and reduced sickness from former records. Quashed many plots to involve the city in contracts and corruption. Fought renewal of franchise for electric plant at rates which meant graft.

Good temper is a foundation for good manners.

CRAWFORD CO., KANS.

Socialists in county office raised county assessment half a million and brought rich mine tax dodgers to time. Established humane treatment of prisoners and the unfortunate. Corrected evils that under former administrations had resulted in great graft. The Appeal's home is in Crawford county.

CROSS ERECTED FOR DEAD

Symbol Is Planted at Tunnel Where 51 Die; Bodies Not Recovered.

Cumbre, Chihuahua, Feb. 9.—A crude wooden cross was planted today at the south portal of the Cumbre tunnel where fifty-one persons perished in a train wreck last Wednesday.

Smoke and gas and a fall of rock and earth delayed the progress of the force which is trying to penetrate to the baggage car from the south entrance and removed much debris.

ROYALTY TO TRAIL T. R.

Germans Believe Colonel's Trip in Interest of U. S.

Berlin, Fb. 9.—Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia are about to follow the example of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt in visiting Argentina. They are to sail for Hamburg March 10.

The German newspapers have commented at great length on Colonel Roosevelt's journey, urging that it was intended to strengthen the influence of the United States in South America and that Germany should take counteracting steps.

It is thought in many quarters that the voyage of Prince and Princess Henry may be partly for this purpose, although according to present arrangements, their royal highnesses are to remain in Argentina only for two weeks, making the round trip on board the new German twin screw steamer Kap Trafalgar.

In December the two most powerful German battleships and superdreadnoughts, Kaiser and Koenig Albert, accompanied by the protector cruiser Strassburg, left for South American waters to display the German flag.

When the Bulgarian Parliament convened recently, 27 Socialists had seats there, where but one had sat before. King Ferdinand opened the session by reading his speech. But the Socialist deputies greeted him with the shout: "Down with the monarchy, long live the republic!" After denouncing the bloody deeds of the government in the war, the Socialists left the chamber in a body, refusing to listen to the king's speech. There was some cause for this indignation, if the census reports are correct on the terrible waste of workingmen's lives in the Balkan struggle for territory. The male population of that part of Macedonia which Bulgaria gained was reduced from 175,000 to 42,500. In Bulgarian Thrace only 235,000 males are left out of a former total of 494,000. In the district of Mustapha Pasha, only 4,000 males remain out of 33,000. Yet only the Socialists dared publicly to resent this wholesale butchery.

Antony Jipner, a Russian girl, employed as a house servant in Boston, has received word that a rich uncle recently died at Penza, Russia, leaving her $500,000. This little Russian girl, who received a good education in Russia, is really an investigator of labor conditions and an ardent Socialist. On arriving in America she spent hours and days vainly seeking employment as a bookkeeper, but finally secured a job as scrubwoman at the City Hospital. Since that time she has worked as a waitress, cook, dressmaker, waistmaker, and general domestic. Last March when the waistmakers had their strike, she was employed at one of the downtown factories, and was the first to her feet in response to the summons. She reached the door first, crying, "Follow me!" and led the strikers down and out of the building. She has already announced that she will devote all her fortune to the great cause of Socialism. That girl is class-conscious.

Phoenix, Ariz.—When George W. P. Hunt presided over the convention that wrote the Arizona state constitution the radical provisions, the conservative business men predicted that "capital would be dormant."

Hunt is governor now. The radical constitution has been working for three years.

How capital was "driven out" is shown in the fact that tax values have jumped from $98,000,000 in 1911, to $270,000,000 in 1913. Population has also jumped.

Billy Sunday says: "The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man is an infernal lie." No wonder his theology and Socialism don't harmonize. But the sort of religion Sunday believes in, is more like demonology, and hell, both hereafter, and present, is the natural result. The vision of Jesus of the Kingdom of Heaven has no part in it. He's like the old darky preacher who said: "Dere's only two roads, brethren, one leads to hell, the other to damnation." No wonder such critters don't believe in Socialism or a loving heavenly Father, or are able to understand the words of Christ.

Tough joints are conducted for profit only.

Low wages are driven lower for profit only.

Shoddy worthless clothes are made for profit only.

Stick to the main issue—the abolition of wage slavery.

Every fraud and swindle is conducted for profit only.

The white slave traffic is conducted for profit only.

It may be your turn next to meet the fight of scab labor.

United States rural postmen cover more than 1,000,000 miles daily.

It is not claimed that you will not have to work under Socialism—we said you will not be worked.

