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NEW YEAR ARRIVES

Amid Wild Carnival of Noise and Disorder 1908 Passes. Rich and Poor, Each in Their Own Way, Celebrate the Occasion--Fashionable Hotels Packed with Festive Crowds, While "Broad Line" Waits Shivering for a Bite to Eat.

Throughout the night and until after sunrise this morning crowds of people, like masses of moving clouds, covered the streets of New York and offered up a merry welcome to the new year.

Nineteen hundred and eight, bent with shame and laden with the weight of a guilty record, stunk into eternity in the manner of the hooded villain, leaving behind him traces of hunger, misery, death and devastation.

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GOVERNMENT DIGS UP MUCH EVIDENCE

Many Railroads Mixed Up in Beef Trust Rebate Case--"Damages" Galore.

CHICAGO, June 1.--The attitude of the officials who are handling the packing house investigation indicates that the Government expects to uncover a modern and extensive system of rebating which has grown up since the enactment of the Hepburn Anti-Rebate law.

It developed yesterday that the 300 damage claims of Morris & Co., which are the basis of the investigation, amount to about \$100,000, instead of \$3,000 as previously reported.

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POLITICAL BOSSES WERE MERE TOOLS

Honey, San Francisco Prosecutor, Says Arrest One Boss You Get Six Others.

That political bosses are mere tools and that they are serving the interests of "respectable business men" was explained yesterday by Francis J. Honey, the famous prosecutor of the Pacific Coast who convicted Abe Ruef, the political boss of San Francisco, and who had uncovered the land frauds in Oregon and Washington.

"I don't think Abe Ruef's conviction is of very much importance. His confession, in which he implicates a lot of 'respectable business men' is vastly more important than his conviction. What good does it do to punish the 'effect' when the 'cause' is at large? There would be no corrupt and purchasable political bosses if there were no corrupt and purchasing 'business men'.

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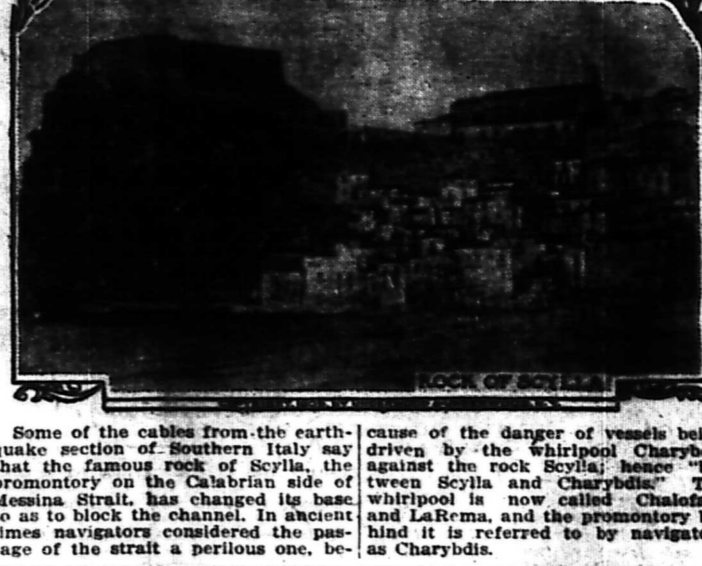
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SCYLLA, HISTORIC PROMONTORY AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE



VIRGINIAN CALLS ROOSEVELT DOWN

Little Girl's Father Will Not Stand for Presidential Insults to Daughter.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.--Considerable comment has been caused here by the following letter sent to the President by Carleton B. Hazard, a wealthy Virginian who lives on a thirty acre suburban tract near Rock Creek Park, where his young daughter takes daily rides.

DISASTER GROWS

Forty-Eight Bodies Already Taken from Virginia Mine.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Jan. 1.--Latest reports from the ill-fated Locket Branch colliery, in which an explosion occurred last Tuesday, say that forty-eight bodies have already been taken out, and it is not known how many more are there.

WANTS A. F. OF L. TO PAY

Bucks Attorney Asks That Labor Men Pay Cost of Trial.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.--Seeking to have the court compel Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell, labor officials, to pay court costs, amounting to near \$1,000, incurred in the famous contempt case, J. J. Darlington, of counsel for the Bucks Store and Range Company, upon whose petition the labor men were originally cited, has filed a motion in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia asking that Justice Wright's decree sentencing Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell to prison be so amended as to affix costs on the respondents.

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Fatal Epidemic Threatened and for This Reason the Few Survivors Must Be Removed at Once--No Water Available--Doctors and Medicine Run Short--Cities Need Lights--Rescue Work at Night Very Difficult.

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EFFORT BEING MADE TO FIND AMERICAN TOURISTS

Assistance of All Kinds Needed at Once to Take Care of Survivors--Droves of Starving Dogs Fight With Soldiers for the Dead--Forty Relief Ships Now at Messina--Worst of the Looting Over--The King Visits Reggio and Finds Conditions Like Those at Messina--Estimates of Dead Now Run Up to 300,000.

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There have been forty-two distinct shocks since the first quake of Monday, which laid Southern Italy in waste, and the precise extent of the disaster probably never will be known. The Marquis di Ruvoletto says 300,000 persons have perished, while other estimates run above 200,000.

CHARGED WITH THEFT

Peabody, Mine Owners' Lackey, Accused of Stealing Ore.

DENVER, Jan. 1.--Former Governor James H. Peabody is the most prominent of a group of individuals against whom the Portland Gold Mining Company has opened its legal batteries, charging them and the Stratton's Independence Mining Co., Limited, with the theft of ore valued at a total of \$335,600.

JULIA GORDON MISSING.

Actress Disappeared on Tuesday--Husband Asks Police to Find Her.

The police sent out a general alarm last night for Julia Gordon, an actress and wife of Hugh P. Swayne, a theatrical booking agent, who disappeared Tuesday night. Swayne, who does business in the Knickerbocker Building, on Broadway, under the name of Swayne & Barrymore, says she was seen last when she left the home of friends on Elm avenue, Flat-bush, at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon to return to her apartments at No. 258 West 93d street.

WOUNDED BOILED TO DEATH.

PALESTINE, Italy, Jan. 1.--Survivors from Reggio are arriving here from Sicily. They say that they signalled for two days for help without receiving a response and suffered terribly from hunger. The station master at Reggio states that immediately after the shock a chain eighty feet wide opened in the earth and that jets of boiling water gushed up from the chasm to the height of the surrounding houses, dreadfully scalding many of the wounded, who were unable to extricate themselves from the ruins.

BURYING THE DEAD

Government at Work at Reggio and Messina. ROME, Jan. 1.--Signor Bertolini, Minister of Public Works, who so-

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### DUNCAN & DOUGLAS

### Shoe Workers Protest Against Combination.

Manufacturer Uses Letter of Vice  
President of American Federation  
of Labor to Mislead Public—John F.  
Tobin Gives Real History of Con-  
troversy.

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—The letter of  
James Duncan, first vice-president of  
the American Federation of Labor, in  
which he favors the side of the  
W. L. Douglas Company, of Brockton,  
Mass., in its controversy with the  
Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, is the  
chief topic of discussion in labor  
circles here. In the State of Massa-  
chusetts, and, in fact, in all New  
England. Never in the history of  
labor disputes in the shoe industry  
has it occurred that a non-union shoe  
company should receive practically an  
endorsement from so high a labor  
official as the first vice-president of  
the A. F. of L.

provides for a mutual agreement bet-  
ween a new wage scale can be put  
into operation.

