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### OPENING CELEBRATION.

About April 23rd it is expected to have a public house warming at our new headquarters. Look out for future announcements.

It is a little odd, not to say paradoxical, that the receipts of the liquor trade are constantly increasing while the prohibition area is steadily expanding.

Food, fuel, clothing and shelter is the issue.

# LITERACY TEST NOT LIKED BY WILSON

Washington, April 1.—The president has sent Secretary of Labor Wilson as his emissary to the senate committee on education and labor, which now has under consideration the infamous Burnett bill amending the immigration laws, with instruction to that committee that if the literary test clause is not eliminated from the measure executive disapproval will follow.

Secretary Wilson was closeted with Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, chairman of the committee, for nearly an hour. He made it clear to the senator that the president's mind had been made up on this point.

Nothing is reported to have been said about the clauses in the bill which would bar out political refugees who had been actively engaged fighting tyranny in their native lands, so it is presumed that President Wilson is worried merely over the clause which might hamper the flow of cheap labor to a country already burdened with a terrible problem of unemployment.

### "SUFFRAGETTE" A SLANDER.

#### German Teacher Causes Woman Who Called Her This to Be Heavily Fined.

Cologne, Germany, March 19.—For calling a woman school principal a "suffragette," the wife of a physician in a suburban village was convicted and fined on a charge of slander. The offense was committed in a quarrel over the punishment by the school principal of the physician's daughter. In supporting the charge before the court the complainant argued: "The suffragettes have shown themselves to be scarcely normal. Educated people are enraged against them, owing to their outrages, and nobody would intrust children to me if I were a suffragette." The defendant refused to apologize and declared that the teacher had "acted like a suffragette."

I have known quite a number of the judges who have filled the position of judge of the district courts of Texas Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and in other states; but I have never yet known one of them who was patriotic (?) enough to decide an important case against the man who controlled a large number of VOTES in their DISTRICTS. The poor devils all have to respect the OWNERS of THEIR JOBS, no matter what their positions in life may be.

"Labor creates all wealth, should own what we create."

### SENATE PASSES ARMY BILL.

#### Appropriations Exceed Those of Last Year by About $7,500,000.

Washington, April 1.—The senate passed the annual army appropriation bill, carrying $101,750,000, about $7,500,000 more than the house bill and about the same amount over the last army appropriation bill.

"I would not yield to these big increases," announced Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Colorado, "were it not for the disturbed conditions on the southern border."—Kansas City Journal.

### DUKE TWICE SAVES GIRL.

#### World's Champion Swimmer Hero of a Story From Hawaii.

San Francisco, March 21.—Twice in one day Duke Kahanamoku of Honolulu, world's champion swimmer, saved the life of one girl, according to a story told by Miss Addie Dunbar on her arrival here from Hawaii.

While swimming at Waikiki, Miss Dunbar says she was attacked by a shark. Kahanamoku swam to her rescue and drove the shark away.

A few hours later, while surf riding, Miss Dunbar's boat capsized and she was struck on the head by the gunwale and rendered unconscious. Again the duke was the hero and landed her safely on the beach.

# DEMOCRATS VIOLATE PLEDGE

Washington, D. C., April 1.—The Democratic party has decided to violate another platform pledge in order to square itself with the interests of capital. This platform pledge states that the labor organizations "should not be regarded as illegal combinations in restraint of trade." President Wilson this week stated, however, that the amendment to the Sherman law proposing to exempt labor unions from prosecution under the Sherman act is not a part of his anti-trust program.

This means—if it means anything at all—that the Wilson administration has definitely decided that its game is to placate the business interests to obey the expressed wishes of the N. A. M. and other manufacturers' organizations, meanwhile endeavoring to make the country think that it is "radical," "progressive" and everything that the interests that stand behind the Democratic party are not and can never be.

The Wilson trust program, omitting as it does the labor exemption bill, has simmered down to almost nothing at all. The interlocking directorate bill will never be passed; the price-fixing bill will be killed in committee; the "personal guilt" bill may possibly come somewhere near to getting through. The only bill which will certainly pass will be the much-heralded trade commission bill—will merely change the name of the bureau of corporations, raise the salaries of the head employes and allow the commission a little more liberty to "investigate."

It will be seen that there is nothing whatever in this program to change the existing business system. Some business men are setting up a howl in order to make it appear that they are afraid of this terrible "drastic" program, and as the bills are more and more talked about this howl will go louder and louder. The administration is encouraging a certain amount of this howling because it makes it look as if it were really and truly a popular slayer of dragons.

In spite of the impression given to the contrary, no one in Washington is paying much attention to the trust program. The only thing that is worrying the politicians is the prospect of a fine piling in on them from all over the country from the labor organizations desiring the passage of the Bacon-Bartlett exemption of labor unions bill. This pressure is causing a great deal of trouble, especially to members of the house who have to go before their districts and tell how dearly they love the working man. According to the best information available, the present plan is to let the house pass the Bacon-Bartlett bill so that the Democrats who want to be reelected will be able to make a "labor record" and then have the bill killed in the senate. This is one of the great advantages of the two-chamber system of the government.—S. P. P. S.

### COLORED WIGS TO BE WORN ONLY AT NIGHT SAYS PARISIAN EXPERT.

New York—"Weegs, weegs! Of a surety they will be worn. Red and blue and purple, and oh, ze beautiful green. But only in ze evening—nevair in ze day."

With this statement Mme. Henri Jolre, sister-in-law and representative here of Paquin, said the last word today as to colored wigs.

Some American women may doubt that this new freak of fashion will be adopted but Mme. Joire, as an authority, said she could assure them that they would soon be wearing colored wigs just as they took to silt skirts.

### FAME AND OTHERWISE.

"Every time I see grandfather's sword I want to go to war."

"Well?"

"But every time I notice grandfather's wooden leg I cool down."

A dumphool is a person who has brains but refuses to use them.

# WILSON FORCES WIN IN FIRST TOLLS FIGHT

#### Special Rule for Consideration of Exemption Bill Carries Over Strong Party Opposition.

#### LEADERS ALL AGAINST POLICY OF PRESIDENT

#### Eight Republicans Vote With Administration, Struggle Fiercest in House in Four Years.

Washington, April 1.—President Wilson won the opening skirmish of the greatest legislative battle of his administration when the house, over bitter protests from the recognized Democratic leaders, and almost solid minority opposition, adopted a special rule for the consideration of the bill repealing the clause exempting American coastwise ships from the tolls provision of the Panama canal act. Speaker Clark, Democratic Leader Underwood, Republican Leader Mann and Progressive Leader Murdock were at the head of those lined up against the administration, but the house responded to the president's personal appeal for prompt consideration of the bill as a means of supporting his administration's foreign policy.

Two votes demonstrated the president's commanding influence with his party in congress. On the first test a motion to end debate and preclude amendment on the rule carried by a vote of 207 to 176; the rule itself was adopted, 200 to 172.

Nothing to compare with the scene today had occurred in the house since the famous Cannon rules fight four years ago. In vain Representative Underwood took the floor of the house and urged his colleagues to vote against the rule. The rank and file Democrats, after debating three hours, swung into the president's column, 195 of them voting to prevent the amendment of the special rule, while but 55 followed the leaders in joining with the minority in opposition.

### WOULD SOON FIND OUT.

"You say a pedestrian has rights the same as a motor car?" asked the querulous person.

"Certainly," replied the policeman.

"Well, mebbe he has, but I can't help wondering what would happen to me if I went along the street making the same kind of noise as some of these automobile horns."

### BRYAN WARNS PHYSICIAN.

#### Advises Georgian Not to Go to Mexico to Investigate Son's Death.

Eatonton, Ga.—Dr. J. Q. Nolan of Eatonton, who has asked the state department at Washington to investigate the death of his son, Dr. Frank Nolan, at Tampico, Merico, and who has considered going to Mexico himself to investigate, received a telegram from Secretary Bryan advising against the journey. The message read:

"American consul at Tampico wires that body of son cannot be exhumed until expiration of five years. Advise strongly that you do not go to Mexico."

Meager advices received here are that Dr. Nolan died March 6 after a brief illness. The father desires a full investigation to determine the cause of his son's death, and also wishes to bring the body here for burial.

It does seem mighty easy for ANY corporation to SCARE our present CITY ADMINISTRATION into WAITING UNTIL ANY ORDINANCES requiring these CORPORATIONS to PAY TAXES TO THIS CITY, HAVE BEEN CONFORMED BY ALL THE COURTS! Now, honestly, does it not strike you that this is a mighty queer course for the SERVANTS of the PEOPLE TO TAKE? And, does it not make you wonder WHO these officials are REALLY SERVING? I do, anyway.

# CONDITIONS ARE BAD IN MISSOURI

#### Men Are Grafted On and Girls Forced Into Vice—Bad Conditions in Camps and Coffee Houses.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 1.—The experiences of James J. Barrett, assistant state labor commissioner, as a "casual laborer," are related in an official report submitted by Mr. Barrett to Governor Major. Barrett left St. Louis a month ago disguised as a tramp and found work in various construction camps.

In his report Barrett said that in one railroad construction camp the foreman threatened to beat him because he asked for a cup of coffee before going to work at daybreak without food.

### Force Girls Into Vice.

Mr. Barrett made an investigation of Greek coffee houses in St. Louis. He questioned twenty-nine girls employed in these places and he reported that several of the girls told him they got work in the coffee houses only on a promise to enter a life of immorality. The girls serve the coffee in the houses, he reported, and take their places at the table with the men as they drink their beverages. Intoxicants also are served in several of these coffee houses, he reported.

### Agents Get 50 Per Cent of Wages.

Many men out of work agree to pay employment agencies as high as 50 per cent of their wages, Barrett reported, and in many construction camps the foremen are in league with the employment agencies to discharge men after they have worked only a short time and thus make way for new men. The "fees" then are shared by the employment agency and the foreman.

The men employed in the construction camps, he reported, are charged 25 cents a month for hospital fees, but are discharged if they get sick.

The food in the camps is unwholesome, the bunk cars are filthy, the cooks are often diseased and there is grave danger of epidemic in the camp, Mr. Barrett says.

### Laborers Ready to Revolt.

Mr. Barrett also studied the mental attitude of the casual worker. In this point he reports:

"If this immense army of these down-and-outs could get together and stay in one place long enough to become voters they could swing a national election and elect any ticket they put up. There is a terrible undercurrent of rebellion, unrest and revolt among them because of the amazing amount of exploitation and oppression they are subjected to simply because they are tramps."—Kansas City Star.

