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ENGLAND CONCERNED ABOUT MINE DEATHS

Slaughter Due to Poor Appliances Rouses People and Commons Takes Matter Up.

BY TH. BOTHSTEIN. (Correspondence to The Call.)

LONDON, June 24.—The recent mining disaster in Whitehaven by which over 150 workers perished, owing to the absence of proper rescue appliances has, at last, roused the public from its apathy in the matter of safety in the mines and even caused a debate in the House of Commons.

It is certainly characteristic of the conditions prevailing today that though the British miners have been represented in Parliament for thirty years and one of their leaders, Mr. Burt, was even at one time a member of the government, the life and limb of the workers engaged in the extraction of coal from the bowels of the earth should still be endangered to an extent which scarcely shows any improvement.

In 1908 no fewer than 1,346 persons were killed and 143,258 were injured and maimed in and about mines, and the death rate which stood in 1902 at 1.84 per 1,000 employed was still 1.32 in fact, as the top seams of coal in this country are becoming worked out. It is no rare thing to meet mines where no. 2 is performed at a depth of 800 to 1,000 yards in the earth or under the sea, which means a much higher temperature, more difficult means of escape, and consequently more danger. Yet nothing, absolutely nothing is done to prevent accidents and to safeguard those who have to work under these difficult conditions.

Very Few Inspectors. There are altogether in the United Kingdom about 2,000 inspectors, and the number of inspectors whose duty it is to see that the conditions in the mines are such as to carry no danger to those who work in them is 40. It has been estimated that if every part of a mine was to be examined properly this ridiculously small staff could not possibly do it more than once in three or four years. As a matter of fact, as Mr. Harvey, of the Derbyshire miners, remarked in the course of the debate in the House of Commons, "there are districts where the visit of an inspector is as rare as the visit of the comet."

Nor is there in England such a provision of safety appliances and rescue corps as exist by law in many countries of the continent of Europe. In Austria the law demands the constant presence of a special rescue officer about every mine as well as a certain number of men trained to do the work of rescue. In Belgium a rescue station provided with special apparatus, has to be erected at the every group of mines in a district. In France similar stations must be provided for every mine. In France similar stations must be provided for every mine with a shaft of 100 persons. In Prussia and Saxony every pit must be provided with breathing apparatus for rescue work during a fire. But in England the mother of factory legislation and factory inspection, there is nothing of the kind in existence.

There are no rescue stations and no rescue corps, and what appliances there are, are provided voluntarily, without any system. In the Whitehaven case they had to hetch breathing helmets from a distance of 24 miles by motor, and the result was that they arrived too late. It is universally acknowledged that if they had been available on the spot, the lives would have been saved. The men who speak in the debate in the House of Commons spoke all bravely, but when Mr. Churchill, in the course of his reply, promised legislation at some FUTURE date, in the meantime expressed readiness to appoint additional inspectors and to make the provision of rescue apparatus obligatory, the speaker observed that Mr. Keir Hardie's speech "opened up a new chapter to the miners." With all this I must say that I would have been so modest as that.

STATING IT" TO RENO; IS KILLED

VERMONT, July 3.—Irving L. Hoover, Colo., July 3.—Irving L. Hoover, recently a cook at Silverton, was killed yesterday when he was under the trucks of a Pullman train. Hoover was beating his way to Reno to get a divorce and there was \$500 in his pocket. His parents, it is said, were divorced and the corpse was buried. Hoover had recently received a large share of the estate of which his father was the owner.

CANALEJAS BACKED BY ROUSED MASSES

Socialists and Radicals 150,000 Strong Turn Out in Madrid Alone to Oppose Church.

MADRID, July 3.—There was an immense and enthusiastic demonstration here this evening in support of the government's anti-clerical policy. It is estimated that 150,000 members of political organizations and labor societies paraded with bands and banners, but at many points the procession moved with difficulty owing to the masses of sympathizing onlookers. Everything was orderly throughout.

Demonstrations were also held in Barcelona, Bilbao, Valencia, Salamanca and other principal cities and in many of the smaller towns. No disorders have been reported.

All shares of Liberals, as well as Republicans and Socialists and even some Conservatives support Prime Minister Canalejas, who is probably justified in claiming that a great majority of the Spaniards are on his side. The Conservatives are not opposing the government's policy with any energy although they are maintaining the appearance of hostility for party purposes.

PROMISE IN SPAIN TAKES OATH'S PLACE

MADRID, July 3.—The government has submitted a bill to parliament substituting a simple promise for the customary oath taken over the scriptures in connection with all civil acts. The bill, which is supported by the king, applies to the installation of cabinet ministers as well as to all court proceedings. The reactionary and clerical interests are opposing the measure on the ground that it is designed as a provocation to the Vatican. The liberal press hails it as of vital importance to the secularization of the state and the modernization of Spain.

AMERICANS IN PARIS CELEBRATE FOURTH

PARIS, July 3.—Arrangements have been completed for celebrating the Fourth of July in a sane yet patriotic manner. The French government has placed a guard of honor, consisting of a squadron of cuirassiers of the Garde Republicaine, with its full band, at the disposal of the American Chamber of Commerce of Paris for its dinner, at which the speakers will be the French Minister of Commerce, M. Dupuy; General Stewart L. Woodford, James E. Reynolds and Andre Tardieu, the political editor of "Le Temps" and the foremost authority on questions of international interest.

In the morning a long procession of Americans will join in a pilgrimage to Lafayette's tomb, organized by the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and will place a wreath and an American flag on his grave. In the afternoon there will be a reception of Americans at the embassy, in the Rue Francois Premier, where the charge d'affaires, Bailly-Blanchard, will receive the visitors, in the absence of Ambassador Bacon.

WORKERS TO SMOKE TAFT AND TEDDY OUT

Both Invited to Explain Attitudes Toward Unions in Chicago Labor Day.