Arbitrary Against Union.

"The dispute was submitted to the  
Massachusetts State Board of Arbitra-  
tion under our contract and a decision  
rendered against us, which decision  
we complied with to the very letter  
until the end of our contract period,  
but as we firmly believed the transfer  
of wages established the equivalent of  
our members demanding an increase  
during a period of prosperity and  
scarcity of labor, and even if sustained  
by an arbitration decision the injus-  
tice of such a procedure would be ap-  
parent, we have terminated our con-  
tract relations and do not desire to re-  
new with this company.

"First Vice President Duncan, of  
the American Federation of Labor, has  
seen fit to write us a letter criticizing  
the wisdom of our course, stating that  
he was authorized to write such a  
letter, but we believe the executive  
council was not aware of what he  
has written and we are sorry that he  
should have taken this course. The  
letter, in this matter, and the letter,  
being couched in such language as  
appears to be in the interest of the  
company and against our union, has  
been used by the Douglas company as  
a means of advertising and as a sub-  
stitute for our union stamp.

"Brother Duncan confesses his want  
of knowledge upon the subject, and  
we desire to say that our case has  
never yet been presented to the execu-  
tive council of the American Federa-  
tion of Labor by our union, and the  
Douglas company has never, so far  
as we know, in any communication to  
the American Federation of Labor re-  
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"The company not satisfied with us-  
ing the Duncan letter embellished  
the letter with display headlines, plac-  
ing false conclusions upon the Duncan  
letter, and misquoting the same. Vice  
President Duncan makes a compari-  
son between the Douglas company and  
Hamilton-Brown, of St. Louis, which  
is not correct. On December 8,  
1908, the date of the Duncan let-  
ter, the company did not employ  
union labor exclusively as stated in  
the Duncan letter, but on that date  
operated two strictly non-union fac-  
tories under a low scale of wages, one  
at Springfield, Mass., and another at  
Nashua, N. H., since which time it  
has arranged to occupy another  
large factory in Marlboro, Mass., also  
a low wage center, and within a day  
or two has announced the leasing of  
a factory in Haverhill, Mass.

"We can conservatively state that at  
the present time and at the time of  
the writing of Brother Duncan's letter  
to this office, under date of December  
8, and his supplying a copy of the  
letter and misquoting the same, that  
company was then employing about  
70 per cent, of non-union help in the  
production of their goods.

"We believe that the use of the  
statement of the American Federa-  
tion of Labor by the Douglas company  
in connection with circulars which it  
is sending out, is not authorized by  
the American Federation of Labor or  
by its executive council, and we do not  
believe that an organization allied  
with the American Federation of  
Labor has any right to photograph  
documents emanating from the Amer-  
ican Federation of Labor, to say noth-  
ing of an employer of labor being ac-  
cording this privilege.

"Trying to Influence Press.

"It is a significant incident that the  
Douglas company at this time ap-  
proaches the labor press with a  
select bibliography of some six  
months' advertising on a generous  
scale, quite out of proportion to the  
patronage accorded to the labor press  
in the past by this concern."

That the W. L. Douglas Co. made

food use of the Duncan letter in an  
effort to regain our patronage  
which is lost with the loss of the  
union stamp is shown by the follow-  
ing headlines in capitalist newspa-  
pers:

Boston Traveler, December 9:  
LABOR MAN IN PULSE OF DOUG-  
LAS FIRM.

VICE PRESIDENT OF A. F. OF L.  
CHIDES SHOEMAKERS' UNION.

Boston Transcript, December 9:  
DOUGLAS UPHELD.

VICE PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN  
FEDERATION OF LABOR  
WRITES TO PRESIDENT OF  
BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS'  
UNION ON THE CONTROVERSY.

Boston American, December 9:  
DUNCAN URGES SHOEMAKERS  
TO END FIGHT.

A. F. OF L. LEADER WRITES TO-  
BIN SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE  
MADE WITH DOUGLAS CO.—  
DISCUSSES CONTROVERSY.

The Enterprise, Brockton, Mass., Decem-  
ber 9:  
W. L. DOUGLAS CO. UPHELD BY  
A. F. OF L. IN CONTRACT ISSUE.  
—DUNCAN SO ASSERTS  
AND CANDIDLY REBUKES  
B. & S. W. U.

Boston Journal, December 10:  
FEDERATION SAYS UNIONS DID  
WRONG—EXECUTIVE COUN-  
CIL DEPLORES ACT OF  
BROCKTON SHOEWOR-  
KERS ASSOCIATION.

Boston Post, December 10:  
A. F. OF L. UPHELDS DOUGLAS  
SHOE CO.

BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS'  
UNION DECLARED TO BE IN  
THE WRONG IN STAMP CON-  
TROVERSY.

The Joint Shoe Council of Brockton,  
Mass., on December 16 adopted  
resolutions indorsing the stand of the  
General Executive Board of the Boot  
and Shoe Workers' Union and con-  
demning the Duncan letter.

The Boot and Shoe Workers' Union  
request that unionists and sympa-  
thizers bear in mind that no shoe is  
union made unless it bears a plain  
and distinct impression of the union  
stamp.

### MUNICIPAL "CHARITY"

### City Exploits Unemployed Unscrupulously.

Compel the Out of Work to Break  
Stones for Few Slices of Bread and  
Coffee—If the Men Rebel They Are  
Arrested as Vagrants.

The standard of living is no longer  
a factor in fixing the wage of a work-  
ingman, a cheaper, more practical  
standard has been discovered—the  
standard of starvation. The good,  
able and efficient captain of industry  
will from this day on find out on  
how little a workingman can get  
along, and on that little base the  
scale of wages. Great changes are  
expected in industrial activity from  
this innovation. It has been stated  
on good scientific authority that a  
man needs much less than a horse,  
the proportion being sixteen quarts  
of oats to two pounds of bread. As  
to shelter—the cost is in favor of  
men, many of them spending their  
nights in open parks and ferry walk-  
ing rooms.

All credit is due for this discovery  
to the Hon. W. Hebbard, Commis-  
sioner of the Department of Public  
Charities. The Commissioner needs  
men to break stones on Blackwell's  
Island, the roads being in a discrep-  
tant condition. He is also called  
upon to feed some of the unemployed  
who apply to the Municipal Lodging  
House. The Commissioner thought  
hard, thought how to get the stones  
that would kill these two birds. He  
got it—and it is sure to kill.

This is how it is done: Every night  
the four hundred that come for bread  
and coffee are told to stand up, the  
best and strongest are picked out and  
are told to be up at 6.45 the next  
morning. At that time a breakfast,  
consisting of oat meal and bread, is  
given them and then they are led to  
Pie 26, East River, and taken to the  
Island and set to cutting stones. For  
this they receive the wages regulated  
by the "standard of starvation":  
bread and coffee at night, coffee, oat  
meal and bread in the morning and a  
cot to sleep on.

If the three hundred and forty  
odd cots are all filled the "overflow"  
is sent to the dock, where they either  
stand up or sit down on the benches  
and coffee are told to stand up, the  
best and strongest are picked out and  
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While the Commissioner was be-  
ing interviewed, the superintendent  
brought his report. He told of a young  
Englishman named Hardy, who re-  
fused to do the work.

"Mr. Commissioner," said York, "he  
was a strong, young fellow and is  
only two months in this country, but  
he absolutely refused to do the work."

"What did you do to him?" asked  
Mr. Hebbard.