### NATIONAL OFFICE WANTS SOCIALIST PLAY

Socialist plays are constantly being requested by young people's socialist leagues and Socialist party locals throughout the nation. Some locals and leagues have presented plays of this kind. It would be well if they would let other Socialist organizations know where it is possible to secure them. A number of requests have been made asking Socialists who know of any Socialists or labor plays which are published to send the titles, price and the name of the publisher to this office. These requests have met with little response. If those having knowledge of such plays will spend a few minutes writing such information to this office, they will save many others days and weeks of research. If you know of any Socialist plays or sketches, kindly let us know of them. Write National Office, Madison and Halsted streets, Chicago, Ill.

### YOU CAN'T GET LABOR FACTS FROM THE KEPT PRESS.

There is no force in society more potent for good or evil than the press. The Socialist press stands for the greatest good to the greatest number. It stands for human rights as opposed to dollar greed and the injustice following in its trail.—The World Issue.

# PROSPEROUS DOWN IN MEXICO

Washington, April 1.—Figures issued by the Pan-American Union show that Mexico is not tottering to a fall, but that instead her export and import trade is in better condition today than it has been for years. This means that intervention by the United States to prevent ruin is not necessary; that the Huerta government is financially sound, and that to send an American army into Mexico would mean a years-long encounter with a rich and prosperous nation. These statistics give the lie direct to the sensational newspapers and senators who, largely for their own selfish interests, have been urging that American workingmen, dressed as soldiers, be sent across the Rio Grande to conquer new fields for the exploiters of labor who will not shoulder arms and face bullets themselves.

In the fiscal year just closed, the exports of the United States to Mexico were $48,053,000, as against $45,982,000 for 1904. During the same ten-year period the imports to the United States from Mexico increased from $43,931,000 to $81,877,000. That is to say, in spite of the Madero revolution, in spite of the murder of Madero and the rise of the dictator Huerta, business in Mexico is booming. Mexico as a whole is not disrupted by the battles which are raging in the northern portion. The ports of Mexico both on the gulf and on the Pacific are doing a normal amount of business—or better. Mines and oil wells, ranches and rubber plantations, farm and factories are in the main running full time. Labor is being cheerfully exploited, and industrial unrest in Mexico is increasing as it is in the United States. So, when James Creelman, Hearst, the war lobby and "patriotic" senators try to make you believe that if "we" do not intervene, Mexico will crumble of corruption like ancient Rome, simply do not believe them. It is not so. Mexico is on as sound a base as the United States. It is a successful producing nation.

The figures prepared by the Pan-American Union show that the exports from the United States to the northern provinces of Mexico have begun to fall off. For this reason the American capitalists who have been selling to northern Mexico are clamoring for intervention. The Pan-American Union also shows that Mexican gold and silver is being shipped to Europe instead of to the United States. For this reason the American capitalists who have been making money buying Mexican gold and silver are shouting for intervention. But American capitalists as a whole are not affected by the revolts in Mexico. Only a few of them are personally bothered. But these few are shouting bloody murder because they have lost their profits and because they think that by shouting loud enough and by lying brazenly enough they can excite their fellow capitalists and thus the working people of the country into wanting to go to war with Mexico to get back those dear profits.

The fact of the matter is that if the workingmen of the United States do indicate emphatically that they understand the facts in the Mexican situation, and that they will not go to war for the holy dividend or for American capitalists, the men who control this government through their control of capital will create a war out of whole cloth—a long, costly war to which the workingman will be drafted to serve Wall street.

If every one will keep his head and maintain the peace there will be no war with Mexico. Mexico is a rich and growing wealthy country. The way American capital will go is: and conquer it—if the howling capitalists who are today being hurt are to have their way. And if American capital goes to war with Mexico, American labor will do its murderous work for them just the same as always, and they will be paid the same as always.—S. P. P. S.

The National office has removed to Madison and Halsted streets, Chicago, Ill.

# A PRISON TERM FOR I. W. W. LEADER

#### Frank Tannenbaum, Who Led "Army" Into Churches, Is Fined $500, Too.

#### YOUTH IS NOT A CITIZEN

#### Denies on Stand That a Threat of Bloodshed Was Uttered.

New York, April 1.—Frank Tannenbaum, the youthful leader of the Industrial Workers of the World, who recently led a crowd of between 200 and 300 homeless men into New York churches, where he demanded food and shelter for his followers, was tonight found guilty of participating in an unlawful assemblage. The jury deliberated about an hour.

Immediately after the verdict Judge Wadhams, in the court of general sessions, sentenced Tannenbaum to one year in the penitentiary and in addition imposed a fine of $500, or one day for each dollar not paid.

Before the case was given to the jury Tannenbaum, at times highly excited, told his story on the stand. He admitted he had led his "army" of unemployed" into the churches. He admitted that on the evening he and the "army" invaded St. Alphonsus Catholic church he had addressed a large crowd in Rutgers square. He said the testimony given by the police to the effect that he had been interrupted by a Miss Jane Est was true. Miss Est broke in on Tannenbaum, he asserted, and said that during the French revolution the unemployed had invaded the churches of France and that blood had been shed.

### Denies Bloodshed Statement.

The police had testified that Tannenbaum replied: "Yes, and that's what we propose to do here."

This statement Tannenbaum denied. After he led the crowd to the church, he said, he asked for permission to go inside. This was refused him. He said he then told his followers to wait outside the church while he went into the rectory. But when he returned he found the "army" inside the church, and he said he asked them to remain quiet.

"I stayed inside ten minutes," he said, "and during that time there was no disorder. Then I went outside. I was standing on the steps when a detective opened the door and asked me into the church. I obeyed him. I was immediately placed under arrest."

### Leader Is Not Citizen.

On cross-examination Tannenbaum said his occupation was that of a 'bus boy, or waiter's helper; that he is 21 years old and had been in this country nine years, and was not a citizen of the United States.

Immediately after sentence was imposed the youth was led to a cell in the Tombs, where he will remain until transported to the penitentiary.

Many of Tannenbaum's followers were afraid of waiting for a verdict before it was announced and departed. Others of Tannenbaum's army who were arrested and convicted of disorderly conduct, are still in the workhouse.

Sacramento, Cal., March 31.—Edward Teesdale, one of the leaders in "General" Kelley's army of unemployed, today was sentenced six months in the county jail for vagrancy, of which he was convicted by a jury. The court denounced Teesdale as a menace to law and order and remarked that if his authority permitted he would consign Teesdale to Africa, where "he would find more congenial companions among the gorillas."—Kansas City Journal.

### SNUBS DRIVE HIM OUT.

Wilmington, Del., March.—Upton Sinclair, Socialist writer, and his second wife have left Arden forever because of the snubs they have received. They have decided to remain in Bermuda. This was learned when the author sent orders that his bungalow in Arden be sold.

# Socialists of Dallas, Texas Force Recall

DO YOU BLAME 'EM?

(From Goode's Iconoclast.)

**The recall petition, signed by over 2,800 persons, demanding the recall of Mayor Holland and the four commissioners, was thrown in the rubbish heap by the men it sought to recall.**

**It took 1,736 voters to order a recall. It has not been expected for several days that many qualified voters would be found on the petition of 2,800 names.**

**Various methods were used to keep from finding these names.**

**The Dallas Dispatch did not at any time give encouragement to, or favor, the circulation of the recall petitions. It did not even give the effort to recall the present city officials as much news attention as other papers.**

**It believed the effort at that time was ill-advised.**

**But it does believe in a square deal. It does believe in the recall as an instrument in the hands of the people.**

**IT DOES BELIEVE THE CIRCULATORS OF THOSE PETITIONS HAD AN AMPLE NUMBER OF NAMES TO FORCE A RECALL. It is certain every unbiased man, who has observed the conduct of the city commissioners for the last week, is convinced of that. But the recall has been trampled under the feet of the commissioners. The principle of direct rule by the people has again been ignored.**

**It appears that a state of affairs bordering on anarchy now reigns in the municipal government of Dallas.**

**As Frank M. Etheridge stated in a speech a short time ago, "The problem that now confronts the people of Dallas is the establishment of a government in this city."**

**Just recall the long record of high-handed acts and discrimination that that has characterized this administration.**

**A swimming pool initiative ordinance ignored.**

**A free employment bureau ordinance spurned.**

**No comfort stations built after the people had ordered them.**

**The city government fighting a sham battle in the courts over a people's three-cent straphanger ordinance, when the courts had instructed them how to pass it.**

**The initiative ordinance trampled on when the people asked for a chance to amend the charter.**

**The city attorney deciding a street railway franchise had expired twenty days before the people were to vote on franchise questions, and keeping it a secret.**

**The spending of $650,000 on a city hall when the people authorized $475,000.**

**The granting of special permit to Clarence Linz to violate an ordinance.**

**The paving of streets in the old reservation, in front of property owned by John J. Simmons, where nobody lives, while seventy-five built-up streets petitioned for paving in vain.**

**The issuing of police cards to auto owners, exempting them from arrest.**

**Allowing the Automatic Telephone company to go without paying its franchise tax.**

**Helping to invalidate a bond issue for a municipal lighting plant the people had adopted.**

**Ignoring for more than two years any attention to the street car service until forced by public opinion to do so.**

**Discharging a competent city attorney because he "was out of harmony" with them.**

**Allowing city hall employes to intimidate street employes.**

**Openly giving aid and comfort to persons attempting to sew up the city in a perpetual franchise with the street car interests.**

**One might go on and on with the list, but what's the use?**

**Can one blame the Socialists for threatening to use the impeachment clause of the city charter and take the matter into the courts and out of the hands of city officials?—Dallas Pitpatch.**

THE RECALL PETITIONS IGNORED.