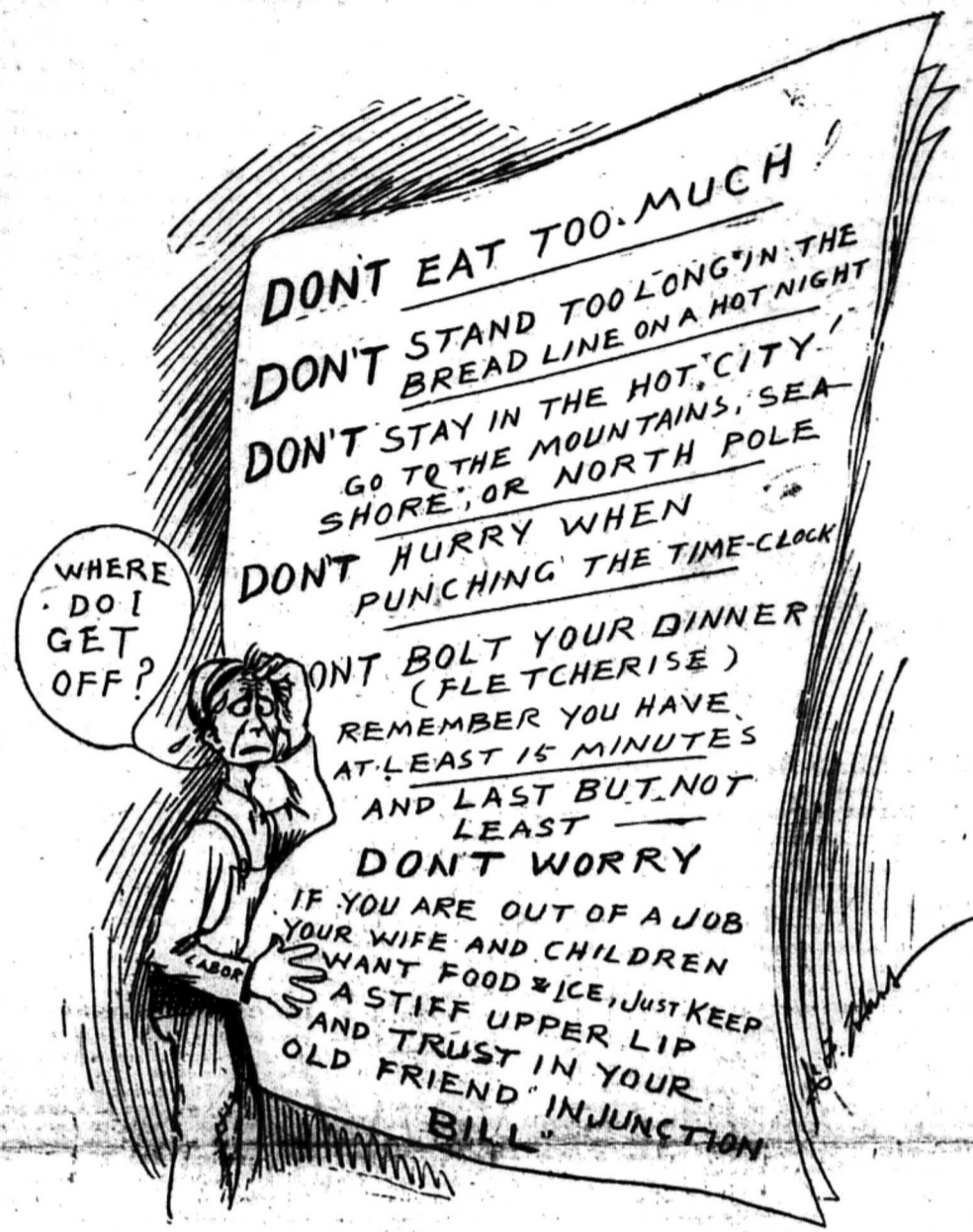
CHICAGO, July 3.—Invitations to President Taft and Theodore Roosevelt to address a gathering of unionists at a demonstration, to be held at Hawthorne Park on Labor day, were sent yesterday by officers of the Chicago Union Business Agents' Association. A reply is expected early this week. The demonstration will be held following the parade of the Chicago Federation of Labor. Business agents assert that \$0,000 building trades workers in Chicago and vicinity are anxious to hear the attitude of President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt on questions affecting organized labor.

KAISER FEARS WOMEN

Emperor William Looks With Disfavor on Suffragette Movement.

BERLIN, July 3.—According to the Post the Kaiser is much interested in the feminist movement, and he frequently discusses the subject with his intimates. He favors opening all trades and professions to women, and in fitting them educationally by every means to earn a living, generally elevating them intellectually. He would gradually open all universities to them. His Majesty's views on women sharing in politics, however, are less advanced. He doubts that women are qualified to exercise the franchise, and he views with special dislike and suspicion the suffragette movement in England and America and the tactics adopted to promote it.

Advice for Workers.



ENGLISH LIBERALS PUT TRUCE AHEAD

Veto Conference Disagreement and Fiscal Changes May Force General Elections in January.

LONDON, July 3.—Both the Liberals and the Tories have been playing for position in the veto conference without making a sincere attempt to effect a compromise. A tactical advantage has been secured by the Liberal government, which has reserved for the November session the declaration bill and the removal of pauper disqualification for pensions and also the final stages of the finance bill, including the whisky tax. Neither the Radical Nationalists nor the Labor members will want to sacrifice these measures, and consequently the truce has been continued until November, when the results of the conference will be revealed. This Liberal strategy protracts the period required for negotiation of the settlement of the constitutional question. Experienced politicians do not attempt to forecast the outcome of the conference. That body contains three convinced tariff reformers, who want to dispose of the constitutional questions so that there will be a free field for their own issue. With them are three ministers with a strong bent for rational conciliation. The doubtful men are A. J. Balfour, who takes a keener interest in tactics than in the fiscal question, and David Lloyd-George, who is not prepared to sacrifice his own political future if the Radicals regard a compromise costly. Balfour can be depended on to join his six associates in an extremity, but Lloyd-George, with the editors of three Radical journals at his command, can stand out against the seven. The best hope of a settlement lies in the fact that the lords, landholders and capitalists are hard hit by the new budget taxes and want a change in the fiscal system as soon as possible. This they will get if the constitutional question be out of the way when a general election comes on. If no adjustment is reached before November the veto resolutions will be taken up, and general elections will probably occur in January, with the constitutional question at issue.

TEXAS RARS COMPANY.

AUSTIN, Texas, July 3.—William E. Hawkins, State Commissioner of Insurance, has addressed a letter to the Attorney for U. S. Lloyd's of New York, notifying them that concern in Texas, refusing to permit the business in Texas. He says the State of Texas has no control over insurance organizations of that kind.