"It was too late for the patrol  
wagon, so I could not send him up  
to court. But next time I get hold of  
him I will send him to court."

The Commissioner smiled, so did  
Mr. York. It was evident that next  
time the rebellious Hardy turns up  
things will happen.

### CITY BURNING.

Business Part of Town Threatened—  
Aid Asked from Other Towns.

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Jan. 1.—The  
business part of this town is threat-  
ened with destruction by fire. Al-  
ready half the buildings on Water  
street have been destroyed and the  
flames are spreading before a high  
westerly wind.

The fire began in Gould block at 10  
P. M., and in half an hour that build-  
ing was a wreck and the flames had  
communicated to other business struc-  
tures on the same side of Water street.  
Aid has been asked from Waterville  
and a special train with apparatus and  
firemen on board is now on its way  
here to assist the local department.

### ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE.

Preston W. Strong, of No. 205 West  
95th street, was arrested for homicide  
last night at the Automobile Show,  
where he was in charge of an exhibit.  
It is alleged that on November 4, 1907,  
his car ran down and killed Henry  
Schwartz, ten years old, who lived at  
No. 5 Jones street.

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### ROUSING APPEAL FOR RUDOWITZ

Debs Sends Message to the Working  
Class Calling for the Protection  
of American Principles.

Eugene V. Debs has issued a mes-  
sage to all labor unions and Socialist  
locals urging that monster demon-  
strations be held in protest against the  
surrender of Christian Rudowitz. He  
asks every patriot, and every man  
and woman to hold "anti-Czar con-  
ferences" and to repel the Russian  
invasion on the first principles of  
American laws and traditions. The  
message was published in the "Appeal  
to Reason" on December 28, and  
reads as follows:

"Another atrocious crime is about  
to be perpetrated upon a workingman  
under the forms of law. Christian  
Rudowitz, an immigrant from one of  
the Baltic provinces, who has sought  
refuge on these shores, is demanded  
by the Russian Czar and is about to  
be handed over to that bloody  
butcher. The charge against Rudow-  
itz is that he was implicated in  
crimes growing out of the revolution  
in Russia in 1905 and 1906. The  
crimes he is charged with are of the  
same kind as those perpetrated in this  
country in the war of the revolution,  
and which are now recorded in Ameri-  
can history as deeds of patriotism and  
valor of imperishable fame.

"The simple truth is that Rudowitz  
is a Russian revolutionist and that he  
is united with thousands of others in  
the attempt to throw off the bloody  
yoke of the Czar. He had seen his  
people treated as beasts, robbed,  
beaten and exiled; he had seen women  
and children who had suffered long  
and despaired often under the  
brutal dominion of the lash. At last  
he was awakened. Dumb submission  
to such monstrous crimes was a  
still greater crime. He joined the  
revolt and his patriotic resolve now  
confronts his crime. In the eyes  
of every honest man it is his glory.

"Fifty years ago the Russian gov-  
ernment would not have dared to de-  
mand the return of this peasant pa-  
triot, but it is different in this day  
of international capitalism, bonds and  
investments, when the United States  
can match its plutocracy against the  
Russian bureaucracy, and when the  
American President-to-be, deems it  
fitting to journey to St. Petersburg  
and embrace the bloody monster of the  
Russian throne in royal fellowship.

Are Revolutionists.

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this country that it provided the right  
of asylum for those who had suf-  
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Debs Sends Message to the Working  
Class Calling for the Protection  
of American Principles.

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locals urging that monster demon-  
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surrender of Christian Rudowitz. He  
asks every patriot, and every man  
and woman to hold "anti-Czar con-  
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invasion on the first principles of  
American laws and traditions. The  
message was published in the "Appeal  
to Reason" on December 28, and  
reads as follows:

"Another atrocious crime is about  
to be perpetrated upon a workingman  
under the forms of law. Christian  
Rudowitz, an immigrant from one of  
the Baltic provinces, who has sought  
refuge on these shores, is demanded  
by the Russian Czar and is about to  
be handed over to that bloody  
butcher. The charge against Rudow-  
itz is that he was implicated in  
crimes growing out of the revolution  
in Russia in 1905 and 1906. The  
crimes he is charged with are of the  
same kind as those perpetrated in this  
country in the war of the revolution,  
and which are now recorded in Ameri-  
can history as deeds of patriotism and  
valor of imperishable fame.

"The simple truth is that Rudowitz  
is a Russian revolutionist and that he  
is united with thousands of others in  
the attempt to throw off the bloody  
yoke of the Czar. He had seen his  
people treated as beasts, robbed,  
beaten and exiled; he had seen women  
and children who had suffered long  
and despaired often under the  
brutal dominion of the lash. At last  
he was awakened. Dumb submission  
to such monstrous crimes was a  
still greater crime. He joined the  
revolt and his patriotic resolve now  
confronts his crime. In the eyes  
of every honest man it is his glory.

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portunity of expressing our thanks  
for their liberal patronage during  
the past year.

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during the year not entirely to  
your satisfaction, we shall be  
pleased to be advised of the mat-  
ter.

We shall endeavor more than  
ever during the coming year to  
merit the confidence of our ever-  
increasing circle of customers and  
friends.

throt? Has it come to this in the  
end of Eric L. Hemel and the  
Spangled Banner that the Czar  
Russia dare to reach over here and  
snatch from our very midst the vic-  
tims of his satanic cruelty and blood-  
thirstiness?

"Can this revolting spectacle be  
contemplated by any American citizen  
without horror and indignation? Is  
there any so abject as not to resent  
it as an assault upon himself, and to  
tolerate, as a foul damning blot upon  
his manhood?"

"What shall we do?"

"Rise in indignation and protest al-  
over this nation! The issue is vital  
and the danger grave. The boasted  
traditions of American liberty are  
about to be blotted out, and the  
wanted asylum for the oppressed  
destroyed."

"This must not, shall not be! The  
call to the rescue comes to us all, and  
we dare not evade the summons."

A Rousing Call to Action.

"Once before the workers of the  
nation were aroused, thwarted a pla-  
tocratic plot and prevented an appal-  
ling tragedy.

"Again the tocsin sounds to action.  
"No time is to be lost. Christian  
Rudowitz and Jan Pouren shall not  
be surrendered to the horrors of Rus-  
sian exile. The autocratic fiend who  
has made of Russia a charnal house,  
whose hands are red as his heart in  
black with crime, shall not escape  
the noble pray his villainous spies  
have hunted down in the American  
Republic!"

"Aroused, oh fellow workingmen, in  
all the time of the union, and shan-  
dared this nation with your mighty protest!"

"Every workingman and work-  
woman is in duty bound to respond in  
this crisis. Every citizen who has  
read of Russian tyranny and who  
cannot witness very name broken  
sold-blood murder is in honor  
owed to himself to raise his voice in  
protest."

"Every labor union and every So-  
cialist local should at once make his  
influence felt in behalf of these Rus-  
sian refugees who sought asylum un-  
der the American flag, and who are  
now threatened to be dragged back to  
the hell from which they escaped, and  
tortured to death by devils in human  
form."

"Meetings such as were held to save  
Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone  
should again be held, and anti-Czar  
conferences organized to carry on the  
work of rescue until the Russian spies  
have been driven off the Coast and  
the freed, the innocent captives set  
free, and American manhood and  
womanhood vindicated."