**When the people of Dallas placed the Recall Law on their statutes they made one serious mistake; they allowed the corporation attorneys who write out all of the laws practically all of our larger municipalities to WORD the LAW. That is, the attorneys who represent the corporations which DICTATE the POLICIES of DALLAS wrote that Recall Law out so as to make the mayor and city commissioners of Dallas the JUDGES of the SUFFICIENCY of the SIGNATURES DEMANDING THEIR OWN RECALL FROM OFFICE IN DALLAS. Instead of designating the county judge or county commissioners, or some DISINTERESTED BOARD, these corporation attorneys designated the MAYOR and CITY COMMISSIONERS as the JUDGES of the VALIDITY of the VOTERS RECALLING THESE OFFICIALS FROM OFFICE.**

**We presented the names of 2,885 CITIZENS of DALLAS demanding the RECALL, but the MAYOR and CITY COMMISSIONERS passed on these signatures, as they did the signatures of the 2,100 signatures demanding that our charter amendments be placed on the BALLOT for the PEOPLE TO VOTE ON. These officials not only IGNORED both of these petitions, but they actually sent out their emissaries and COERCED 134 VOTERS to take their names off of the RECALL PETITIONS. We can easily understand the arguments they had the employers of these 134 VOTERS to make to these poor CITIZENS, who had thus attempted to EXERCISE THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AS VOTERS IN DALLAS—"Take your names off or get FIRED." By checking nearly 1,000 names off of the petitions because they had moved, or for some other unknown reason, and forcing 134 more to erase their names, the MAYOR and CITY COMMISSIONERS, who were elected by a vote of about 3,200, managed to escape the RECALL ELECTION just now; but our boys are still checking on those names and they expect to find many more than enough to COMPEL the CITY HALLERS to CALL THIS RECALL ELECTION, through a mandamus suit in the district court, if there be one speck of honesty in that COURT. But, as this is the same COURT that sneered at our suit to compel these city officials to place the charter changes of the people on the ballot, I am free to confess that I have grave doubts about the SUCCESS OF THIS SUIT. If this be TREASON, make the most of it. You judges have the POWER to JAIL ME for CONTEMPT of COURT; but, since all of these things have got to be fought out before the poor, unthinking PEOPLE will awake to the ENORMITIES of the CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM, the sooner we get mixed up with you gentlemen judges, the sooner the agony of it all will be over. However, this criticism is made in good faith, without prejudice for or against any JUDGE in Dallas county; and should we find one HONEST ENOUGH TO GIVE US JUSTICE, I will HONOR HIM FOR DOING IT.**

**This is being written after the type for the March issue of the Iconoclast has been held for three weeks, and after most of the April issue has been set; and as I have decided to TRY the CITY ADMINISTRATION before the PEOPLE OF DALLAS, I shall use all the extra copies of both these big 10,000 editions in COVERING EVERY HOME AND BUSINESS HOUSE WITH FREE COPIES OF THESE TWO ISSUES, carrying ALL of the RECALL MATTER in BOTH ISSUES. If you want to give a few copies to your friends, call at 607 Commerce street, or at 404 North Akard street, and get all you can distribute for this purpose FREE.**

**Dallas may have been blessed with city officials who have been too honest to accept favors from corporations, which have several hundred thousand of dollars in ANNUAL RENTS FOR THE USE OF OUR STREETS, but every sane citizen should remember FORT WORTH, and its dishonest officials who robbed the city blind and silly, under similar circumstances.**

**The less you have to do with lawyers, courts or legal controversies, the better off you will be. No honest worker can hope to hold his own against such a combination as this is. They belong to the scheming owners of your job. Work for Socialism and aid your mates in taking these courts away from the damnable degraders of human justice who have controlled them so long.**

# WOMAN'S COLUMN

**A PLAN OF WORK FOR WOMEN**

Continually, from many sides, comes the query: "What is the best plan of work for women?"

Personally, I feel the most necessary thing to do is to get the women into the regular party organization, and the sooner we cease to dissipate any energy upon the preservation or separate women's organizations, the better off we will be.

What we really need is not a new plan of work for women, but a new and more comprehensive plan of work for Socialist locals which will give sufficient attention to propaganda for woman, just as some of them now give special attention to propaganda among trade unionists. This work should be a task for the local, not for a little group of isolated women.

Every local should have a committee on propaganda work for women. This committee need not necessarily consist entirely of women. In fact, the most efficent committee of this sort I ever had dealings with was a committee of local Dayton, Ohio, which was composed of both men and women.

The duties of this committee should be:

1. To see that headquarters and meeting halls are made decent, clean and attractive. No local need expect to gain a woman membership as long as its invitations read like one I observed in this county last week: "Open discussion, 8 till 10:30. Everybody welcome. Pipes and tobacco free." And the peculiar thing is that every local that has cleaned up its premises with a view to drawing women has likewise increased its male attendance.

2. To choose literature for distribution among women and see that it is distributed through the regular agencies—whatever means the local employs. Some locals have very effective distributing squads, but limit their material to matter of general nature. The committee on propaganda work for women should overcome this error.

3. To see that the local gives due place on programs and at public meetings to topics and speeches of special interest to women.

There is no reason why the management of social functions should continually fall upon the women. There should be a regular social committee in every local to take charge of these affairs, and again it should be composed of both men and women. A committee or propaganda for women should function as an agency for the organization of Socialist ideas. It should not degenerate into a coffee-pouring, dish-washing machine.

When the national women's committee drew up its present official "plan of work for women in Socialist locals," it was moving in the right direction. I believe that this pamphlet is still the most effective word we have upon the subject of woman's activity in the party.

Until such a time as we shall have an adequate plan of work for Socialist locals, properly recognizing the necessity for work for women, and thus making a special leaflet on the subject unnecessary, I believe we should preserve the present plan, at least in its general outline.

The plan could no doubt be made more effective by the insertion of more comprehensive directions concerning methods of literature distribution, ways of planning public entertainments, programs, etc., and ways and means of interesting the women trade unionists in our program. But if we want to go forward with organization for women, the basic principles of the plan should remain unchanged—no separate organization for women.

UNCLE SAM: SOCIALIST.

(By Maude Ball, Socialist Condidate for Alderman 31st Ward, Chicago.) Special to Co-Operative Chain:

A good many years ago, Uncle Sam began to practice some good radical clean-cut Socialist methods.

To be sure, our wise Uncle Sam knows better than to call his institutions Socialistic, but that's what they are. Socialism, pure and simple, so far as they go.

There's the public school system—socially owned and socially controlled. There are the public roads, public parks, public drinking fountains, public play grounds; there are benevolent institutions, reformatory and penal institutions—all socially owned and controlled in the interest of the general public, instead of for the private profit of private owners.

Our municipalities are largely socialistic, also; we have the municipal fire department, socially owned and controlled. Its function is to serve the public. What if our fire department were managed as we permit our groceries and shops to be managed? If your house caught fire, you'd have to call up a dozen or so different fire engine companies, and bicker with them to find out which would charge the least, or would perform most satisfactory service? Meanwhile, what would be happening to your house?

Suppose your streets were owned and operated like your street railway systems. If you wanted to walk out to a corner store, you'd have to pay a nickel to get on the walk, and if you went around the corner, you'd have to have your transfer punched.

If our postal system were managed like our telegraphs, telephones and express service, postage stamps would be soaring around up in the air with beef and bread and other luxuries.

If our schols were privately owned and operated, like our mines, and mills, Johnny wouldn't even get to start to school. He'd have to raise the wherewithal to feather the nest of the school and baron, and decorate the spring bonnet of Mrs. Bigbizness, the school baron's walking advertisement of prosperity. So Uncle Sam is a pretty good Socialist, in some things.

But now comes Uncle Sam and proposes the extremely Socialistic plan of supplying the consumer with farm products direct from the producer—through the Socialistic institution—the parcel post. Why don't our conservative old republicans and democrats holler "treason," "anarchy," "mad dog," "breaking up the home," "dividing up," and the other old scare heads, to warn Uncle Sam against interference with the middleman's profits?

Listen to the arguments: "Goods direct from producer to consumer reduce cost of living; improve quality eliminate labor on part of producer, and provide efficient and economical distribution."

All Socialist arguments, every one of them. This is what we have been howling ever since Marx wrote Capital. Now the respectable old fogies take up the cry as suavely as though it had just been thought of for the first time.

Who ever before heard anybody but a Socialist argue that competition among middlemen increases the cost of living?

The cat's out of the bag. Voters, take heed.

But Uncle Sam would leave the middleman without any job. If he loses his job he will have to join the great army of the unemployed, and go to parading up and down the street calling attention to his grievances.

He will then become a pensioner on charity, instead of on profits.

Socialism doesn't propose to let the middleman starve. It proposes to put him to work at something useful and stop that everlasting banging at your kitchen door, soliciting your patronage, and knocking the competitor across the street.

As soon as the voters of the country decide to assist Uncle Sam to extend his Socialist institutions to include all the industries and public utilities, we will make our working men divide up work with the army of bill posters, printers, advertising agencies, solicitors, peddlers and beggars now out of work or working in the interest of private owners.

In other words, Socialism will reduce the expense of living, to the mere COST. It will reduce the working hours of the employed, by putting the unemployed to work.

Hurrah for Uncle Sam! Let him run all the industries for public use, and let the voters tell him how.

6345 Loomis Street.

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I love the ladies and the babies. Bless their dear little hearts, they are the only ANGELS mankind will ever have the pleasure of associating with.

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What say you, neighbor; shall we let our city officials run Dallas like Mexican brigands run the Mexican towns when they capture them; or, shall we, the PEOPLE, RUN OUR OWN TOWN TO SUIT OURSELVES.

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YOU voted for a CITY HALL to COST YOU about $475,000; but your city officials ARE BUILDING one that WILL COST YOU MORE THAN $600,000. Who's running this town, anyway? YOU OR YOUR CITY OFFICIALS? And, how about charging this excess of more than $125,000 to Messrs. Holland & Company? Any sane private Corporation would certainly DO THIS.

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All a Socialist needs to do is to hiss that sibulant word "SHOO!" at you democrats in order to start you flying around the corner like coyotes. I will swear I would not advocate ANY DOCTRINE that I could not DEFEND against ALL COMERS! I am absolutely ASHAMED of EVERY DEMOCRAT IN TEXAS!

# OKLAHOMA STATE NOTES

Total new for the week, twenty locals, with a membership of 157. Total locals since January 1, 1914, 276, with a membership of 2,443. Members at large, 57. Total gain in membership since January 1, 2,-g00.

NOBLE COUNTY NOMINATING CONVENTION.

There will be a mass convention of the Socialists of Noble county at Perry on Saturday, April 18, at 2 p. m. Purpose to finish perfecting the organization and select nominees to appear on Socialist ticket in the August primaries.

H. P. REEVES,
Chairman County Committee.

ROGER MILLS COUNTY NOMINATING CONVENTION.

The Socialists of Roger Mills county will meet in mass convention in the court house at Cheyenne on Saturday, April 11, at 1 p. m., for the purpose of selecting nominees to appear on the Socialist ticket in the August primaries. We urge all Socialists to appear and participate in these nominations.

L. F. PIPER,
Chairman.
H. K. COLEMAN,
County Secretary.

LINCOLN COUNTY NOMINATING CONVENTION.