TENEMENTS OF ROME TERRIBLY CONGESTED

ROME, July 3.—As in New York the housing problem vexes the dwellers in modern Rome. Rents have risen higher and higher, and the difficulty of getting houses, especially in the case of the artisan and the small salaried employee, has become acute. The extension of the city has not been an easy matter, mainly owing to malaria and to a subsoil honey-combed with underground passages and catacombs. There are thousands of families in the San Lorenzo and Testaccio quarters, and even in the center of the city, living in unsanitary and overcrowded slums, besides a certain number, fortunately decreasing, who live in shanties made of odd boards and pieces of canvas on the outskirts of the city, and others who live in caves, because proper dwellings at reasonable rents are not to be found. The government employees are not very much better off, as they have to keep up a certain amount of appearance on very low salaries. These cooperative societies are working out the problem, and whole new quarters have arisen near St. John Lateran, outside the Porta Nomentana and the Porta Salaria, composed of houses for clerks. They are for the most part small houses, detached or semi-detached. Others are of the tenement type, and a few weeks ago the king laid the foundation stone of a large block of flats for this class of tenants in the Villa Caetani. Many students of social problems in Italy think that the tenement, if sanitary and airy, is more suited to the gregarious Italian character than the separate family dwelling. Others doubt that this gregariousness is a desirable tendency and want it discouraged.

KILLS WOMAN AND COMMITS SUICIDE

DALLAS, Tex., July 3.—N. A. Gamble, aged twenty-six years, impelled by jealousy, this morning killed Mrs. Beulah Marsh, twenty-nine years old, at the home of her mother-in-law, and ended his own life. Two pistol shots only were fired. One bullet pierced the woman's brain through the right eye, producing instant death; the other pierced the man's right temple, lodging under the left eye. The man was dead in a moment. Mrs. Marsh was the widow of Eugene Marsh, a professional motorcycle racer, who was killed on the State Fair Grounds racing tracks at Dallas, in October, 1908. His widow has since been a saleswoman in a large department store in Dallas. She was the daughter of J. W. Fain, a merchant and cotton buyer of White-wright, Tex.

TWO GIRLS DIE IN AUTO-TRAIN SMASH

Chauffeur and Andrew Crawford Escape Fate Which Befalls Daughters of Latter.

At exactly the same spot on the Merrick road, where thirteen years ago a trolley coach loaded with holiday makers, was run into and five persons instantly killed, a fatal automobile accident occurred yesterday afternoon. A touring car carrying Andrew Crawford, of Riverdale, his two young daughters, Charlotte and Jeannette, and a driver, was run into by a Long Island railroad train, and the two girls killed instantly. Crawford and the driver were only slightly injured.

The accident happened at Valley Stream, where a single track branch line of the Long Island, running from Mineola to Rockaway Park, crosses the Merrick road. This crossing is about a quarter of a mile from the Valley Stream station. This crossing is still protected by only a bell and a "Look out for the locomotive" sign post. Crawford and his driver declared that the bell failed to ring entirely yesterday, just as it did at the time of the fatal trolley smash, which killed six persons. There is no flagman stationed at the crossing, because traffic is light. There are only three trains on Sunday.

The two girls sat in the rear seat. Mr. Crawford sat in front with Charles Neugebauer, his driver. The girls were laughing and talking with their father in front of them when they struck the Merrick road and began to speed toward the beach. As the automobile was crossing the track the engine struck it almost in the middle, picking it up and tossing it to one side as if it had been a toy of tin. One of the girls was carried with the mass of wreckage and was found underneath the crumpled-up car a few yards from the track. The other was thrown clear of the car a few yards farther away. Both had evidently been instantly killed.

Mr. Crawford and the chauffeur were likewise thrown, but Mr. Crawford escaped with a broken blood vessel in his right forearm and the driver with a sprained leg and bruises. The train, which was bound for Rockaway Park, was stopped immediately and some of the passengers got out with the train crew to see what had happened. Other automobiles stopped and offered assistance, too. Dr. J. M. Foster was sent for and he attended to Mr. Crawford's injuries. The driver was taken to the Nassau hospital.

MORGAN OFFERS A JOB TO ROOSEVELT

Would Like Former President to Take Cleveland's Old Place as Equitable Advertiser.

J. P. Morgan wants Theodore Roosevelt to accept the place of trustee for the Equitable Life Insurance Company, formerly held by Theodore Roosevelt. The job pays \$50,000 a year.

Mr. Morgan realizes that with Roosevelt at the head there could be no question in the public mind about the proper management of the company. The former president is a poor man, and the salary as one of "the big three" in the Equitable would mean something to him. The work would not be heavy. The three trustees holding a majority of the stock would vote in from time to time directors whose singleness of purpose would not be questioned.

Mr. Roosevelt's political activities would not be in the way, inasmuch as it is said to be not his purpose to accept office. His name would be a tremendous advertisement for the Equitable. Whether the former president would care to become a trustee for Wall street stockholders in the Equitable is open to question. Many of his friends said yesterday that no salary would tempt Mr. Roosevelt to go practically on the pension list of certain big men who want to make more valuable their control of the Equitable Life, and through that control reinforce their influence in certain big banks.

There seems to be no doubt that J. P. Morgan has made the offer to Mr. Roosevelt. The trustees to take the place of Morgan J. O'Brien and George Westinghouse will be determined upon when Mr. Roosevelt makes known his answer to the proposal of Mr. Morgan.

Several men who visited Oyster Bay have been asked by the former president how the people would view his acceptance of Morgan's proposal. It would seem, however, that Mr. Roosevelt has not rejected the Morgan offer, but is giving it a lot of consideration. It is said the salary would be \$50,000 a year. Paul Morton, president of the Equitable, was a member of Roosevelt's cabinet for a short period and would be glad to have his old chief in command at 120 Broadway.

BROOKLYN SOCIALIST HEARINGS JULY 7

Cases of Speakers Will Be Tried in Bedford Avenue Court—Party Ready for Battle.