Willie—Pa, what is the bone of contention?

Pa—The jawbone, my son.

The single snowflake—who cares for it? But a whole day of snowflakes—who does not care for them? Private opinion is weak, but public opinion is almost omnipotent.—Anon.

No government can long exist where the law is not administered with equity. Rome wants to destroy equity and make America a Catholic government. Swear it shall not be.

Mexico is reaping from the seeds sown for centuries, by the ruling classes of that country, and we need not think we can escape the demands of justice, unless we change our ways, and that cannot be too soon.—Rocky Ah.

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Major Facts on News Reports of Strike Conditions in Mich.

Fifteen thousand men have been on strike five months. They demand $3 a day for underground workers and $2 a day for workers above ground, an eight-hour working day, and recognition of the Western Federation of Miners as the agency through which they shall sell their labor to the company.

Miners' wages have not been raised nor hours shortened in 15 years. Workers underground get $2.20 a day, as against $3.50 in Montana, $3.75 in Arizona, $4 and upward in Nevada. Workers above ground get $1.75 a day, a much lower rate than is paid in other states. The men are worked two or three hours a day longer than copper miners in other states.

The Calumet and Hecla Mining company, chiefly owned in Boston, owns and dominates the district.

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Officials of the company draw salaries ranging from $100,000 a year down to $10,000.

When the strike was begun miners have been shot to death, children have been shot, guards, or "gunmen," as they are called here, have terrorized their lives, members of the Michigan National guard have been shot and mines have been dynamited.

State troops and gunmen imported by the company from New York city have "forced strikers to get off the streets at 7 p. m. and not to leave their homes until 9 a. m.

John A. Morffi, acting for the department of labor, proposed arbitration. The strikers accepted, the company declined.

"The condition of the families of the striking miners is deplorable. Little children, with their bodies half naked, lie on the floor of the miners' homes with little food."

"American miners were in the majority for 10 years after the enterprise started. The majority now are Finns, Croatians, Hungarians and Italians."

These conditions are intolerable in a free country. The business men responsible for them do more to break down respect for law and for essential property rights than the most rabid anarchists. They are tying, cow, and their country's worst enemies. A way must be found to force them to decent dealing with their fellow men.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

HIS SUPPOSITION.

"A couple," said Mrs. Simpkins, "got married a few days ago, after a courtship which had lasted fifty years."

"I suppose," replied Mr. Simpkins, "the poor old man had become too feeble to hold out any longer.

I. S. S. HOLDS CONVENTION.

The Intercollegiate Socialist Society in its recent convention in New York City adopted a resolution in favor of college Socialists, to be held at the same time as the International Socialist Congress next year. Herbert Kuhnert, representing the German Socialist students, was asked to make preliminary arrangements with the European organizations which were willing to participate.

THE POWER OF INDUSTRIAL SOLIDARITY

A few weeks ago, there was a strike on the Sunset Central lines of the Southern, Pacific Railway Company.

For many months, the Brotherhood of Engineers, Firemen, Trainmen and Conductors, had made efforts to have their grievances adjusted, but had failed to command any favorable consideration from the Southern Pacific. The four different brotherhoods, through four different organizations and as separate organizations, their demands were absolutely ignored.

The Brotherhoods realizing that they could accomplish nothing as separate organization, concluded to pool their issue, and as an amalgamated body the Engineers, Firemen, Trainmen, and Conductors, presented their joint demands to the representative of the railway corporation. The joint demands were still refused, and the four brotherhoods, acting as one body, declared a strike that tied up 2,400 miles of track. For nearly four days not a freight train moved on this 2,400 miles of railroad and the haughty magnates stepped down from their lofty pedestal and confessed that there was some grievances that were worthy of their serious consideration. The four brotherhoods, acting as one body, and presenting their demands as one body, and striking as one body, forced the Southern Pacific Railway Company to recognize the fact that labor has some rights which must be respected, even by the giants of the transportation industry.

As separate bodies, presenting their demands separately, the brotherhoods were ignored, but when they came together, welded by their class interests and resolved to stand or fall together, their solidified power was able to paralyze 2,400 miles of railroad track, and force economic masters to recognize the justice of their demand.

Had the engineers, firemen, trainmen, and conductors remained apart from each other and endeavored as separate organizations to wrest concessions from the Southern Pacific, they would have failed but through industrial solidarity, they have won a battle that should clear the reason of those antiquated "labor leaders," who still believe in the efficiency of craft and trade autonomy.—Mining Magazine.