There will be a county convention at Chandler Saturday, April 25, beginning at 10 a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for county offices. The time has come that we can elect, and let every Socialist in Lincoln county be present, and let us show our strength and get acquainted. We now have a perfect political organization with a solid front. There will be good speakers and a good time.

J. J. FITZPATRICK,
County Chairman.

SPEAKERS' DATES.

P. G. Zimmerman—Lark, April 3-4; Woodville, April 5; Holdenville, April 6-7; Seminole, April 8; Thrace, April 9; Wolf, April 10.

H. H. Stallard—Brinkman, April 3, 8 p. m.; Sayre, April 4, 2 p. m.; Delhi, April 4, 8 p. m.; Hammon, April 6, 8 p. m.; Roll, April 7, 8 p. m.; Durham, April 8, 2 p. m.; Red Moon, April 9, 8 p. m.; Rankin, April 10, 8 p. m.; Cheyenne, April 11, 1p. m.; Leedy, April 12, 2 p. m.; Angora, April 13, 8 p. m.; Vici, April 13, 8 p. m.; Cestos, April 14, 8 p. m.; Fargo, April 15, 8 p. m.; Gage, April 16, 8 p. m.; Chancy, April 17, 8 p. m.

The Socialists of Garvin county have arranged with the Socialists' speakers' bureau for an encampment late in July.

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Shawnee has arranged for an encampment in July.

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The Socialists' speakers' bureau is making dates for a joint debate between the Hon. J. B. Thompson of Pauls Valley and Comrade T. N. Robnet of Davis, to be held at several encampments in the Fifth congressional district. If you want a date for this debate, write at once.

SOCIALIST SPEAKERS' BUREAU.

It is absolutely necessary for the successful routing of speakers that all local and county secretaries answer letters promptly. When notified a speaker is to be routed through your section, you should at once notify the bureau whether you want the speaker or not.

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The Socialist speakers' bureau will route Comrade Thomas L. Buie in Oklahoma during the encampment season. Comrades wishing to secure Comrade Buie should notify the bureau at once.

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If the people of Dallas let that bunch of egotistical beauties at the City Hall throw out their petitions to RECALL THESE OFFICIALS, as they did your petitions to amend your charter, then, boys, excuse me for weeping, because I CANNOT FIND LANGUAGE TO TELL YOU PEOPLE WHAT I THINK OF YOU! They got about 3,200 VOTES, while nearly that many of you signed those petitions.

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I captured that little old democratic donkey down at Corsicana last year when all the democratic orators of that country deserted him, when I challenged them to meet me in debate; and I still have the poor little beast in my possession. You Dallas democrats can easily get him back by meeting me in ten debates on the charges we make against your city administration, to be held in any ten halls you may select, any ten nights during this campaign. Hey!

# YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

**BEAVERS CONSTRUCT CANAL.**

I have in former contributions to the young folks' department of this paper told of the great industry and sagacity of the beaver, and of the complimentary things that nature students have said about that fine animal. Among other admirers of the beaver is Col. G. O. Shields, who, in a lecture before the Buffalo, N. Y., Society of Natural Sciences, said:

"The broad, flat tail is the most wonderful thing about the beaver, the most wonderful animal in the world. The beaver would not be able to accomplish the many things he does without his tail. He uses it to balance himself when standing on his hind legs cutting down a tree. He uses it as a trowel to make the walls of his houses smooth with mud and in the construction of his dams. And in swimming he uses it as a propeller." The lecture was illustrated with pictures showing the beaver at work, his home life and his ingenious schemes in building dams.

Colonel Shields is a firm believer in the beaver's power of reasoning. He cited an instance on a river in Michigan. The river formed a sharp horseshoe curve. Beaver colonies were at the two points of the horseshoe and when they desired to visit each other they would have to swim clear around the curve in the river. So the beavers cut a canal between the two points of the horseshoe.

Colonel Shields argued that the beavers constructed that canal for the same reason that the United States government is now building the canal at Panama, which is to shorten distances and save a lot of travel. Continuing, the lecturer said:

"We think the engineers who conceived and planned the Panama canal great reasoners and great men. Well, wasn't the old beaver who conceived the idea of building this canal also a great reasoner? You bet he was."

I have seen many old beaver dams in Ohio, now abandoned, of course. The animal loves still water, hence he constructs dams across small streams and makes deep ponds. He lives in caves or holes in the banks and eats roots and barks of trees and the tender plants. He loves the pond lily and carrots. Many nature students contend that he beaver is a civil engineer and architect of no mean ability.—R. A. Dague.

**COMRADE R. A. DAGUE'S BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY**

We have just learned that our good Comrade Dague is having his seventy-third birthday anniversary, and would like to give the readers of our Young Folks' column a chance to tell him, through the column, of their appreciation of his many interesting children's stories, and let him know of some of the good he has done through it.

Remember, our beloved lover of the young folks (and big folks, too) is an invalid who is paralyzed from his waist down, and cannot go about as we can, but only gets from his invalid's chair to his couch all day. But he never tires of writing for our cheer and encouragement, and I believe there are many who would like to send him birthday greetings and wish him many more years of his useful life.

You are invited to write a very short letter, and we will print them. Write plainly and address Editor Young Folks' Column, Box 447, Iola, Kansas.

# Class Struggle News

**The New Seamen's Bill.**

There goes a wise saying amongst the French seafarer that is: "The revolution has passed, but the galley slave stayed." This is true not only in France, but all the world over.

While the workers on land have wrestled themselves out of serfdom, the seamen by international laws are still attached to and transferred with the ship until she reaches the home port, which gives the sailors a chance to be attached to another ship.

The main causes are that labor struggles for the betterment of working conditions cannot be fought in mid-ocean and that the sailors have practically no right to vote.

There is now a bill pending before the congress that might bring some changes for the better. Considering that this bill comes from a capitalist government, it is clear that it has not been made to help the seamen, but to give new life to the American shipowners; the seamen benefit incidentally from it, because it cannot be helped.

The main feature of this new bill is to give the American shipowners an equal chance for the first time since sixty years by cancelling certain special privileges now enjoyed by the foreign merchant marine in competition with American ships.

The case is thus: The economic law governing wages of seamen is exactly the same as that governing wages of any other class of workers. Their wages depend upon the port in which they are hired and sign shipping articles, regardless of the nationality of the vessel, and the wages in that port depend upon the standards of living in the country where the port is located.

Imagine two ships, one flying the American flag, the other a foreign flag, moored at the same dock in New York. The crew of the American vessel has been hired in New York at American wages, that of the foreign ship in some low-wage port in Italy or Spain. The two crews come into contact, each discovering the wages and conditions of the other.

What is the natural result? Unless prevented by force, the crew of the foreign vessel would either get the same wages paid on the American vessel or they would quit. The foreign shipowner would then have to hire a new crew at the wages of the port, not as the result of any organized action by the men, but as the result of individual desire inherent in human nature to improve one's lot.

The foreign owner would have gained no advantage by his refusal to pay higher wages to the crew he brought here. Under such conditions ordinary business sense would quickly induce him to pay his crew in accordance with American standards, in advance of arrival in an American port, as the only way to retain their services and thus avoid the cost involved in delaying his vessel to hire a new crew.

Now the "special privileges" are forcibly hold the crews secured at the lower rates of foreign ports. Under treaties and statutes, the United States government uses its police the means by which, while in our ports, foreign ships are enabled to powers, at the request of foreign shipowners, to capture and return seamen who attempt to quit the service of "their ships." Thus the wage rate of foreign ships is forcibly kept lower than that prevailing at American ports.

In case this new bill becomes law, the sailors hired at low foreign wages will have the "right to quit" in the American ports, and this is why foreign shipowners and Americans interested in foreign ships so furiously attack the bill.—E. F. Dredenov.

**Catering Workers.**

E. L. Pratt, formerly of South Africa, now in England, where he is working for an international federation for hotel workers, has sent us a copy of his lively little propaganda booklet on the "Miseries of the Hotel Worker and How to Cure Them." He also sent us a short article on this subject which lack af space compels us to cut down. He says: "Intelligent trade unionism has learned most from its own failures. Let there be no mistake about the ultimate futility of sectional and isolated strikes. The 'down dishes' and 'down napkins' campaign may have forced better conditions for a time; in one or two areas a lasting impression has been made. Even with the aid of our most powerful organization, the campaign failed of its main objects. The hotel trusts were stronger than the hotel slaves. The small union is helpless. The unsupported strike a ridiculous fiasco. We are forced now to work for a great international federation by which we can forge an unbreakable chain of our interests as workers throughout the whole world.

"How greatly times have changed in the last few years is proved by the fact that the employers are blessing and in some cases actively supporting what they style "old-style trade unionism." No doubt the trade unionist has no objection to the "old-style employers." But the one-gun capitalist no longer exists. The hotel and restaurant trusts are concentrating their resources more firmly every year. We have to remember that the greatest asset of capitalism is the ignorance and division of the workers. We must set our faces against the suicidal practice of splitting our forces into independent, and often 'hostile,' groups. We cannot afford to be independent of each other.