### SHOOT AT CLEMENCEAU.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—Several revolver  
shots were fired last night in the di-  
rection of the windows of the office of  
the Premier, M. Clemenceau, in the  
Ministry of the Interior, by a Corsican  
named Benedetti. No one was hurt.  
The Corsican was arrested.

### TAFT WITHDRAWS.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 1.—C. F.  
Taft announced yesterday that he  
would not be a candidate for the  
United States Senate.

### CALL FAIR.

Organizations Will Please Take  
Notice.

A great fair will be held  
for the benefit of The  
Call from April 2 to April 11.  
Branches of the Socialist  
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organizations are requested  
to take notice and kindly set  
the date for their own fea-  
ture in a way that they will  
not conflict with the Call Fair.  
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BURTON WILL GET THE SEAT

Probably Foraker Will Not Make Any Further Contest for Senatorial Honors.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 1.—Theodore N. Burton, of Cleveland, will succeed Joseph B. Foraker in the United States Senate March 4...

The ascendancy of Burton means not alone the retirement of Foraker after a long and eventful public career...

Received attorney by spoils system politicians who promised what they could not deliver...

Foraker alone showed a flash of his old-time spirit. He appealed to George B. Cox, the Cincinnati boss...

LIPARI ISLANDS SINK INTO SEA

(Continued from page 1.)

They chose principally jewelers' shops, and wherever such premises could be penetrated they entered and grubbed among the ruins...

LOOKING FOR AMERICANS.

Consulate Officials Leave for Scene of Italian Disaster.

ROME, Jan. 1.—Ambassador Griscom, owing to the impossibility of obtaining news of American victims or survivors of the earthquake...

BOMB THROWN

Hartford Tenement Wrecked by Explosion and Fire.

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 1.—A bomb made of a tin can filled with high explosive and lead slugs wrecked the front hallway and entrance of a six family apartment house...

VILLAGES SWALLOWED UP.

Corpses Lying Along All Inland Roads — Groves Destroyed.

MESSINA, Jan. 1.—The road between Lazzaro and Reggio is one long scene of desolation and horror. The peasant's humble cottage and the imposing residence of the landowner alike have disappeared...

WHOLE FLEET TO MESSINA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—The Navy and State Departments are planning to send the whole Atlantic fleet to Messina for relief work.

This action, however, is dependent upon the attitude of the Italian government. Secretary of State Root and Secretary of Navy Newberry will have a conference in regard to the matter later to-day.

UTAH TO THE FRONT.

SALT LAKE, UTAH, Jan. 1.—At a meeting called by Governor Culer at the Commercial Club last night it was decided to authorize subscription blanks to be placed in every city, town and hamlet in this state for the purpose of raising funds for the relief of the Sicilian earthquake sufferers.

ROOSEVELT ON THE JOB.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—President Roosevelt will send a message to Congress shortly after it reconvenes on Monday requesting that an appropriation be made for the relief of the sufferers from the Italian earthquake.

CALL CONFERENCE.

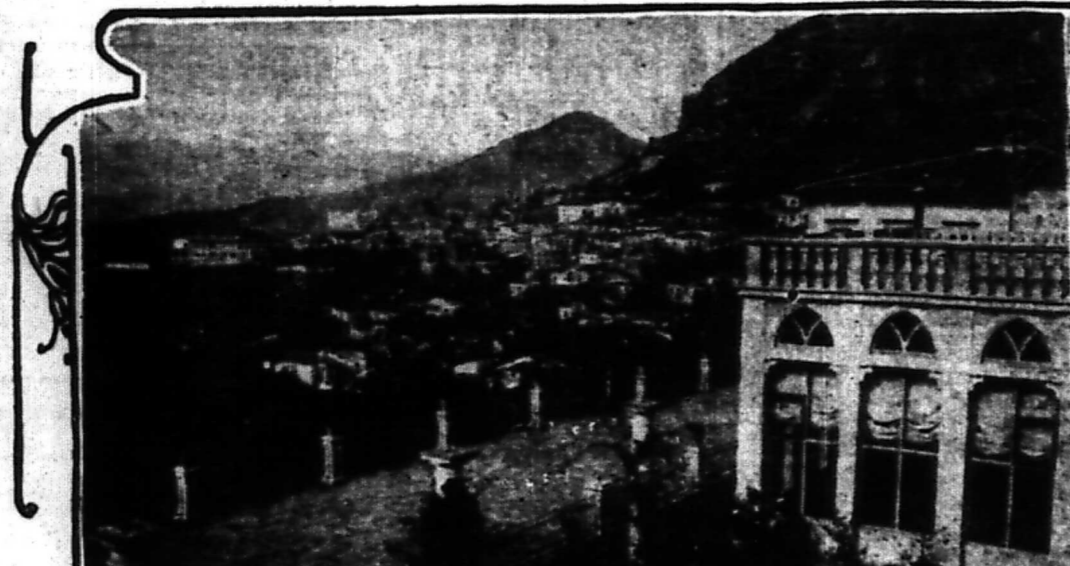
DELEGATES TAKE NOTICE.

A meeting will be held at the Rand School, 112 East 19th street, on Saturday, Jan. 2, 5 P. M. sharp. Arrangements will be made for the great Carnival and Fair, to be held at Grand Central Palace next April.

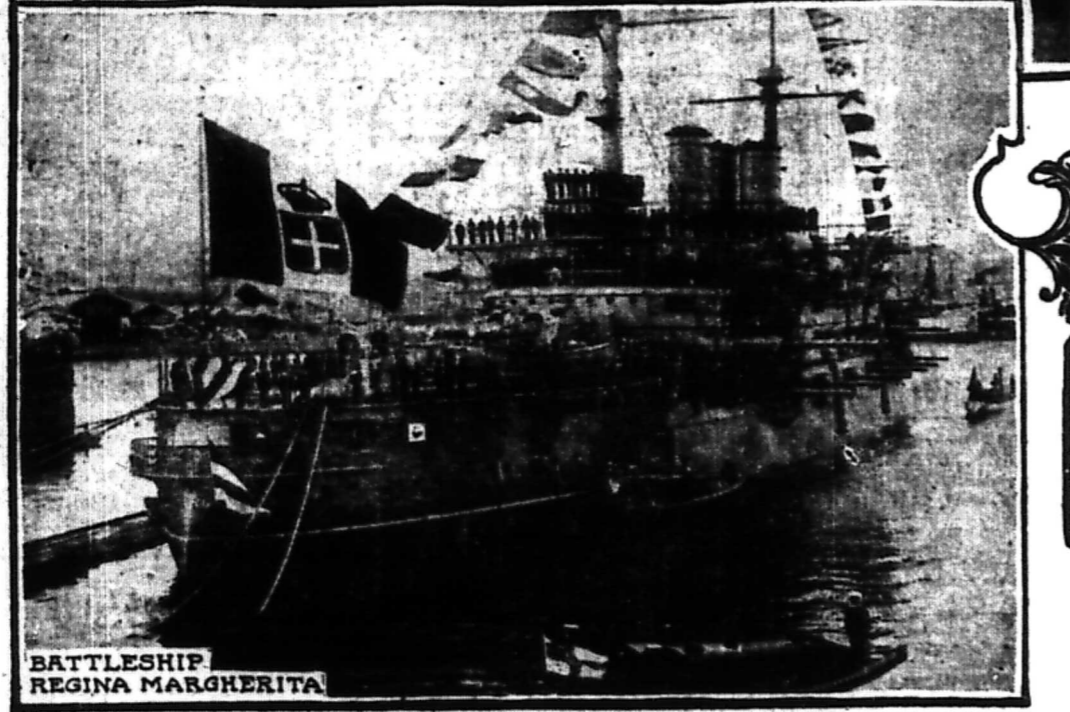
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Terraces of Messina Before the Quake and Ship That Took King to Sicily



SCENE IN MESSINA



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The ancient city of Messina, Sicily, which was wrecked by the earthquake and where 75,000 persons are believed to have been killed, was built upon a series of terraces, as shown in this illustration. When the terrific quake

came these hills slid from their foundations and dumped the buildings into the Strait of Messina. Almost simultaneously came the "sea quake," and the tide swallowed half the city. One correspondent writes that the Strait

of Messina was clogged with human bodies and the wreckage of the city. The war vessel shown in this picture is the Regina Margherita, on board which the King and Queen of Italy hastened to Messina when they heard the first news of the catastrophe.