John Lockwood, who was arrested Saturday night while addressing an open-air meeting at Manhattan avenue and Huron street, Brooklyn, on the charge of obstructing traffic, was released in the custody of Edward Lindgren, organizer of the Socialist party, for hearing on Thursday, July 7. Lindgren will also be tried on the same charge in the Bedford Avenue Court on Thursday.

Lindgren was arrested at Noble and Franklin streets last Thursday while addressing a meeting in behalf of 4,000 workers on strike against the cordage trust. The police broke up a meeting, which had been arranged for the same purpose at the corner of Noble and West streets, opposite the mill of the cordage trust. Deputy Police Commissioner Reynolds told Organizer Lindgren that if he would hold a meeting he would have to move back away from the mill. The next night Lindgren arranged a meeting at Noble and Franklin streets.

The excuse given by the police, in the first instance, for interfering with the meeting, was that if they were held there might be serious trouble. This excuse could not, by any stretch of the imagination, be applied to the meeting which Lockwood was addressing Saturday night, when he was arrested. Organizer Lindgren declared last night, over the telephone, that the meeting at which Lockwood was speaking was one of the regular open-air propaganda meetings of the Socialist party.

"We intend to fight these cases to a finish," said Lindgren, "and I would request all comrades, who are able to go on ball bonds, to send their names and addresses to me. I want one from each Assembly district."

BOARD OF TRADE WARNED.

CHICAGO, July 3.—A circular has been issued by the board of trade through W. M. Hopkins, its manager of transportation, warning its members that if they do not want to see the transit privilege cut on by the Interstate Commerce Commission, it will be well for them to obey in spirit and letter the order of that body. Mr. Hopkins and the directors of the board have been told by members of the commission that it is the intention to stop the manipulation of grain at this and all other markets, and that if found in the substitution of expense bills does not stop the transit privilege will be summarily withdrawn and prosecutions begun.

REMEMBER BOURBOGNE HEAD.

HAYRE, July 3.—Large delegations today attended the ceremony of dedicating a monument erected to the memory of those who perished in the sinking of the General Transatlantic line steamer La Bourgogne in collision with a sailing vessel on the banks of Newfoundland in 1877. In the speech reference was made to the American victims. There were many loyal tributes.

OVER 2,000 TAILORS OUT ON STRIKE TODAY

United Workers Throw Down Tools in Reply to Bosses' Effort to Break Union.

Over 2,000 children's non-basted jacket makers will be on strike today. The cause of the strike is the refusal of the contractors to renew the agreements with the union, which expired three weeks ago.

The demands of the workers are that fifty-three hours shall constitute a week's work and that the men and women get a restoration to their wages of \$1 a week which the employers cut down during the dull season. When the agreements expired the union served notices on the employers asking them to renew the contracts. In the circular the union sent out to the employers it was said that if the employers do not grant all the demands that a strike would take place.

The employers ignored the letter of the union and until yesterday met a single contractor renewed the agreement. Seeing that the employers are trying to break the union, and that instead of renewing the agreements they are going among the workers, offering them yearly agreements and also making alluring promises, the executive board of the union held a meeting at their headquarters, 437 Grand street, last Friday, where it was unanimously decided to declare a general strike.

A call was immediately issued to all workers of the trade to come to a meeting at 63 Pitt street yesterday to take a vote on the proposition of the executive board on the advisability of calling the strike. The workers responded to the call of the union, and the strike headquarters was yesterday packed with jacket makers from 10 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Workers of all crafts of the trade were present—businessmen, operators, stiers, pressers and finishers—and unanimously voted to strike today. The conditions that at present prevail in the trade are called intolerable, the workers being compelled to work ten and eleven hours a day for starvation wages.

A special appeal was issued to the women finishers of the trade to attend a meeting to be held at 165 East Broadway at 7 o'clock tonight. The women were organized until the last strike last fall and had to work long hours for low wages. They were in constant fear of losing their jobs before they organized. The highest wages they made for twelve hours' labor was \$5 and \$7 a week. Since the formation of the union they have succeeded in improving the conditions, but still the conditions are bad. The demands the workers will make is the abolition of piecework and that the working hours be the same as those of the men. The union requests all finishers to turn out to the meeting and make it a record-breaking one.

The union requests all clothing stores not to go to work in shops where strikes are on.

SANE FOURTH MAN SKIPS WITH \$2,000

Washington (Pa.) People Gave Him the Money to Provide Bands and Things.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 3.—Citizens of Washington, Pa., started two weeks ago to plan a "safe and sane Fourth." There were to be bands of music, and a town picnic, and free car rides to everybody to and from the picnic grove, but no firecrackers. A young promoter, William Sawyer, who had the businesslike atmosphere of New York about him, was secured by the merchants to take charge of the preparations. Sawyer collected individual subscriptions from mechanics and public-spirited citizens, engaged the bands, and made up a program of sports that included everything from the ball game to the sack race and the chase of the greased pig.

The fund rose to \$2,000. Three days ago Sawyer came up to Pittsburgh to engage a balloonist for an ascension, and to arrange with the trolley company about the free cars. That was the last seen of the promoter. When Sawyer disappeared the \$2,000 fund, Washington's celebration of the Fourth, from indications tonight, will be safer and saner than even Sawyer had promised.

PANAMA "ELECTION" WITHOUT SHOOTING

Liberals Tell Of a Fine Victory. Much "a la Dine" in Madrid. PANAMA, July 3.—Members of the national assembly were held today throughout the public. The polls in this city at 5 o'clock. Everything passed off in order. The session was closed until the voting was completed and the vote was counted. Opposition withdrew from the election in Panama City, and the national party had a walk-over. Advice from Colon after the election, there was evidently a victory in the latter province. Opposition voted in Colon and Panama. The national party was not in Panama. It is believed the vote in Panama.

ROOSEVELT GREATEST FOR ALL POLITICIANS

Smiles on Insurgents, Winks at Taft and Keeps His Eye on Chance of Republican Success

CHEVERLY, Mass., July 3.—According to politicians here Mr. Roosevelt will continue to receive insurgents. He will continue to send them away happy and he will go ahead working for the Republican party.

Even if it were possible that Mr. Roosevelt intended to take the nomination for the presidency in 1912, provided he could get it, or in 1916 as some believe, he would not be likely to split the party now.