"Of what use is it to fight for a standard in the hotel trade of London which may be flouted in Paris and ignored in New York? While the employers are able to recruit their staffs from almost every capital in the world, it is our business to have an efficient organization in

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# Capitalistic Courts Exposed

By James B. Goode in April Number of Goode's Iconoclast

Under capitalism, the man who controls your means of making your living is your master; and, you MUST follow his INSTRUCTIONS, or starve to death, go naked and freeze. This is the one universal rule on which CAPITALISM FLOURISHES and which makes it well-nigh impregnable and irresistable to men. The man who CONTROLS YOUR JOB OWNS YOU, BODY, SOUL AND BOOTS; as long as the world exists under Capitalism. The owners of our industrial plants of production and distribution CONTROL THE FATE OF ALL WHO WORK AROUND THEM. The scheming scoundrels who SELECT the JUDGES who run the COURTS OF CAPITALISM, OWN THESE COURTS AND JUDGES, ABSOLUTELY, AND FOR ALL PURPOSES. Well, now, let us see who it is that really SELECTS almost ALL of the CANDIDATES of all of the OLD POLITICAL PARTIES! Why, of course it is the SCEMING FEW BIG HEADS OF OUR TRUSTS AND MONOPOLIES—or the OWNERS of our INDUSTRIAL PLANTS OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION. Certainly; no sane man will deny this self-evident FACT; for these BIG SCHEMERS put up all the MONEY TO RUN THESE PARTIES, and they would not do this, if they did not CONTROL THESE PARTIES and ALL OF THE CANDIDATES THESE PARTIES NOMINATE. All these things are settled in the SECRET CAUCUS of these FEW BIG SCHEMING OWNERS OF OUR INDUSTRIES. Thus, they select the legislators who agree to pass the laws they demand in their own interests; every one of which is squarely against the best interests of all of the masses of the people, who are the workers. They also select the JUDGES who AGREE to INTERPRET THESE LAWS IN THEIR INTERESTS; so, by controlling the old political parties, these owners have been SELECTING ALL OF OUR LEGISLATORS and JUDGES for many ages past; and, now, they are controlling these officials THROUGH PRECEDENTS, which they have made in the past, which BECOME BINDING LAWS AND MUST BE ENFORCED. As each generation of these schemers have IMPROVED on the WORK of THEIR FATHERS, we now see that ALL the LAWS, and ALL of the JUDGES of THESE LAWS, AGREE TO THESE SCHEMERS and are being forced to SERVE THEM AS MASTERS. These few scheming owners control the JOBS of these JUDGES and THESE JUDGES MUST OBEY THEIR MASTERS, or go to work like HONEST MEN. Once a man tastes the FRUIT of EXPLOITATION, he refuses all other FOOD; and, as these JUDGES, both great and small, are living on the EXPLOITATION of the WORKERS, which is being doled out to them by these few scheming owners, because these big and little JUDGES are necessary part of the machinery used to ROB THE WORKERS, we see ALL LEGISLATORS and JUDGES are EAGER to MAKE and ENFORCE ALL LAWS ADVOCATED BY THESE SCHEMING ROBBERS OF MANKIND. Yes, I mean you, Mr. Supreme Justice and Senator and Congressman, and all your tribes, all down the line to the dirty deputies of capitalism! Yes, I mean the Supreme Courts and Judges of ALL NATIONS, on down to the unmentionable outrages of the drunks and disorderies of townships and towns, everywhere. I do hope that not one single one of all of you damnable degraders of the power of our Courts will escape from the damnation I place upon him. I do not mean that all of you are absolutely dishonest; but, I beg your pardons, I must say that all of you are in the worst company on earth. I do not say that all of you are SCHEMING SCOUNDRELS; but, I beg your honors' pardons, when I DO SAY THAT EVERY MOTHER'S SON OF YOU ARE ACTING THE PART OF THE BOUGHTEN HIRELINGS OF THE MOST DAMNABLE SET OF SCHEMING SCOUNDRELS ON EARTH, TODAY. Did you get that, Mr. Supreme Justice and Mr. Injustice? And, since these legislators make the laws demanded by these schemers, and these JUDGES DECIDE THESE LAWS IN THEIR INTERESTS, because these schemers CONTROL THEIR JOBS, through their old political parties, the forces us to the inevitable conclusion that THE WORKING CLASSES who are being ROBBED BY THESE SCHEMING OWNERS OF THEIR JOBS, can NEVER HOPE TO GET JUSTICE IN THESE COURTS, which are owned, run and operated BY THESE SCHEMERS. AND THE FACT THAT NO POOR MAN EVER GOT JUSTICE AGAINST ONE OF THESE VIRILE OWNERS OF THESE JUDGES AND COURTS, PROVES THE TRUTH OF MY CONTENTION, ABSOLUTELY. No poor man need ever expect to sue a rich man in any of these COURTS and GET JUSTICE. No sane man can doubt the fact that as these COURTS are OWNED and RUN BY THESE SCHEMERS, that these COURTS ARE NOW THE VEHICLES IN WHICH THE RICH OVERRIDE THE RIGHTS OF THE POOR, ALL OVER THE WORLD. In fact, every WORKER MUST DECIDE THAT THESE COURTS ARE USED BY THE EXPLOITERS OF ALL WORKERS TO ENFORCE THE INJUST LAWS, UNDER WHICH THE PRODUCERS ARE BEING ROBBED OF 85 PER CENT OF ALL OF THE PRODUCTS OF THEIR LABOR; AND, TO PUNISH THE WORKERS, WHO MAY REBEL AGAINST THE DAMNABLE CONDITIONS CAPITALISM IS NOW FORCING UPON ALL THE WORKERS. In other words, these COURTS are being USED by the RICH to PROTECT THEIR PROPERTY and to PUNISH THOSE WHO REBEL OVER THE ROBBERY OF ALL WORKERS, EVERYWHERE. The JUDGE MUST SERVE HIS MASTERS; and the SUPREME JUSTICES OVERRULE ALL LAWS, JURORS AND DECISIONS, IN THE INTERESTS OF THOSE SCHEMERS WHO CONTROL THEIR JOBS. Sequel: All rich men are fully protected in their own courts, and, because or their dense ignorance, heretofore, THE WORKERS HAVE NO COURTS; and, HENCE CAN NEVER EXPECT TO GET JUSTICE IN THE COURTS OF CAPITALISM.

### Two Special Instances.

My own faith in the great fundamentals of our government has died hard. My grand-sires were part or the signers of the constitutions and bills of rights of Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia and Mississippi and their lives and their fortunes were ever at the disposal of these great Commonwealths, in which the Goodes, the Taylors and the Jordans family tribes played important parts. These Goodes were among the Revolutionary Fathers, as leaders in our earlier civilization and in the formation of the present government; and the books prove that these were the honest old gentlemen and ladies of the past were great slave owners, patriarchs and politicians. My parents were among the staunchest believers in all of the gods and movements of mankind, and, after I began a close study of these grave matters, and became such a hard fighter against all of the damnation they have created among men, I must credit almost all of my relations with the honesty that has caused them to stick to their old-time crazy notions about our gods and governments, and to practically DISOWN ME, because I refuse to agree with them about those things. I do not mention all this through any pride of ancestry, for I am as much ashamed of them as they are of me; but, I do so, as a prelude to the TWO GREAT CASES that I was FORCED TO TRY in these CAPITALISTIC COURTS, recently. And, with this knowledge of my forebears, I must ask you to excuse me for forcing the following personal history of myself on my readers: I began life as editor of the Paris, Texas, DAILY TIDINGS, during the early eighties and came to Dallas and built two hundred business houses and residences from 1884 to 1890. Bill Sterritt and Mose Harris called me, "The Napoleon of Texas Real Estate," because they said I "made a million dollars in two years." All right; let this part of the story go at that. I traded these houses for Texas lands, and, in 1890, traded a million acres for Kansas City property, encumbered for about 40 per cent of its real values. I promoted and built waterworks, street car lines and big factories in a dozen cities, on borrowed capital, until my holdings in stocks and bonds and mortgaged properties run up into the millions and the papers printed long stories about my wonderful success in life. Well, just as I was beginning to pay off my debts, and when I felt that I would be able to retire, a millionaire at thirty, the PANIC of 1893 was pulled off by the scheming scoundrels who had been manipulating all our business affairs, in Wall Street and in foreign money-marts. Eleven banks failed in Kansas City and we all went down together—all but the scheming holders of the mortgages, which they had placed during the boom, and which they foreclosed during the PANIC. I looked around over the wreck of my fortune and my life. I was now interested in knowing WHY that PANIC had come out of a CLEAR SKY, when every wheel of industry was HUMMING and every WORKER was EMPLOYED and PAID. The result of my investigations was tor m my little book, "The Modern Banker: His Rapid Rise and Dangerous Designs," which attained such an enormous circulation and played such a conspicuous part in the campaign of 1896. And, this book was followed by all of "Goode's Monthly Stories," and by "Goode's Magazine;" and then, by the Chicago SOCIAL DEMOCRAT and by the St. Louis SOCIALIST. This leads me up to the point where the real story begins, and, with a little more explanation, makes all this personal history plain, and shows its bearing on my LOSS OF FAITH in the COURTS OF CAPITALISM.

It is needless to add that my first two investigations led me into INFIDELITY to ALL the GODS and DEVILS, and HELLS and HEAVENS of MANKIND, just as sane investigation is bound to lead all thinking men into these CONCLUSIONS. Neither is it necessary to add, to state that these investigations soon convinced me that ALL GOVERNMENTS HAD BEEN CONSPIRACIES OF THE RICH AGAINST THE POOR. I saw that ALL of the GODS and GOVERNMENTS of MANKIND has been CREATED by the SCHEMING FEW EXPLOITERS, to ROB THE WORKERS OF ALL AGES OF THEIR RIGHTS; and, that these CONSPIRACIES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SUCCESSFUL. When I made this tremendous discovery, I began a five-year course in travel and in study, during which time I spent practically all my time in close study of the GOVERNMENTS of the ELEVEN NATIONS I VISITED; and these studies CONFIRMED ME IN MY ORIGINAL DECISIONS, ABOUT THE GODS and GOVERNMENTS OF MANKIND.

I entered into all of the wildest and most rapid methods of gambling known to STOCK AND BOND BROKERAGE, in 1900, and, in 1904 I was once more a paper-millionaire many times over, owning mines and mining stocks in a thousand corporations that owned mines, mills and factories, in twenty states. This time, my whole desire was to clean-up a million dollars, to spend in EDUCATING MANKIND and in PROMOTING THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH OF SOCIALISM. But, the scheming scoundrels of capitalism beat me to it once more, when they CALLED THE PANIC OF 1907. My millions in watered stocks bonds dried-up and my capitalistic cardboard corporations fell to pieces and I was a pauper. My health failed and I was going on crutches, drawn up with rheumatism, dying with stomach troubles, old, gray-headed, enfeebled and down and out. I still had the use of my hands and of my brains; so I spent my days writing for the press and exposing capitalism in every way I could. And I managed to get my scathing fine papers carrying something like a million a week circulation.