HUGHES IS INAUGURATED

Big Crowd at Albany on Hand to Take Part and Witness the Ceremonies.

ALBANY, Jan. 1.—The city of Albany was in gala attire to-day in honor of Governor Hughes' second inauguration, which was scheduled to take place at noon.

Of the state officers who take up their new duties to-day for a term of two years, Governor Hughes is the only one to succeed himself.

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Among the people present was Abe Cahhan, editor of the Yiddish Socialist daily, the "Forward." To a circle of friends he told that twenty-five years ago the first of these balls was given in a small attic at No. 213 Clinton street, where he, Dr. Paul Kaplan and Dr. Sommers lived.

GRAND AFFAIR.

Many Russian Socialists Attend Ball and Enjoy Themselves.

About two thousand of the Russian Social Democrats of New York met at Murray Hill Lyceum on 34th street and Third avenue. The ball is an annual function which every Russian Socialist attends.

CALL MAN ON ROAD.

All comrades and Call boosters in the New England States are asked to look out for the Call's representative, H. Gottlieb, who is traveling through those states in the interest of this paper.

TICKETS ALL GONE.

There are no more tickets to be had for the free-for-all debate over the merits of "The Battle" to be held at the Bayway Theater next Sunday night, as the supply was exhausted the first day after the announcement.

THORNTON J. HAINS, WHO IS ON TRIAL IN ANNIS CASE



T. JENKINS HAINS BUILDING NEWS.

East Broadway, No. 65, for a seven story brick left, 25x75; H. Elias Sons, premises, owners; Bernstein & Bernstein, architects; cost, \$35,000.

Monroe street, s. e. corner of Scamell street, for a one story brick store, 25x86; J. M. Goldberg, owner; 157 East Broadway, architect, cost, \$2,500.

Alterations. Cedar avenue, s. e. corner of 126th street, to two three and five story brick dwellings; M. White, of No. 48 West 119th street, owner; L. F. J. Welser, architect; cost, \$15,000.

Third avenue, n. s., 119 feet w. of Cedar street, to a seven story brick factory; Metropolitan Street Railway Company, of No. 621 Broadway, owner; A. V. Porter, architect; cost, \$10,000.

West street, n. e. corner of West street, to a four story brick building; E. Coffin, of No. 34 Pine street, owner; Sommerfeld & Steckler, architects; cost, \$15,000.

WAISTMAKERS' CONCERT.

The Women's Waistmakers' Union will hold a concert and entertainment to-morrow night in Clinton street, 131 Clinton street. The proceeds will go to the strike fund of the union.

A WORD TO OUR GERMAN COMRADES.

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To Be Held in Grand Central Palace on February 11.

For the benefit of the hospital fund a reception and ball will be held in Grand Central Palace, Lexington avenue and 43d street, on the eve of Lincoln's birthday, February 11.

The committee on arrangements is making every effort to have this year's ball the best ever held. It is hoped that the ball will net a good sum to the hospital fund, which provides for all needy members of the union.

The committee on arrangements is composed of Bert A. Abbott, chairman; S. A. Atkinson, vice-chairman; Thomas S. Rowe, secretary; William S. Abernethy, George E. Brady, William F. Butz, W. H. Collins, Frank James, Harry Entwistle, E. A. Finn, Joseph First, Louis Frank, John F. Halloran, L. B. Hart, T. W. Johns, James King, W. J. Loughman, Harry F. McFall, John McCutcheon, J. McKenna, George Owen, W. A. Penney and Charles Peppel.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the last meeting of the 6th A. D. of the Socialist party the following officers were elected: Recording secretary, Miss S. Lackm; financial secretary, S. Glassner; organizer, Ch. Giddis; sergeant-at-arms, Hubert; delegates to the First Agitation District Committee, N. Stoopnick and Levin; delegates to the General Committee, M. Sheer, A. Kiel, I. Sackin, Rogatly, Greenberg, Glassner, Miss Moskowitz and Sachan.

NEW YEAR'S CONCERT.

The Liberal Art Society will have a grand literary entertainment and vocal and instrumental concert to-night in Terrace Lyceum, 206 East Broadway. Platon Bruneoff will read a number of Russian and Jewish folk songs and will read several original stories. After the concert there will be a dance.

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YONKERS AROUSED

Socialists Adopt Strong Resolutions Against Judge Wright's Decision.

YONKERS, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Local Yonkers of the Socialist party has adopted strong resolutions protesting against the sentencing of the officers of the American Federation of Labor to jail for contempt of court.

Whereas, Samuel Gompers and other officers of the American Federation of Labor were found guilty of contempt of court by performing their duty to organized labor, and

Whereas, the sentence pronounced upon them is nothing short of an attack upon the right of free speech and free press, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Socialist party of Yonkers, denounce the action of Justice Wright as an invasion of the constitutional rights of the people and a covert attempt to set aside the Bill of Rights by judicial legislation; and be it further

Resolved, That we call upon the workmen of the United States to answer this attack by a vigorous enforcement of the boycott against the Hucks Stove and Range Company and other scab concerns; and further

Resolved, That we call upon the labor press of the country to publish prominently the name of the Hucks Stove and Range Company as an unfriendly concern; and be it further

Resolved, That we call upon the workmen to organize politically and answer this attack at the ballot as the only effective way to protect themselves against the aggressions of organized capital.

"THE GOD OF VENGEANCE."

From the way the tickets are selling for the performance of Sholem Ash's great drama "The God of Vengeance," by David Kesler's all star company of Yiddish actors, January 14, for the benefit of the First Agitation District of the Socialist party and the Sustaining Fund of the Call it looks as though the Thalia Theatre will not be able to hold all the people who want to see the play and also to boost the Socialist party and The Call.

There are a few tickets left at this office, at the office of the "Forward," 175 East Broadway, and at the East Side Socialist party headquarters, but they will soon be gone.

FESTIVAL OF HUMANITY.

There will be no lecture to-night at the Young Men's Educational League, but at 2 P. M. sharp the 26th annual celebration of the Festival of Humanity will be held in the Pilsa Assembly Rooms, 110 East 53rd street.

Addresses will be delivered by Miss Addie Samuels, Mrs. J. Shaw Lowell, Charles H. Spahr, Edw. W. Searing and Sam H. Cohen, on the actual progress of science and humanity during the past year. Music will be furnished by the Ratner and Terra trio. Old friends and sympathizers will be welcome.

BROOKLYN LECTURE.

The second course of public lectures under the auspices of the Department of Education at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, will begin Sunday, January 3, at 3 P. M. Mr. Edward Justus Farker will lecture on "The City of Washington; Unique Features, Its Monuments and Public Buildings, and Its Varied Life," illustrated by stereopticon views.