Colonel Roosevelt is to remain "silent" for two months. Nobody believes that he will enter into the campaign in the fall or late summer and that he will fail to express his approval of the progress of legislation which Mr. Taft has got through Congress.

President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt are in perfect accord. Between them there is understanding not expressed, perhaps, but tacit. Between them they will play out the great game that is to end only at the polls next November and that will result in a Republican or a Democratic house of representatives and that will indicate the way in which another election in 1912 may go.

GIRL'S BODY FOUND BY YONKERS YOUTH

YONKERS, N. Y., July 3.—Otto Walters, of 354 Riverdale avenue, this morning came upon the lifeless body of a young woman on Campbell's bathing beach, at the foot of Culver street, apparently washed ashore.

BULLET HITS WIFE'S CHAIR

The Mad Just Left It and Henry Weech Is Held for Attempted Murder.

HACKENSACK, July 3.—Henry Weech, an oil dealer of Bogota, was committed to the Hackensack jail last night by Justice Pratt on a charge of attempting to murder his wife.

LYNCH NEGRO BOY WHO RAPED GIRL

DOTHAN, Ala., July 3.—Henry Simpson, eighteen years old, a negro, was lynched at the residence of S. W. Cheek, three miles from here, at 11 o'clock this morning for an assault on Miss Mary Cheek.

WORLD'S FAIR TO BE AT PARIS IN 1920

PARIS, July 3.—It now seems almost certain that the project submitted to the government for a universal exposition in Paris in 1920 will be adopted.

On the other hand, the average Parisian is hostile to exhibitions on principle, because they have a tendency to put up the prices of living, which never come down again, and also because they impair the individuality of Paris and upset the habits of daily life by transforming the capital for the time being into a sort of cosmopolitan caravansary.

DEUTSCHLAND WRECK HITS GERMAN PRIDE

BERLIN, July 3.—The wreck of the new Zeppelin airship Deutschland near Osnabruck, on Tuesday, has dealt a deathblow to the passenger airship idea in Germany.

The navigation company which owns the vessel will proceed to reconstruct it immediately and replace it in commission at the earliest possible moment, but it remains to be seen how many persons will muster up sufficient courage to trust themselves in the air-line after Tuesday's terrifying episode.

The disaster has undoubtedly still further diminished the prestige of Count Zeppelin's rigid style of airship construction. The veteran inventor had laid great store by the fact that the Deutschland was equipped with three powerful motors generating 260 horse power, as against the 220 horse power which was the highest he had ever put into any of his previous ships.

NEGROES LYNCHED FOR KILLING WHITE MAN

Confession in Barn Overheard by Men Who Summoned Sheriff and Mob. CAPE GIRARD, Mo., July 3.—Two negro men were taken from the county jail at 5 o'clock this morning and lynched by a crowd of 350 whites, most of them being farmers who had been aroused from their slumbers in an hour's time.

The negroes were both strangers and their names unknown, and had been employed as harvest hands by a farmer living three miles from Charleston. During the night the two negroes went into the barn where they had been sleeping. Three white men in the barn overheard the negroes talking of a killing, waited until the negroes had gone to sleep and then made a search by the roadside, found the body of the dead man who had been shot and also had been beaten with rocks.

COTTON WEAVING IN INDIA

Cotton Weaving in India, by a Hindu Comrade, illustrated. Diamond Mining in South Africa, by Tom Mann, illustrated.

THE STRIKE OF THE NEW YORK BAKERS

The Strike of the New York Bakers, by Carrie W. Allen, illustrated. A Western Mining Town, by Anna Maley, illustrated.

THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY

The British Labor Party, by Harry Quelch. The Coming International Congress, by Frank Bohn.

RAILROADS PLAN TO RAISE RATES

New Scheme Will Take Cheap Trips Away From Summer and Fall Travelers.

CHICAGO, July 3.—Western passenger officials will make a strenuous effort to establish a flat rate for all special and excursion fares of 2 cents a mile. The three principal associations will hold their meetings at about the same time next week at Mackinac Island.

If they agree on the principle contemplated the 2 cent fare will be fixed as a maximum for the majority of states as the minimum rate to be charged.

Special rates to state fairs and conventions of commercial and social organizations which are enjoyed in late summer and early fall months, are nearest abolition. But the railroads have not yet reached any satisfactory agreement on excursion rates and home-seekers and colonists fares.

AUTO KILLS BOY

Long Island Lad Riding Bicycle When Struck by Machine.

MINEOLA, L. I., July 3.—A youth who, while riding on the Merrick road, near Massapequa, this afternoon, was struck by a fast driving automobile, died here in the Nassau Hospital, soon after the accident. It is not known who the boy was.

The only thing found upon him was a handkerchief with the initial E in one corner. The dead boy is about twenty years old, five feet seven inches in height, and slight in build. He was dressed in a bicycling suit of gray. His bicycle bore the seller's name, the Yankee Sporting Goods Company, of Brooklyn, and below this a scroll bearing the letter Y.

OLD MAN SICK AND SON STEALS WILL

That's What Mrs. Goss Charges, and She Called in the Police About It.

Mrs. Marie Goss, who keeps a boarding house at 122 West 73d street, sent word yesterday afternoon to the West 68th street police station, that she wanted a policeman quick. Patrolman Frank Baxter was sent around by Lieutenant Quinn.

Baxter found an extremely old man lying in bed energetically calling down a man of middle age, who was fussing through the room, and who had a black bar in his hand. Two trained nurses, attending the aged man, were trying to quiet him, with no success.

"He's got my will!" cried the sick man. "I've got my will in that bag, and my papers!" And he cursed with vigor.

The landlady, Mrs. Goss, was all in a flutter. She wanted the policeman to do something, but as she wasn't sure what, and as the policeman had no warrant, he discreetly did nothing but observe and go away.

Early in the evening Mrs. Goss herself showed up in the station house and made Lieutenant Quinn listen for an hour while she waved her hands and explained things.

"The old man is Aaron Barnett," said Mrs. Goss, with a vertical gesture. "He is eighty-six. He is rich. I think he is worth \$3,000,000. The young man with the bag was his son, Gustav, with whom he hasn't been on good terms since last fall, when he settled \$100,000 upon him, he told me.

"Mr. Barnett has boarded with me a year. He came home Thursday sick. I think it was the heat."