About a dozen comrades came to me and begged me to start the St. Louis Socialist, and we pawned our watches and personal effects to get the money for the first issue. The paper became such a success that we sold 40,000 copies on the streets or St. Louis every month. BUT, and here is a point I want you to notice, we had to HIRE CAPITALISTIC PRINTERS TO PRINT THESE PAPERS. And during the exposures of Governor D. R. FRANCIS, when defeated that gentleman's ambition to spend his last days in the United States senate, and the exposures of the Frisco robbers and of the TRUSTS and BANKS of St. Louis, the scheming scoundrels who run these grafting associations scared our capitalistic printers so badly that we found it impossible to HIRE them to PRINT THE PAPER AT ANY PRICE after it was a success. This meant the OWNERSHIP of a $10,000 PRINTING PLANT OR FAILURE FOR THE PAPER. I still owned a few mortgaged equities in St. Louis real estate, so, to save the paper, I traded one of these to Judge James C. Norman of Hamburg, Ark., for a thousand acres of land "free of debt, with perfect titles." I then traded 480 acres of these lands for a fine printing plant in Litchfield, Ill., and took in our printing company as payment for this land. In all of these deals the ABSTRACTS OF TITLES of THESE LANDS were passed upon by good lawyers, both in St. Louis and in Arkansas. We took possession of the printing plant and the late owner of Hamburg came to Arkansas to take charge of his lands. When he went to survey his lands he found part of them occupied by men who had owned them for from fifteen to thirty years, with clear titles from the United States government to themselves. The records soon proved these facts, which were duly reported to me. I went to Arkansas to investigate and then I found that "Judge James C. Norman," who was a son of "Col. James C. Norman," who had lived in Hamburg for fifty years, had FORGED THE ABSTRACTS OF TITLE, and that he had NEVER OWNED THESE LANDS AT ALL. I found that the ABSTRACTER who had ISSUED the FORGED ABSTRACTS LIVED IN HAMBURG and that he was a drunken ne-er-do-well who had performed SIMILAR SERVICES FOR NORMAN MANY TIMES BEFORE. I found all of the CONSPIRATORS WHO HAD SIGNED ALL OF THE DEEDS, as WELL AS THE ABSTRACTS, still living in Hamburg, all laughing at me. I found that the "Colonel Norman" was great representative of English money lenders in Arkansas, who had written to me and my lawyers that he had examined both the lands and the titles to them, and had found THEM GOOD ENOUGH TO LEND MONEY ON," was and is the SON of the SUPREME COURT JUDGE OF ARKANSAS. I also found that some of the lands in question were represented as "HIGH AND DRY RIVER BOTTOM LANDS, FULLY PROTECTED BY THE LEVIES," were lagoons and lakes of water, and that NO TITLE WAS OWNED BY THE NORMANS OR ROSES TO A SINGLE ACRE OF SAME. I went before the GRAND JURY and SHOWED THE FORGED DEEDS AND ABSTRACTS, and that grand jury first voted a true bill against these CONSPIRATORS, AS SPIRATORS, but as soon as the Normans and the Roses could "SEE THEM," this VOTE WAS RECONSIDERED and these UNPRINCIPLED SCOUNDRELS WERE NOT PUNISHED. I went before the JUDGE OF THAT DISTRICT COURT and demanded a GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE THAT CORRUPT GRAND JURY, and I brought the case THROUGH THREE SESSIONS OF THAT "COURT" without results. I also filed civil suits against the Norman-Rose conspirators for a judgment for the VALUE OF THE LAND without result. I fought the case through THREE TIMES, in both the COURTS OF LAW (?) and before the courts of equity (?), BUT THESE JUDGES OF THESE COURTS WERE ALL DEAF AND DUMB AND BLIND TO JUSTICE AND I WAS FORCED TO QUIT IN DISGUST. I want to add that these conspirators EMPLOYED ALL THE BEST LAWYERS IN THE COURTS, and I had to make this fight against some TEN LAWYERS ALL ALONE, UNAIDED. I may also add, although I was still going to two sticks, bent double and almost helpless, I WHIPPED ALL OF THESE LAWYERS TO A STANDSTILL AND WOULD HAVE WON THIS CASE HANDS DOWN IF THERE HAD BEEN HONEST JUDGES IN CHARGE. BUT, I WAS TO AND THAT THE NORMANS AND THE ROSES ARE STILL THERE, STILL ISSUING FRAUDULENT DEEDS AND ABSTRACTS, AND LIVING ON THE FRUITS OF THEIR CRIMES. ITALISM IN ST. LOUIS HAD ORDERED ITS JUDGES IN ARKANSAS TO DEFEAT THESE CASES, AND ITS COURTS AND JUDGES AT HAMBURG OBEYED THESE ORDERS. JUSTICE WAS IGNORED JUST AS IT ALWAYS IS WHEN THE WORKING CLASSES ATTEMPT TO SUE THE SCHEMING SCOUNDRELS WHO ARE ROBBING THE WORKERS IN THE COURTS OF CAPITALISM. EVEN ITS DIRTY DEPUTIES ARE AS FULLY PROTECTED IN ARKANSAS THEY ARE IN COLORADO AND IN MICHIGAN, WHEN THE MINERS ARE IN REVOLT AGAINST THE DAMNABLE CONDITIONS CAPITALISM IS FORCING UPON THEM. CAPITALISM DOES NOT BELONG OF ALL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER NATIONS, AND THE WORKING CLASSES CAN NEVER EXPECT TO RECEIVE ANY CONSIDERATION FROM THESE COURTS. "I WAS A FOOL TO APPEAL TO THESE TRIBUNALS; JUST AS ALL OF THE WORKERS ARE FOOLS TO APPEAL TO THE COURTS OF CAPITALISM TO PROTECT ANY OF THEIR RIGHTS. THE SO-CALLED MIDDLE-CLASSES ARE NOW RUNNING THESE COURTS IN THE INTERESTS OF THESE SCHEMING FEW OWNERS OF THE MEANS OF LIFE OF ALL OF THE PEOPLE, INCLUDING THEMSELVES. AND, FINALLY, LET ME ADD, THAT THESE MIDDLE CLASSES ARE NOW ACTING THE PARTS OF THE BIGGEST FOOLS THAT EVER LIVED OR DIED, IN CARRYING OUT THE ORDERS OF THEIR MASTERS IN THESE CORRUPT COURTS.

"Oh," but I hear some capitalistic apologist of its courts say, "all this is impossible in our courts, HERE IN TEXAS!" Is that so? Well, let us give the other special instance or gross injustice I mention, which took place in the district court of Navarro County, at Corsicana, Texas, last year and the year before. I had one apartment house still left in St. Louis, and I had purchased 170 acres of very fine bottom land, in Arkansas, while there I traded these two Greenbrier properties to Deacon Huggins, of Corsicana, for 447 acres of the "richest and best black land in Navarro, or any other county in Texas, with some $10,000 worth of live stock on it; which stock will easily pay for the land in a few years if handled properly." I made careful inquiries about this Mr. Huggins, before I dealt with him, and I found that he was one of the leading Ames-Corner Deacons of the First Methodist church, of Corsicana, and also the county chairman of the Prohibition wing of the Navarro county democracy. I had gone Corsicana to look up the real titles, and examine the lands and stock, and made the deal; taking general warranty deeds and bill of sale for the land and livestock; with a written contract for possession as soon as I could get there. Mr. Huggins' letters were models of piety and promise of aid for me, and for my Socialist friends, some of whom were thinking of moving on the, property with me, to aid me in caring for such a large farm and so many blooded horses, mares, cattle, hogs, with tools, provisions and houses from all tenants, all properly assigned to me. But, on my arrival on the property, I found that Huggins had his drunken brother in charge of the land and stock, and after forty days of continuous demands for possession, ACCORDING TO CONTRACT, this brother finally took his shot-gun and run me off. I appealed to Deacon Huggins, but he upheld his brother and refused to deliver the land or stock to me AT ALL. He held a mortgage for a balance due him and he set up this debt, in the CASE I FILED AGAINST HIM, and that COURT gave him JUDGMENT AGAINST ME FOR THE PROPERTY. Huggins had all of my property ALL THE TIME, and had all the property he had sold me ALL THE TIME. I had never had possession of ANYTHING, ANYWAY. I had purchased incubators and fine eggs and had them sent to the place before I went there. I had also bought pecan, walnut, hickory and other NUTS TO PLANT A NURSERY, and sent many thousands of fine paper-shell pecan trees to the place, to plant the land in one great nut-orchard, which would have doubled its value in a year or two. Deacon Huggins got ALL THESE THINGS, without money and without price; and that court ruled that I WAS NOT DAMAGED in the least bit of these outrages on my rights; and the jury shortly rendered a verdict of, "We, the jury find for the defendant." That was all. After spending two years fighting for my property, in this capitalistic court, I WAS COMPLETELY ROBBED OF EVERYTHING I HAD ON EARTH. Huggins got my fine apartment house in St. Louis, and my fine farming lands in Arkansas, and I paying me no cent for same; and he also got the property he traded me all back without paying me one cent for same. Huggins also got all of my incubators, eggs, nuts, trees, nursery and other costly things I had shipped to my place before I attempted to go there, all free, without cost or price. Huggins took the jury out to dinner and spent money like a prince, after they had DENIED me justice! I AM A SOCIALIST OF EVERY CENT HE HAD ON EARTH. And, when I attempted to APPEAL THE CASE TO THE HIGHER COURTS, the COURT STENOGRAPHER, and other officials, FAILED AND REFUSED TO GET OUT THE STATEMENT OF FACTS, and other necessary papers to perfect the appeal, until AFTER THE TIME LIMIT FOR THE APPEAL HAD EXPIRED. NEITHER THE JUDGE, OR THE COURT OFFICIALS, WOULD ACT AGAINST THIS MAN, HUGGINS, WHO HAS MADE ALL HIS IMMENSE FORTUNE, DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS, SOLELY BECAUSE HE HAS STOOD-IN WITH THE SWORN OFFICIALS OF JUSTICE; and, has thus BEEN IMMUNE FROM PUNISHMENT FOR HIS MANY CRIMES. EVERY HONEST, THINKING MAN IN NAVARRO COUNTY KNOWS THESE FACTS. I PARADED THE STREETS OF CORSICANA, AND ALONG THE HIGHWAYS OF NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS, DENOUNCING THESE CAPITALISTIC ROBBERIES FOR TWO YEARS; and NOT ONE OF THEM DARED TO DENY THE DAMNABLE CHARGES I MADE AGAINST THEM. I MEGAPHONED MY DENUNCIATIONS AT ALL OF THE PREACHERS AND LAWYERS AND POLITICIANS OF NAVARRO COUNTY FOR MANY LONG MONTHS, AFTER THIS OUTRAGEOUS ROBBERY IN THESE COURTS; and, WHILE MANY THOUSANDS OF WORKERS LISTENED TO THE 150 SPEECHES I MADE TO THEM, IN ALMOST EVERY TOWN IN THAT COUNTY, NOT ONE OF THOSE CAPITALISTIC EXPLOITERS OF THE WORKERS OF THAT COUNTY RAISED A HAND TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. I mailed many thousands of copies of my Corsicana ICONOCLAST to almost every citizen of Navarro and adjoining counties, and my only satisfaction from it all is, that THOUSANDS OF THEM ARE NOW SOCIALISTS, and NEAR SOCIALISTS. The facts that the suit in Arkansas was for $55,000, and the one against Huggins was for $10,000 has no interest to anyone, except to show the amounts of the ROBBERIES ALLOWED IN THESE CAPITALISTIC COURTS AGAINST ONE SOCIALIST. The fact that these LEGALIZED ROBBERIES LOST ME THE LAST REMNANTS OF THE FORTUNE I HAD MADE WHILE EXPLOITING THE WORKINGMEN MYSELF, AMOUNTS TO LITTLE. BUT, IF I CAN CONVINCE THESE WORKERS THAT THE COURTS OF CAPITALISM ARE NOW, ALWAYS HAVE BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE RUN AND OWNED BY FOR AND OF THESE EXPLOITERS, AND THAT NO WORKINGMAN CAN EVER EXPECT JUSTICE IN THEM, MY TASK WILL BE DONE.