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Harlem Branch, Socialist Party

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New Year's Afternoon and Evening, January 1st, '09

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Socialist Notes.

Notices of meetings must be in the hands of most of the day previous to publication. All meetings begin at P. M., unless otherwise specified.

To-Night's Meetings.

MANHATTAN AND BRONX.

Harlem Entertainment. The event of the day in Harlem Socialist circles will be the grand ball and entertainment at the Manhattan Casino, 155th street and Eighth avenue, in the afternoon and evening.

On the East Side. The 6th A. D. will have a concert and package party at the headquarters, 293 East Third street, and a large crowd is expected.

Business. 4th A. D.—168 1/2 Delancey street, important.

BROOKLYN. 18th A. D.—No meeting because of holiday.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

"The Literary and Socialistic Values of Charles Dickens' Writings" is the subject of a lecture to be delivered at 230 P. M. Sunday, January 3, at Market Hall, 1732 North Broad street, by Professor Henry Hoffman under the auspices of the Socialist Literary Society. The public is invited and discussion will follow the lecture.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The local here is keeping up its lively agitation and the membership is growing. The latest additions to the ranks of the active workers are Ellen Wetherell and Susanna Berry, of Massachusetts. These ladies have opened a hotel called "The August Bebel," located at 11 B. N. W., and expect to make it their headquarters of out-of-town Socialists.

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PROBABLY NOT.

Susie—Auntie, dear, are you an old maid? Auntie (hesitatingly)—Certainly. Susie, but it is not nice of you to ask such a question. Susie—Now, don't be vexed, auntie: I know it isn't your fault.

THE CAUSE OF HARD TIMES. The working class of the United States cannot expect any remedy for its wrongs from the present ruling class or from the dominant parties. So long as a small number of individuals are permitted to control the sources of the nation's wealth for their private profit in competition with each other and for the exploitation of their fellowmen, industrial depressions are bound to occur at certain intervals.—From the Socialist Platform.

THE CALL  
A NEWSPAPER FOR THE WORKERS

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THE FOUNDATION OF PROPERTY RIGHTS  
[It is an interesting sign of the times that a paper like the Cleveland "Press" can publish such an editorial as the following, which appeared on December 24:]  
Editor the Press:  
"On Tuesday you published an editorial on property. I own a small factory myself. I employ 100 men. As I understand your position, it is that I hold my factory simply because my men are pleased to allow me to do so. Are you seriously ready to defend me against a coöperative?"  
MANUFACTURER.  
The surest thing you know, Mr. Manufacturer, just think it over a minute. There is no other possible theory of property.  
The only reason you or anyone else owns and holds anything is because an overwhelming majority of the working men, of the clerks, the farmers and even the paupers, believe it is the best thing to let you call your factory your own, sell it if you choose and operate it with a few limitations, at your own sweet will.  
And more, because they believe all of this is the best thing not for you but for them.  
Any time this same great majority changes its mind on this point your factory will not be yours any longer.  
You say you employ 100 men. Supposing when you get to your office some morning you find them waiting. They say to you—  
"We have been letting you call this factory yours for a long time but not any more. Now it is our factory. If you want to stay and work all right. If not, good morning."  
What could you do about it?  
Your one remedy is to call the police.  
A step farther, imagine this happened not only to you but to every manufacturer in this city.  
Manifestly not enough police, and besides policemen as a rule are not at all placid.  
The militia then, or even the regular army. They are not placid either, and if you imagine the most extended to all classes of the holders of considerable property the entire army would be a temptation to hold back Niagara Falls.  
It is not because you are a man or a better or more industrious coöperative than the rest of the population who get it that way. You can only because the great, big, irrevocable public says you may.  
And every abuse of the right of private property ends on the day of the long existing majority who lets the right live.  
The principle is always vaguely recognized.  
You cast two cultured men away on a desert island. In twenty minutes one of the men has a machete longer than the other it is because he has a bigger lot or a larger club.  
The original warranty deed would doubt a limb of a tree and the bill of sale a stone basket.  
In San Francisco, after the fire, there were certain stores of which a day or two before had been certain individuals.  
Did the military commander worry about the success of the seizure of four of the divisions implied in the ownership of the ham?  
Not noticeably.  
He said to the holders: "The seizure of the ham is a matter of the do this you may be shot in the back. If the crisis had been a little acute the return to the class would have been more complete the people would simply have taken them."  
There is nothing really any or any greater manifestation of purpose about a coal mine, a land lot, a brick block or a factory. There is about a can of baked beans. In San Francisco, the people were only because the people were not because it is not ready to give up and try something else.  
There is no other reason in the world.

FOR THE NEW YEAR  
The Call wishes all its readers a Happy New Year—as happy as any year can be while capitalism rules our public and private life, and a year of progress toward the dawn of real freedom, equality, and brotherhood.

The Call is going to do its share toward making 1909 a record year of progress for the labor movement on the political and economic field. The service it has rendered during these first seven months of its life is but a beginning, and a very small beginning, in comparison with the service it has yet to render as a purveyor of news and an interpreter of the events of the day in the light of Socialist thought. Slowly but surely—very slowly, indeed, but with a steadiness that gives promise of certain success—the material foundation upon which The Call stands to do its work is being strengthened and made broader, giving it greater confidence in undertaking new tasks and greater freedom in performing them.

For many weeks past, The Call as a newspaper has been hampered by the growth of its advertising patronage. This may sound paradoxical, and paradoxical it is—both sides of the paradox being equally true. We need the advertising. We must have it, or the income from it, in order ultimately to make the paper self-supporting at the price of one cent a copy—the price which it is necessary to maintain if the paper is to attain a wide circulation among the working people. But, on the other hand, the amount of our advertising has of late reached such proportions that too little space has been left for the various sorts of news and other reading matter that it is absolutely necessary for the paper to present if it is to deserve that increasing circulation that it desires. To meet this dilemma, it has been decided that, beginning to-morrow, The Call shall have eight pages instead of six every Saturday—that being the day when, as a rule, its space is most crowded. And we have reason to hope that in the very near future the eight-page paper may appear twice a week, then three times a week, and, perhaps before The Call is a full year old, that it may have graduated completely into the eight-page class.  
In order to assure that much desired result, it is necessary that the readers and friends of the paper continue with unabated energy their support of The Call Purchasers' League, which alone has made it possible for The Call to achieve such unusual success on the advertising field at so early a period in its existence. We have been able to show many business men that readers of a Socialist daily will actually discriminate in favor of those houses which advertise in their paper. We must be enabled to demonstrate the fact to still more business men, in order that our advertising income may be steadily increased, our deficit cut down, and the paper enlarged and improved.

The additional space thus gained will be devoted partly to a fuller presentation of the general news of the day, which we have often been obliged to stint in order to find room for special news of the Socialist party and the Labor Unions, which the other papers systematically ignore or distort. In part, too, the increased space will be occupied by departments to add to the general attractiveness and usefulness of the paper, and by certain special news matter of the utmost importance.

Arrangements have been made by which The Call will, beginning almost with the beginning of the new year, have the benefit of the volunteer services of a number of able sympathizers, not only in the form of occasional contributed articles on the editorial page, as now, but in carrying on original investigations and making a critical and constructive campaign for the abolition of specific abuses and the improvement of the conditions of life of the masses of the people for whom the paper exists. These plans have been under consideration for several weeks. They are now virtually matured, and within a week or two their first fruits will be presented in our news pages.