Here Mrs. Goss made the interesting gesture and described the heat. "Mr. Barnett has a daughter in California and I think he is related to the nobility of Europe by marriage or giving in marriage. He seemed real sick and I sent for Dr. James P. Walsh, who lives at the Hotel Hargrave, 110 West 74th street, but a few doors away. And I got two nurses. And then I thought I ought to send for his son Gustav, so I did.

"Gustav came and asked me for his father's keys and I told him they were in his vest pocket and he went and got them and searched his father's room. He went away with the black bag containing his father's will and papers and his father was frantic, which was bad for him. Gustav, the son, lives in Long Island City. He is the head of the firm of Barnett & Co., cottonspindles, 50 Leonard street. He sometimes stops at the Hotel Hargrave where Dr. Walsh lives. What shall I do?"

Lieutenant Quinn had a desperate half hour explaining to the declamatory landlady that any action that might be taken would have to proceed from Mr. Barnett, senior, or his lawyers.

DAN CUPID MIXED UP IN ECONOMICS

French Government Begins to Offer Money to Encourage Marriage and Child Rearing.

PARIS, July 3.—Another attempt is to be made to stem the tide of French depopulation by legislative means, this time by a bill introduced into the senate by Dr. Lannelongue, and supported by a score of eminent Frenchmen. The bill may be thus summarized:

1. Every man unmarried at the age of twenty-nine will be called upon to fulfill extra periods of military service until he has been inscribed for twenty-five years, in the active or reserve forces.

2. No employe of a state department or municipality is to be retained if not married at twenty-five.

3. Every civil servant, who is the father of three living children shall benefit (a) in promotion, (b) by a bounty of \$40 a year for each child under fifteen beyond the third child.

For pension the same civil servant shall benefit by a supplementary \$20 annually for each living child after the third.

4. The laws governing the division of personal estates at death shall be cancelled and parents shall have full freedom to bequeath as they wish.

The first two clauses might have some effect in raising the marriage rate, but that is already higher in France than in most countries. It is the last clause which is most likely to affect the birth rate. Professor Lannelongue in the preamble to his bill says:

"The old regime, before the compulsory division of successions, produced 'elderly' sons, but the present regime is worse; it produces families with 'only' sons."

M. Lannelongue also attacks the short-sighted and narrow political economy of small French families, who centralise their interest in the family fortune, which is to be handed down from generation to generation and to be kept out of all risk and danger at every cost. This spirit, says M. Lannelongue, is a public evil, involving relative unproductivity of capital and restraining initiative and enterprise. The bill is generally well received, and there is ground for the hope that its principles, at least, will receive some interpretation in the statute book before the end of the present legislature.

BUFFALO BILL BESTS MAYOR

CINCINNATI, Ohio, July 3.—Efforts of Governor Harmon to stop a Buffalo Bill Wild West show here today failed, and the show gave two performances, which were witnessed by nearly 30,000 people. The performance took place at Oakley, an incorporated village on the outskirts of Cincinnati.

FRENCH AVIATOR PLUNGES TO DEATH

Mother and Father See Wachter Fall From 500 Feet Height.

RHEIMS, July 3.—Charles Wachter, a French aviator, was killed by the fall of his aeroplane at the opening of the aviation week here this morning. The weather was stormy, and rain was driving across the exposed plain on which the course is located. Nobody ventured out except Wachter, who, notwithstanding the strong wind, covered 28 miles in 42 minutes with an Antoinette monoplane.

Wachter was circling at a height of about 500 feet, the wings of his machine seemed to suddenly fall. They folded up above the body of the machine, which dropped straight to the earth like a stone. It fell in an oat field, a mile from the press stand, and was crushed.

Wachter's head was driven into the earth, his spine was broken and he was otherwise mangled. His death was instantaneous. His mother and sister saw him fall.

DIAZ IS DULY ELECTED AGAIN

Now He Is Forcing His Selected Successor Down the Throats of "His People."

MEXICO CITY, July 3.—One week from tomorrow the presidential electors of Mexico will meet to choose a president and vice president of the republic. There is no doubt but that General Porfirio Diaz will be chosen president almost unanimously, but there is a question as to whether or not Ramon Corral will be elected vice president.

In quarters where people ought to know they say there is absolutely no chance of Corral being re-elected, but that the vice presidency is going to one of four men—General Felix Diaz, the Honorable Enrique Creel, General Bernardo Reyes or Theodor Dehesa, governor of Vera Cruz. Diaz wants have made their principal fight against Corral and Diaz may be persuaded to give in this much for the sake of peace and accept some other candidate.

His interference in the choice of other officers is what angers the natives. They say it is certain that the men chosen for the vice presidency this time is going to be the real president of the republic before the end of the term. Diaz is already very feeble and is said to be so dead that he can hardly attend to public affairs, therefore they object to Diaz selecting his successor—which is what it really amounts to—by dictating who shall be vice president.

BASEBALL SCORES

Table with columns for American League, National League, and scores for various teams like Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, Chicago, etc.

TWO DOWN IN OHIO

Boat Upsets and Men Unable to Drag Other Down.

CANAL DOVER, Ohio, July 3.—A race between two rowboats in the Susquehanna river this afternoon resulted in the drowning of John Boyer, twenty-one, and Curtis Swanger, twenty-three, both residents of Canal Dover.

DROWNED IN ERIE CANAL

UTICA, N. Y., July 3.—John E. Boyle, who came to Utica from Syracuse to spend the Fourth with relatives, fell in the Erie canal this evening, and was drowned before assistance could reach him.

CEAN IN DANGER?

ST. PETERSBURG, July 3.—The police believe they have discovered the ramifications of a great plot against the Czar of Riga, whose majesty is shortly expected. General Kurloff, chief of the political police, has started for Riga. Wholesale arrests have been made there and domiciliary searches take place daily. The police are exceedingly patient as to the details of their discoveries.

Large advertisement for 'Socialists Outwit the Cossacks' featuring Fred Warren and Charles H. Kerr & Company. Includes text about the July Review and contact information for the publisher.

Advertisement for 'Comfortable Clothes for the Summer Months' by People's Department Store, Elizabeth N. J.

Advertisement for 'REGULAR MEETING OF THE Brooklyn Call Conference' at the Labor Lyceum.