### BLOW HIT AT COURTS AND LAWYERS BY SUPREME COURT JUDGE OF OHIO.

(Detroit Tribune.)

"We are becoming a mighty lawless people. Law and order, from the highest to the lowest, must be exalted, or the foundations of our institutions will fail."

"I am exceedingly doubtful that we shall ever have adequate judicial reform within the profession. It must come from the force of public opinion.

"Bench and bar have not yet awakened to the fact that this is the year 1914. A lawyer could sleep a century, waken, and go on practicing his profession substantially as the people today demand. twentieth century judges. Their grievances are widespread and deep seated."

"Tommyrot decisions on minute technical verbal points show the 'absurd ridiculous type of mind of the judge' and 'defeat the plain ends of justice.'"

"And yet some talk of the sacredness of judges and judicial decisions! Our decision is sacred to the degree that it squares with truth, fair play and justice."

"We hear a great deal of talk of the independence of the judiciary. I want that independence from the influence of the bench, of the bar, of the machine, of the special interests. But what is meant is that he shall be free from public opinion. But if he is going to get down that low, would it not be better for him to have both ears to the ground than one ear to the wire? How does it belittle a judge if he shall respond to the true instincts and patriotism of the American people?"

"It is exceedingly to be regretted that our courts have demonstrated an unwillingness to reach the wealthy and influential violators of the law by any adequate punishment."

"The law's delay is generally the judge's delay. Half the cases ought never to be tried at all. In the average trial not infrequently both sides lose. In some courts the lawsuit has degenerated into a personal controversy between the lawyers, the rights of the parties being entirely lost sight of."

### THE DEBS' LECTURE.

The lecture given by Comrade Eugene V. Debs, at the Collesoum in the Fair Park, March 12th, was one of the sweetest and best speeches we ever heard the old master deliver. It seems to us that he manage to comes more inspiring as he grows older, more powerful and convincing in his maturer years, than it was when we knew and loved him as a young man, Chicago, twenty years ago. If space would permit, I am sure our readers would like to have us print every word of it in the ICONOCLAST, but I have long since learned that no man can do the subject justice, when he tries to write-up a Debs lecture. The subject cannot carry the power of his voice, the purposive eloquence of his gestures nor the sweet sincerity of his eyes and countenance. You have got to see the MAN, while speaking, if you want to know and understand his words. Excerpts merely destroy their value. Prize from us is unneeded. Comment only means that we must butcher the beauty of it all, so we never try to print excerpts, e

even comment on his powerful, simple and convincing arguments. Two thousand people listened, spellbound, through it all, just as every crowd he ever addresses always does. Both friends and foes always do so and we have never met a man mean enough to criticize his wonderful personality or ever attempt to condemn a single word he ever uttered in his speeches. I have read hundreds of reports in capitalistic papers, but I have never known a reporter so lost to all that is noble in the human mind, as he would have to be, if he failed to tell the truth about our Great Commoner. The whole world adores him because of his absolute integrity, of his great heart and of his splendid reasoning powers; and, of course, every Socialist LOVES the MAN, because he explains OUR MOVEMENT so much better than others ever do. He makes it so EASY to UNDERSTAND, so very PLAIN, that even a wayfaring man, even though he be a democratic damphool is BOUND TO RESPECT THE MAN, who makes so lucid a theory phase of human reason and intelligence, every listener is bound to leave the hall a better, a nobler and a more intelligent creature, after he listens to one of these soul-and-mind-stirring speeches. Moral: Always go to hear him, comrades, for it is a real treat to do so.

### THE YEAST OF '76.

#### True Democracy Is Americanism.

By Dr. Frank Crane.

Democracy is like a lump of leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened.

Yeast is one of the strangest substances. Scientists do not understand it.

In this natural mystery democracy may well be compared; for it is the leaven of souls.

The American revolutionists, when they talked of "certain inalienable rights;" when they justified armed rebellion by appealing to ultimate truth, and when they based their new government upon "equality," little knew how far their radical principles would carry them.

They supposed their program involved but independence from England; but the powerful genius of equity they had invoked could not stop there. It must work on "until the whole lump is leavened."

We are beginning to get some notion of the extent of the reach of democracy.

Simply stated, it means that every human being is born into the world as a right to equal privilege with every other human being. That is the idea that is transforming the world. That is the gist of Jesus. That is the meaning of 1776. That is the significance of 1861.

It took almost a century for Americans to see that people holding that conviction could not hold slaves.

Before the Rebellion the yeast of justice has worked vigorously.

That it is which causes "labor troubles." Underneath all the sew of strikes and lockouts is the unconquerable instinct of equal rights to all. It is not Socialism that is coming, nor Syndicalism ,nor any other imported scheme, but simple justice to every man, which is democracy.

That it is which will unloose the trusts and all fed-up corporations and companies that would control wealth. For wealth will never be secure until it also is democratic.

The woman suffrage movement is but another mark of the working of the yeast of democracy. For it means simply that the female is entitled to her rights as a human being.

The public school is the result of the same leaven. It means that every child brought into the world has a right to a decent training for life.

Yeast works. Democracy brings constant change. It means perpetual readjustment. And there always will be change. There are always those who fear change. For change threatens established things.

Nothing so hates change, and defends establishment, as does ancient fraud. How men fought to preserve "the divine right of kings," to maintain class and caste, to uphold aristocracy, absolutism, to keep their clutch upon inherited and unearned wealth!

But little by little the yeast of 1776 permeated the mass. And little by little the old dead lumps of special privileges are being permeated by the ferment of democracy. The mighty working shall not stop until all men's good

So each man's rule, and universal peace

Lie like a shaft of light across the land,

And like a lane of beams athwart the sea,

Through all the circle of the golden

## SOMETHING ABOUT YOU.

You are a complex and ingenious [illegible], "fearfully and wonderfully" made. If your age is 15 years [illegible], you can be figured up to a [illegible].

You have 160 bones and 500 muscles; your blood weighs 25 pounds; your heart is nearly five inches in length and three inches in diameter; it beats 70 times a minute, 4,200 times an hour, 100,800 times a day, and 2,722,200 times a year. At each beat a little over two ounces of blood is thrown out of it; each day it receives and discharges about seven tons of that wonderful fluid. It is the most remarkable pump in the world.

Your lungs will contain a gallon of air, and you inhale 24,000 gallons a day. The aggregate surface of the air cells of your lungs, supposing them to be spread out, is 20,000 square inches.

The weight of your brain is three pounds, or more. Your nerves exceed 10,000,000. Your skin is composed of three layers, and varies from one-eighth to one-fourth of an inch in thickness. The area of your skin is about 1,700 square inches, and you are subjected to an atmospheric pressure of 15 pounds to the square inch, a total of 127 tons.

Each square inch of your skin contains 3,500 sweating tubes, or perspiratory pores, each of which may be likened to a little drain tile one-fourth of an inch long, making an aggregate length in the entire surface of your body of 201,166 feet, or a tile ditch for draining the body almost 40 miles long.

In the future have more respect for your body and see that it is well taken care of—not only while you are awake, but while you are sleeping.—Boy's Life.

## FIRE PREVENTION DAY.

A proclamation to the people of Kansas, designating Friday, April 17, 1914, as Fire Prevention day, and urging its general observance, was issued by Governor George H. Hodges from the executive offices in the state capitol.

The annual fire loss in this country has averaged about $225,000,000; in Kansas the annual loss has been about $5,000,00. The number of fires reported in the state since the establishment of a state fire marshal deportment, April 1, 1913, to January 1, 1914, is 2,345, and the loss resulting therefrom is $3,193,380.

## THE HIGH COST OF EXPANSION.

It cost Italy $191,400,000 to acquire Tripoli, a country which, according to all accounts, is, with the exception of the desert of Sahara, the least desirable part of Africa. If her experience duplicates those of France and Spain with their colonial possessions in that continent, she will have to expend several million more dollars before her new subjects become peaceful citizens. It may well be questioned whether Italy would not have done better by spending these vast sums upon the education of her own people and the improvement of their material condition.—Philadelphia Record.

A lot of Christian men are still so much in love with capitalism, because of some financial advantage over the mass of their fellow men, that they happen to possess, that their secret prayer doubtless runs something like this: "Our Master, who art Mammon, sacred be thy name; Thy kingdom has come, thy will is done in earth in spite of heaven. Give us this day our dividends, and forgive us our debts while we foreclose the mortgages we hold over our debtors. Lead us not into Brotherhood, and deliver us from Socialism, and ours shall be the interest and the rent and the profits forever. Amen."—O. L. Babcoke.

Our people contend as a rule that there is no difference betwen the Democrat and Republican parties. This is a grievous mistake. A Democrat is against Republican graft and he can see it, my! He can see graft in the very air a Republican breathes—especially if the Republican holds an office. A Republican is against a Democrat—office or no office; he can't see anything but a Democrat unless the Socialists get about strong enough so there is danger of the spoils going out of their hands; then they forget the enmity of years and fall upon each other's neck. Which one of the old grafters [illegible] is to fool you out of your vote this fall?—Cleveland Derrick.

Working men and women, this wet and dry affair does not concern you. Neither side is interested in your welfare. The thing for you to do is to join with your fellow workers in the working class organization and help overthrow this damnable profit system and usher in the co-operative commonwealth. Then you will own and control the liquor traffic and have the opportunity to do with it what would be to the best in[illegible]—A. S. S.

Do you believe that any lawyer who is absolutely honest could, would or should make his living in ANY COURT OF CAPITALISM? Maybe, but I doubt it.

As long as the producers continue to look with longing eyes of FAITH into the IMAGINARY HEAVENS their EXPLOITERS have CREATED FOR THEM IN THEIR MINDS, you can rest assured that these exploiters will have their HEAVENS here on EARTH, while the WORKERS LIVE LIVES OF SLAVERY WHILE WORKING FOR THEM.