The men and women in charge of the work of editing and publishing The Call keenly appreciate the spirit which has animated the great majority of its readers—the generous financial support which they have given, the volunteer work and counsel which has often proven of the utmost value, the patience with which they have made allowances for the unavoidable shortcomings of a paper started under such unfavorable circumstances, the inspiring words of approval with which they have greeted every success which the paper has thus far achieved. The work of all those connected with the paper—in the editorial room, in the business office, and in the mechanical departments as well—has been arduous and often wearisome. It will continue to be so for a long time to come. Only the fraternal sympathy and assistance of the thousands of friends has made it and will make it tolerable. We count upon that continued support, both moral and material, until the growth of the circulation and of the advertising patronage shall make the burden easier to be borne.

Again, The Call wishes its readers a Happy New Year. The wish will be fulfilled, practically, in proportion as all of us do our shares, to the best of our ability and opportunity, toward making this world, within the next twelve months, a better place for working men and working women to live in. We shall none of us achieve individual happiness, unless we are busily and intelligently and sympathetically aiding to establish the collective opportunity of happiness for all.

WILL THE CONSTITUTION BAR THE WAY?

BOOSTING "THE BATTLE"

By WILLIAM MAILLY.  
Mr. C. MacCulloch, the press agent for Liebler and Co., deserves congratulation for doing a good job in boosting "The Battle." If he doesn't get an increase in salary he ought to get it.  
The press agent has come to fill a legitimate function in the theatrical world. Much of that which is entertaining, curious and enlightening about the stage and its people finds its way into print through the shrewd and far sighted ladies and gentlemen who are engaged to advertise and excite interest in the plays and companies that they represent. The general public would be astonished if it knew how many of the interesting "stories" that are credited to the enterprise of its favorite papers originated in the brains of the press agents of the various theatrical offices.  
So if "The Battle" is playing to crowded houses, the gentlemen who are interested in making it a commercial success are not to be commended. Instead, they are to be admired for their ingenuity. That's what they're in business for, and there's no kick coming on them. Their business is to get business for their enterprise—to fill theater seats that were empty before.  
But if this can be said of the promoters of "The Battle" what about the wisdom of the Socialists who have fallen to the game of the promoters and are giving the play all the advertising and boosting needed to insure it a long run?  
It is safe to say that "The Battle" would not have attracted more than ordinary attention, if indeed, it had got that, if it had not been for the Socialists who boosted it into a notoriety which the play either as a play or as an argument for or against Socialism does not warrant. From the Socialist viewpoint alone the play is

not deserving of more than ridicule. There is nothing in it that should cause any Socialist to consider seriously, and, least of all, to invite public controversy upon. Let alone "The Battle" would probably have died a speedy death, notwithstanding the eulogies of some newspapers, and its "arguments" against Socialism would have been dissipated on empty benches.  
Whatever financial or popular success "The Battle" may attain, therefore, will be primarily due to the kind of attention, when we exert ourselves to claim is made that it is the duty of Socialists to answer any misrepresentation of our doctrine that may be made by any one in any place. It depends on the attack on one that has reached a large number of people, such as Mallock did when he came to this country and is exploited as his was, prominently and widely by the capitalist press, then we are entitled to attend to it. In other words, we have made out Mr. Moffet's absurdity to be an indictment of Socialism when it is nothing of the sort. The general public cannot be blamed if it regards it as an indictment when we exert ourselves to make it such—when we give the impression of being hard hit when we are not hit at all.  
In the meanwhile, Liebler & Co., the owners attempting to answer the author, Wilton Lackaye, the "star," and, incidentally, Mr. MacCulloch, the press agent aforesaid, will continue to profit. And that, after all, is what "The Battle" was written and produced for.

PROTECTING MEXICAN REFUGEES

By LUELLA TWining.  
The Political Refugee Defense League is defending the Mexican refugees Ricardo Magon, Antonio Villarreal, Librado Rivera and Manuel Sarabia. The first three have been imprisoned for over a year in the jail at Los Angeles, while Manuel Sarabia is now in the jail in Tucson, Arizona. They seem far away and their names sound foreign, but they are Mexican revolutionists who have been fighting for liberty as our forefathers fought. They are as entitled to our protection as were John Boyle O'Reilly, Kosciuszko, Louis Kossuth or Carl Shurz. The tyranny from which they have fled is more bitter than that which forced our Pilgrim fathers to seek an asylum in this country.  
Mexico is a republic in name only. All officials are appointed by President Diaz. Any person writing anything not meeting with the President's approval is most cruelly punished and freedom of speech is unknown. Spies pursue the workers day and night as in Russia. Houses are searched for evidence of any literature attempting to establish better conditions. The Mexican Liberal party was organized to institute a constitutional government. Magon is the president and Villarreal the secretary. It can be readily understood why they are being persecuted by the Mexican government. The assistance rendered President Diaz by the United States is correspondingly astonishing. President Diaz through his spies seeks the members of the Liberal party whether they be in Mexico or like Magon and the others have a refuge in another country. When caught they are shot; sold as slaves to work in the tobacco plantations or are imprisoned under the sea where the conditions are as horrible as any place in Russia. Thousands of men, women and children are being crowded into cellars, into long cells 35 feet wide and 45 feet high. Thousands of parasites over them and the prison smells terrible. The water drips upon the prisoners from the coral reefs, and is constantly dripping from the ceiling. The cells are filled with excrement and are swept away only once a week and there is overflow on the floor.  
In such a place as Juan Sarabia, who was a victim of the liberal party, Magon, Villarreal and Rivera are to be brought up for trial on the 15th of January. The charge is that of violating the immigration law, which is ridiculous. They have been brought up for trial for one charge or another many times but they have all failed through. They then decided to sue them for violating the immigration law.  
No matter what the charge may be we know President Diaz would never brave defenders of liberty back Mexico to kill them to teach the revolutionists a lesson. He wants to establish a reign of terror and frighten the masses from the struggle. He wants to overthrow the government. We must then know they are not so even though they see to America.  
The jail sentence imposed upon Compara, Morrison and Mitchell of the Liberal party, these Mexicans are both imprisoned and persecuted, struggle and certainly show that the Mexican and United States governments are in control of the capitalist class.  
The working people have no right in this country. The capitalist is bound to respect. But we have numbers and now is the time to stand up and be counted.  
The Political Refugee Defense League knows that Magon, Villarreal and Rivera and Sarabia are revolutionists and will defend them with money and our lives if necessary.

THE WORKERS' BURDEN

By P. C. CUNNINGHAM.  
(With apologies to Mr. Kipling.)  
Take up the workers' burden,  
Go forth, ye hapless band,  
To fill another's workshops,  
To till another's land;  
To give another's children  
A chance their minds to fill,  
While yours live on and labor—  
Dull, sodden, vulgar still.  
Take up the workers' burden,  
Advance another's cause,  
Yes, ape another's fashions,  
Oh! give another's law;  
The very earth ye tread on  
Belongs to wiser men;  
Go find some other planet,  
Or pay your rental then.  
Take up the workers' burden,  
Go build the mighty ships,  
Let others sail in splendor,  
While ye tread on your ships.  
In sweat, in dust and grime:  
They call ye common cattle  
And herd ye up like swine.  
Take up the workers' burden,  
Go seek the pretty coral,  
Dig up the sparkling diamond,  
Fish out the shining pearl,  
To deck another's jewelry  
And give them power to bind  
Your children down in slavery  
Of body and of mind.  
Take up the workers' burden;  
They ask ye, not in vain,  
To fight their bloody battles  
And murder for their gain,  
Make broken hearted widows  
And lonely orphans, too,  
And pile the field with carnage—  
The brothers that ye slew.  
Take up the workers' burden,  
And far across the sea,  
Go ailing the dusky native  
For asking to be free;  
Then take away his cattle,  
His land and money, too,  
And give them to your masters—  
The spoils are not for you.  
Take up the workers' burden,  
Toll on from year to year,  
Until your heads have whitened,  
Your faces lost their cheer;  
Then ye are worn out hoboes,  
That's how we sing your praise,  
Go lie ye to the poorhouse  
And end your weary days.