Advertisement for 'SPORTS WITNESS GOOD MILLS' Long Acre Members Enjoy Creditable Performances.

Advertisement for 'BASEBALL SCORES' listing scores for American and National Leagues.

Advertisement for 'TWO DOWN IN OHIO' reporting on a boat race and drownings.

Advertisement for 'DROWNED IN ERIE CANAL' reporting on a drowning in Utica, N.Y.

Advertisement for 'CEAN IN DANGER?' reporting on a plot against the Czar of Riga.

Advertisement for 'The Standard Shoe Store' by M. Braverman.

Advertisement for 'UNION LABEL GOODS' by Sig. Klein and Associates.

CHURCH SUCKS LIFE OF SPAIN

Unhated Religious Industries Take Bread From the Struggling and Ignorant Masses.

100,000 MONKS AND NUNS

Madrid, July 3.—The attempt of the Canalejas government to curb the power of the Catholic Church in Spain apparently has brought the country face to face with another great crisis in its history.

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APPEAL TO SEIDEL Anxious Christians Want Him to Lead in "Sane Fourth" Movement. MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 3.—The Wisconsin Christian Endeavorers in a state convention yesterday voted to demand of the mayors of all the cities in Wisconsin that the pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson fight be forbidden exhibition.

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Edited by ANITA C. BLOCK

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IN THE FURNACE CITY.

By Charles Hanson Towne.

In the furnace city, in the humid air they faint.

His pallid poor, His people, with scarcely space for breath:

And their teeming houses, so full of shame and taint.

They cannot crowd within them for the frightful fear of Death.

Somewhere, Lord, Thine open seas are stinging with the rain.

And somewhere underneath Thy Stars the cool waves crash and beat;

Why is it here, and only here, are huddled Death and Pain.

And here the form of Horror stalks, a menace in the street!

Burning flagstones gleam like glass at morning and at noon,

The plant walls shut out the breeze— if any breeze should blow;

And high above the smothering town at midnight hangs the moon.

A red medallion in the sky, a monster came.

Somewhere, God, drenched roses bloom by fountains draped with mist.

In old, lost gardens of the earth made lyrical with rain;

Why is it here a million brows by hungry Death are kissed,

And here is packed, one summer night, a whole world's fiery pain!

THE FOURTH OF JULY.

How long will it yet be, we wonder, when the working class of America will be able to consider Independence for something other than a mockery.

There can never be an Independence day for the working people, till they have made themselves independent of the masters of their bread—the owners of their jobs: Then can they, too, celebrate "Independence Day!"

HEARTS THAT BEAT AS ONE.

By Kate Richards O'Hare.

While I would scarcely feel like guaranteeing that Socialism would be a positive cure for bad temper, there is no doubt in my mind that with the opening of our present competitive mental system the one great fundamental cause for marital incompatibility would be a thing of the past.

First, the fierce struggle for existence would cease. Secure in the means of life men and women would be the first time have the opportunity to live. Education would be universal, not alone the study of dry text books, but that fascinating study of human nature and human bodies.

Frudery, handed down from the dark ages, of the past, would give way to an intelligent, comprehensive understanding of the most intimate laws governing life. Men and women would learn to read each other's souls as we now read books, and no human being would be able to hide from the world his or her heart and soul. "We should know as we are

known," and knowing we could choose wisely.

Shorter hours of labor for men would give them an opportunity to get acquainted with their wives and children and share in the home life.

I believe that there is nothing quite so broadening to a masculine mind as to share for even a time in the work of his wife. How I wish that every Darby could be constrained to essay the role of Joan but for a day!

What a flood of light would illuminate the masculine mind! And I am more than sure that if we could force the men of the country to do woman's work and shoulder her cares and endure her pains and aches but for a single week, such a revolution as the world has never witnessed would take place.

Freedom from economic dependence, freedom from domestic drudgery and the opportunity for the broadest education and share in the industrial, intellectual and political life of the world would give woman a breadth of mind and heart that would make it possible for her to be a real companion and helpmate instead of merely a household drudge and child-bearing machine.

Freed from the rack of the competitive struggle, secure in the fullest means for the broadest life, both men and women would develop the best and noblest traits of character, as a flower expands, when exposed to the life-giving sunshine and rain. The sordidness, the petty meanness, the bickering, the deceptions and lies, the implied inferiority of women, the barbarous laws and customs that degrade her, would give way to a sane, sensible standard of mental, moral, intellectual and industrial equality. But of greatest moment and most far-reaching effect would be the fact that economic independence for women would forever remove the necessity of a man and woman sustaining the relation of husband and wife if love had ceased to abide with them. Not that alone, but with a sane, social system, a reasonable understanding of the sacred right to human happiness would take the place of the old, antiquated theological lie that the words of a priest or magistrate can really consummate a marriage, and the odium and disgrace attending the dissolving of the marital tie that never was and never could be a marriage will pass away.

Freed from the crushing weight that capitalism places upon mankind, men and women will stand erect, share equally the work, the play, the advantages of civilization, the gifts of nature, the handiwork of man—all that nature and humankind have evolved to bless the race, and with such glorious opportunities and possibilities our hearts and hands will be too full of the joy of living to indulge in petty, sordid bickering. Life will be beautiful, grand and glorious and as "like produces like," men and women will be like unto life.

FARMER AT WORK FINDS A FORTUNE

Delaware Man Comes Across Buried Cask of \$23,000 in Old Coins.

LAUREL, Del., July 3.—Asbury Hammond, a poor farmer, living near the Mount Vernon Methodist Episcopal Church, in Wicomico county, Md., sixteen miles from this town, was bending wearily to his plow, ten days ago, as it dug its way through the knotty and rocky ground on his little farm. The share of his plow banged up against what he thought was a rock. He muttered something, and went to look at the rock. By the time he had looked good and hard he had seen \$22,000.

Instead of a rock, he found, when he kicked away the dirt around the obstruction, that it was a structure of well mortised bricks. He secured a shovel and pick, a few strokes with the pick and he had opened up an airtight tomb containing a skeleton and several dusty old bags. When he ripped them open he found that they were full of gold and silver coins. Some of the coins were Spanish, but most bore the stamp of the United States. The latest date stamped on any piece was 1821.