Did you ever stop and wonder why all the grafters HATE the SOCIALISTS with such a FERVENT HATRED? Yes, it is beause they EXPOSE THE GRAFTERS and make it mighty hard sledding for them to CONTINUE THEIR GRAFTS. Certainly.

One fighting Socialist can put a thousand democrats to flight, and 1 Socialist regiment could easily defeat the WHOLE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN DEBATE. Even a wayfaring man, though he be a fool, can soon learn enough about Socialism to confound a multitude of grafters wherever he can find them.

Did you know that the BANKERS now OWN a MORTGAGE, or other CONTROLLING POWER, on almost every one of the local county papers in the United States? Sure they do! And this is the reason why the BANKER can DO NO WRONG, in the eyes of the little sycophantic editors THEY NAME TO RUN THESE PAPERS. Hey!

When the officials of any city assume the authority to name the men who shall write the charter changes, and refuse to let the people VOTE on any amendments THEY may ADOPT, after twenty weekly sessions of their duly elected delegates have AGREED ON THE CHANGES, I am free to confess that I believe these officials should be RECALLED by the PEOPLE WHOM THEY THUS IGNORE. At all events, you can put me down as fighting that bunch ALL THE TIME.

Every country has its dirty deputies, whose duty it is to rob the widow and defraud the orphans, under all of the damnable methods adopted by the exploiters of the human race, by and through their COURTS and PROCESSES. No decent man could be HIRED to do these things. The sheriff himself dodges this dirty work by hiring some cold-hearted scoundrel to do it FOR HIM.

## CLASS STRUGGLE NEWS.

(Continued from Page Two.)

every capital in the world, pledged to maintain the standard and present a fighting front to the enemy. We want to congratulate Comrade E. L. Pratt and the comrades in Africa for the splendid movement they are forwarding. We feel sure the hotel workers in England and America will be interested in joining the international federation. Mention this to your hotel working friends and ask them to root for one big union at all their local meetings."

**The I. W. W. and the Shingle Weavers.**

A great strike is looming up here on the coast. A year ago the Shingle Weavers' union benevolently took all the loggers and mill workers under their "jurisdiction." While many of those in the move were actuated by a certain class consciousness, there was undoubtedly behind the scenes a plot to head off the I. W. W. in the logging industry where they were growing rapidly. But the I. W. W. fighters joined the new organization and still kept their I. W. W. cards up their sleeves. The result has been a boring from within that really has bored. At the last convention the demand for an eight-hour day was too much for the standpatters of the old piece-working scab school and it was decided A. F. of L. fashion to call a strike on the 1st of next May. This fairness to the employers was very gentlemanly.

The employers, finding in the coast cities hordes of unemployed, tried a new stunt. They began organizing hobo unions. At public expense or at their own expense buildings were donated to these unions and every encouragement given them to go ahead and organize every "hobo." Even the sentimental Socialists thought that this was the beginning of heaven here on earth.

Not so the I. W. W. This heroic bunch saw an opportunity. One by one the members slipped into the hobo union until a good chorus of rebel voices was heard singing in the hobo union.

During the last two weeks, however, it has transpired that the manufacturers had been counting oll the time on the hobo union to scab during the eight-hour day strike that was due to arrive per schedule. In Everett the Robinson Manufacturing company started in firing their regular union employes. Then the remodeled Shingle Weavers' union declared a strike. Over 200 men walked out. An invitation was extended by Robinson to the hobo union to step in and scab. But nothing doing. The idea of solidarity had been fully developed. Not a man responded.

I consider this the most hopeful thing that I have seen for years. In the meantime the International Union of Shingle Weavers, Millmen and Woodsmen is developing revolutionary strength and clearness that accounts for a new bitterness that is developing among the masters.

**The Case of the Hop Pickers.**

All California is up and in arms over the case of the hop pickers. The unions of San Francisco alone have contributed over $1,000 to their defense at a new trial. And organized and unorganized labor everywhere is collecting funds to help the convicted boys along.

Recently an invaluable contribution to the facts about the causes of the Wheatland hop pickers' strike and the responsibility of the Durst Bros. therefor, has appeared in the report of Dr. Carleton H. Parker of the California commission on immigration and housing and professor of economics at the University of California.

With the public mind aghast at the revelations in this report of the indignities forced upon the unorganized and helpless hop pickers at the inhuman greed of the Durst Bros., reformers, scientists and political leaders and politicians alike are pledging themselves to the abolition of such conditions.

But the men, Ford and Suhr, without whose acknowledged courage, brains and leadership such conditions would still be unnoticed by those in positions of power—these two men are condemned to the living death of life imprisonment. The following quotations are taken from the report on the Durst ranch, made to Governor Johnson of California:

"There were about 2,800 men, women and children camped on a low, unshaded hill. The estimates for women and children vary from 1,000 to 1,500. Many of the children were infants in arms. A great number of the hop pickers had no blankets and slept on piles of straw thrown onto tent floors. Before these were ready, many slept in the fields. One group of forty-five women and children slept closely packed together on a single pile of straw. At least one-half the campers were absolutely destitute and those who got an opportunity to work were forced to cash their checks each evening to feed tent companions.

There were probably nine toilets for 2,800 people. By the end of the second day the seats, scantlings and floors were covered by a semi-fluid mass of filth. Children were seen about the camp in an unspeakably filthy condition since it was not possible for them to use any toilet without befouling themselves. An important part of the hop fields were more than a mile away from the wells, but, despite the heat, no water was transported to the pickers. By noon under the hot sun beating down on the still air held between the rows of vines the 200 to 300 children were in a pitiable condition because of lack of water." All signs point to a popular awakening in California that shall secure the release of the convicted boys.

**From Ireland.**

Jack Carney of the Irish Transport Workers' union sends the following letter, which we think is more than worth while to reprint. "I see Friend Bohn has been dealing with the conference of December 9. He has been grossly unfair in his article, due, I believe, to an insufficint knowledge of the facts. He writes about Jim Larkin condemning the trade union leaders here and would leave one to suppose that Larkin had no reason for so attacking them.

"When the Irish workers had been three weeks locked out and at a time when every support was needed, we had the trade union leaders stumping the country denouncing our methods, J. H. Thomas, M. P., and Williams, of the National Union of Railwaymen, advising men not to have anything to do with our trouble; in other words, to scab like hell. They were told this was no affair of theirs.

"We had the spectacle of Philip Snowden, M. P., writing to the capitalistic press denouncing our methods. We had Havelock Wilson advising men to work with scabs and, in fact, the men of his union did some of the scabbing. We had some trade unioniste, like the Society of Carpenters and Joiners, building shops with blackleg timber. In fact, every trade union outside our own was engaged in assisting the Dublin employers.

"The spirit that aroused men to send food ships was fine, but the spirit of the leaders who kept the rank and file at their work was hellish. There are still over 4,000 men and women locked out. If the workers of Great Britain could only realise the true faith of solidarity, the dispute would long since have been settled.

"Some day the workers will realize that the day of craft organization will have to give way to the day of class organization. My God! the workers here have had enough experience to show them the failure of sectional unionism. Friend Bohn says the conference was one of the tragedies of the labor movement. It was a tragedy. Here was an opportunity for the workers to show the capitalist class their real strength. But no; the capitalist press described it as a gathering of 'sane delegates.' Need I say more?

"I have traveled England up and down in behalf of Dublin and come in contact with the rank and file and know how they were bamboozled. The conference was a meeting of undelegated delegates. If any of your readers care to help Dublin—then Liberty Hall, Dublin, will find all dollars sent."—International Socialist Review.

# A Local Paper For You

The co-operative papers are doing a great work for Socialism and might just as well be accomplishing much more with your co-operation.

This is campaign year and we are going to let the bars clear down so that any Socialist Local that can muster a quorom for the regular business meeting can start and maintain a first class, high grade, local Socialist paper; and by getting several hundred papers going during this campaign, a world of good can be done for the Socialist movement.

We are now publishing 40 different papers for Socialist locals in 11 states; and by putting on three eight-hour shifts we have facilities that would enable us to print papers for 700 Socialist locals.

DOWN GO THE BARS—CLEAR TO THE BOTTOM! THAT WE MAY GET THESE 700 PAPERS GOING AND HAVE THIS FINE CENTRAL PLANT GRINDING OUT HOT SHOTS FOR CAPITALISM, 24 HOURS A DAY, SIX DAYS IN THE WEEK.

When we first started this plant each local starting a paper had to subscribe from $100.00 to $200.00 toward the purchase and maintenance of the Central Plant, said amount to be paid in on the installment plan within nine months; now we have let down the bars entirely; and you will not have to pay a penny toward the purchase or maintenance of Central Plant and will get a first class four-page seven column paper (just like this one) published for less money than you could get a six inch by nine inch hand bill printed.

While our prices for publishing these papers have always been marvelous for cheapness we are going lower yet, so low that any Socialist local can easily swing it. Even $1.25 will get out an issue of 100 of your own paper; and all over the first 100 of each issue only cost you 3 1-2 cents for each 10 papers, about 1-3 of a cent apiece.

Here are the prices to you:

First 100 papers each issue $1.25.

All in excess of the first 100 each issue at the rate of 35c per 100.

At least 100 papers must be ordered for each issue and just as many more as you choose.

Local composition is charged for as follows: Straight reading matter, 4c per column inch; machine set advertisements, 5c per column inch, and hand set advertisements at 6c per column inch.

A paper can be entered as second class matter with as few as 25 or 30 subscribers. It usually requires from 2 to 4 weeks to get second class entry from the time application is made. None of our co-operative papers have ever had any difficulty in getting second class entry.

When entered as second class matter postage for what you mail out through the postoffice is 1c a pound. There are about 16 papers to a pound.

ELECT YOUR LOCAL EDITOR, SELECT A NAME FOR YOUR PAPER AND GET BUSY.

Each week we edit and print Freedom's Banner. Then when you send in local copy for your local paper we set it up, take out of first page form the name, date line and editorial head of Freedom's Banner and put in its place the name, date line and editorial head of your paper; then we take out of the reading matter enough to make room for the local reading matter and advertisements you send in; and there you have it—a first class, up-to-date local Socialist paper, one of the best in the land.

The Central Plant has started a cartoon service and furnishes other Socialist papers throughout the United States with two cartoons a week. This service costs these papers out side our co-operative group about $2.00 per week and you will get this service in your papers without one cent of cost to you.

Our only requirement is a small deposit or membership fee and this fee is returned to you later.

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