"G. B. S." ON WHITE COLLARS.

Mr. Bernard Shaw, in a recent address in London, on "Literature and Art," declared that there was one offence against art, which he saw all around him—a shiny white collar against human flesh. It showed that modern people had lost their sense of color values altogether, that a class would never have endured such a thing. The only man who ought to wear a white collar was a negro. In the daytime he himself walked about in a collar that was not white. The sight of himself in the hideous combination of the white collar against his flesh would give him greater pain than the utter contempt of the English public as it passed by him.

TAKING IT IN SECTIONS.

"Forgive and forget," said the general man. "That's my motto." "Patrolman—Stealin' peanuts from a dago." "Deek Sergeant—Enter a charge of impersonating an officer.—Cleveland Leader.

LO, THE POOR ITALIAN!

At the Station—Deek Sergeant—What did you arrest this man for? "Patrolman—Stealin' peanuts from a dago." "Deek Sergeant—Enter a charge of impersonating an officer.—Cleveland Leader.

THE DIFFERENCE.

Cynical Bystander (on fringe of a Socialist meeting to sympathetic onlooker)—Do you know that whenever I see a Socialist about I always put my hands in my pockets. Onlooker (sarcastically)—Indeed; and I suppose when there is not a Socialist about you always put your hands in other people's pockets. "And the cynical one wondered why those within earshot smiled aloud.

MASTERS AND SLAVES.

The exploiting capitalist is the economic master and the political ruler is the capitalist society, and holds the exploited wage worker in sovereign contempt. No master ever had respect for his slave, and no slave ever had or ever could have any real love for his master.—Eugene V. Debs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANOTHER FOR HUNTER.

Editor of The Call:  
Robert Hunter, the name of the discerning, writing "An English Temper" and "Who is a Marxist"—truly, it is unexpected that happens! I have to his better judgment the good taste of his suggestion that Grayson may become another John Burns. But what of this Blatchford and Hyndman, who have worked in London, where Socialism is weaker, we are informed, than in any city of Europe? It is very questionable whether Socialism is actually weaker in London than it is in Liverpool, say. Ask those who know. But to the point. That such men as Blatchford and Hyndman should live to be told that they have worked in London! And by Robert Hunter, too! Blatchford of the "Clarion!" And Hyndman of the unquenched fire of the eternal youth—Hyndman of the education but not just of London think. Mr. Hunter says, with reference to Grayson, that anyone who imagines that Socialism in the country (England) depends upon himself is grievously mistaken. But Grayson is no such thing, he thinks, and with reason, that Socialism in the House of Commons depends upon himself. That is a very different thing. Mr. Hunter.  
E. M. ZUSMAN, /  
Brooklyn, Dec. 23.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

New Reader.—The first issue of The Call appeared on May 26, 1908.  
S. Rogers.—Debs and Hanford, the Socialist candidates for President and Vice-President, got about five times as many votes last November as did Hinger and Graves, the Independence candidates.  
E. I.—Quite aside from any question of its character as a religious book, the Bible is worth reading as history and as a literature. Portions of it, notably the books of Job, Isaiah, the four Gospels, and several of the Epistles, are literature of a very high order. Moreover, the Bible has been regarded as a sacred book by hundreds of millions of people for thousands of years, and has affected their thoughts and feelings and conduct, and even their civilization, to a large degree essential to an understanding of history and of general literature—especially, perhaps, of English literature. If you mean to ask, however, whether you will get an all round education by reading the Bible, or by using it as the center or guide for your reading, we should certainly say no. There is no one book which will serve this purpose. Naturally, there is no such thing as a "short edition" of the Bible.  
M. C.—Since you have existed sixty-two years without a birth certificate, you will probably have to worry through the rest of your life without being recorded in the archives of the Board of Health. The failure to report your birth was a misdemeanor on the part of the physician or midwife in attendance, but you will hardly be held responsible, in view of your extreme youth at that time.  
H. N. A.—It will probably take some time for us to get the information you desire. So far as we know no Socialist papers or other Socialist literature in the Greek language is published in this country.  
Shirt Cutter.—The Knickerbocker Association of Shirt Cutters meets on Friday evenings at Ruppiner Hall, 70 East 4th street. Mr. John Marks is one of the secretaries.  
Abe A. Y.—Your letter got overlooked until now. You are mistaken and the statement in The Call was correct. William McKinley was elected President of the United States in 1896 and took his seat in 1897. He was re-elected in 1900 and inaugurated for his second term in 1901. Late in that same year he was assassinated. Theodore Roosevelt was elected to the Vice-Presidency in 1900 and succeeded to the Presidency on Mr. McKinley's death. He was elected as President in 1904, so that his whole period of service in the Presidency, expiring March 4, 1909, will have been about seven and one-half years.  
G. F. Sedivy.—1. No. At the time you appear in court to procure your final naturalization papers, two witnesses must be present with you. 2. No. If you go to Uliza you will not have to wait a year for your final papers. It is sufficient to have lived one year within the state, and it does not matter in what portion or subdivision of the state you may reside. 3. June 22, 1908, was a Monday.

THE SOCIALIST WOMEN'S SOCIETY

By ANITA C. BLOCK.  
The Socialist Women's Society is growing by leaps and bounds. During December four new branches have been organized.  
One branch consists of young working girls, who, after having heard a general talk on "What is Socialism" by Mrs. Meta Stern, have launched forth into a series of talks on "The Principles of Socialism," by Miss Jessie Hughan. They meet on Wednesday evenings at 207 East 10th street.  
The second branch consists of women living in the Harlem section. They started their work with a fine talk by Dr. Antoinette Konikow on "Is Socialism a Dream?" They meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 256 West 155th street.  
The third branch is a group of women in the Yorkville section, whose first educational meeting to be held on the 12th, Tuesday in January, will consist of a thorough discussion of all the fine substance contained in the splendid preamble to the constitution of the Socialist Women's Society, which runs as follows:  
Preamble.  
The secret of all oppression," says "The Secret of Socialism," is the economic dependence of the masses upon the few.  
And a group upon whom the burden of the world's labor is laid. The working class of all lands constitute this group. They submit, and must submit, to their oppression because they are economically dependent. Because they do not own the tools and materials with which they must work. They eat their bread by the grace of those who own the tools and materials. They have their lives upon the world, and this is the heart and the essence of slavery.  
Through his political rights and industrial experience, the workingman succeeds in protecting himself in some measure against the encroachments of the master class upon his rights.  
The woman of the working class has no political power and but little industrial training. Lacking these weapons of defense, she suffers abject defeat in the battle for existence.  
The working class man is oppressed because a master stands between him and the means of producing his bread supply. The wife of this same work-