Friends of the farmer, for he suddenly developed more friends than he ever realized he had had before, advised him to open up and tell his story, as many rumors were floating about. Then he related that he had dug the money up on his farm along with a skeleton. A digging mania straight-away seized on the farmers all about, but so far Hammond is the only one to strike yellow.

FORM NEW DANISH CABINET.

COPENHAGEN, July 3.—The King has requested Klaus Berntsen, Minister of the Interior in the Cabinet which resigned Friday because of the defeat of the government in the recent elections, to form a new Cabinet.

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OPEN AIR MEETINGS

MANHATTAN AND BRONX.

TUESDAY, JULY 5. Branch 2—Southwest corner of Elbridge and Grand streets. Rose R. Spanier and August Claessens.

Branch 3—Northwest corner of 32d street and Second avenue. J. C. Frost and James Connolly.

Branch 6—Northeast corner of 84th street and East End avenue. John Wall and Sol Fieldman.

Branch 7—Northwest corner of 166th street and Lexington avenue. Jennie Potter and Jean Jacques Coroneil.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6.

Branch 3—Northeast corner of 11th street and First avenue. Italian meeting. Ciasco Cosimo and Frank Arnone.

Branch 5—Southwest corner of 118th street and St. Nicholas avenue. Robert Landsdowne and J. C. Frost.

Branch 8—Southeast corner of 163d street and Prospect avenue. Louis A. Baum and Fred Paulitsch.

THURSDAY, JULY 7.

Branch 4—Northwest corner of 54th street and Eighth avenue. Edw Dutton and J. C. Frost.

Branch 4—Northeast corner of 15th street and Eighth avenue. Timothy Walsh.

Branch 5—Southeast corner of 103d street and Columbus avenue. Sol Fieldman.

Branch 8—Northeast corner of 148th street and Willis avenue. John Flanagan and Henry T. Jones, of Milwaukee.

FRIDAY, JULY 8.

Branch 3—Northwest corner of 7th street and Second avenue. Andrew De Mill and Jean Jacques Coroneil.

Branch 6—Northwest corner of 79th street and First avenue. Patrick Quinn and J. C. Frost.

Branch 7—Southeast corner of 110th street and Fifth avenue. George H. Goebel.

SATURDAY, JULY 9.

Branch 2—Hamilton Fish Park. "The Arena." Jennie Potter and Sol Fieldman.

Branch 4—Southwest corner of 26th street and Eighth avenue. Andrew De Mill and I. Phillips.

Branch 5—Northeast corner of 125th street and Seventh avenue. George H. Goebel.

Branch 7—15th street, between Lexington and Third avenues. Robert Landsdowne and J. C. Frost.

Branch 8—Southeast corner of 138th street and Willis avenue. Albert Abrahams and Joshua Wanhoop.

Branch 9—Southwest corner of Bathgate and Tremont avenues. John McCormish and Henry T. Jones, of Milwaukee.

BROOKLYN.

TUESDAY, JULY 5. 12th A. D.—Seventh avenue and 4th street. B. J. Riley and Henry T. Jones.

20th A. D. (Branch 1)—Knickerbocker avenue and Harmon street. Alex Fraser and Mrs. M. M. Fraser.

20th A. D. (Branch 2)—Central avenue and Madison street. D. Oshinsky, S. M. White and L. Baker.

21st A. D. (Branch 1)—Bushwick avenue and Morrell street. D. Oshinsky and M. Goldberg.

Bakers' Meetings—Tompkins avenue and Stockton street. J. A. Well and M. S. Kerrigan.

THURSDAY, JULY 7.

23d A. D. (Branch 4)—Pennsylvania and Sutter avenues. S. M. White and J. A. Behringer.

Bakers' Meetings—Central avenue and Hancock street. Alex Fraser and Mrs. B. M. Fraser.

FRIDAY, JULY 8.

9th A. D. (Branch 2)—Fifth avenue and 54th street. Alex Fraser and Mrs. B. M. Fraser.

14th A. D.—Grand and Berry streets. S. M. White and J. A. Well.

21st A. D. (Branch 1)—Boerum and Lorimer streets. Speakers to be announced at meeting.

23d A. D. (Branch 2)—Pitkin avenue and Ogborn street. L. Baker and M. S. Kerrigan.

SATURDAY, JULY 9.

11th A. D.—Bedford avenue and Monroe street. B. A. Rosenfeld and M. S. Kerrigan.

18th A. D.—Flatbush and Tilden avenues. W. W. Passage and Wm. Mackenzie.

21st A. D.—Manhattan avenue and Broadway. Speakers to be announced at meeting.

21st A. D. (Branch 2)—Manhattan avenue and Stage street. J. C. Lipes and John Roberts.

Fort Green Park Plaza—Alex Fraser, Mrs. B. M. Fraser and Henry T. Jones.

Bakers' Meetings, 1 o'clock. P. M.—Bridge and Fulton streets. J. A. Behringer, W. W. Passage and M. S. Kerrigan.

NEW YORK STATE COMMITTEE.

The state committee meeting scheduled to take place in Schenectady, Monday, June 27, convened in Hibernian Hall, Exchange building, on Monday, June 27, at 10 a.m. Julius Gerber, of Kings county, was elected as chairman, and Alhart Pauley as secretary.

The following order of business was adopted: Report of state committeemen. Organization.

Agitation. Amendments to the state constitution. Election of state secretary. Selection of a place for the next meeting of the committee. Unfinished business. New business. Adjournment.

AGITATION.

After the adoption of the order of business, as given above, it was decided that the committee shall hold two sessions with one hour intermission for lunch, so that all the important business may be disposed of, and an opportunity given to the members to leave for their homes.

The reports of the various committeemen contained much of encouragement, and showed to what extent the movement progressed during the last two years. Each committeeman, as his name was called, reported in detail about the progress and needs of the party organization in his respective county. The reports were of a nature as to give new impetus to those who for years have borne the brunt of the work. Especially encouraging were the reports from some of the counties organized during the last two years. While it may be advisable to give a complete brief report of the status of the organization in each county, the desire to make the minutes as concise as could be under the circumstances, compel us to record only such reports which contained news of greater interest.

There were thirty-seven committeemen present, representing thirty-four counties; eight other committeemen, while present at the state convention, were compelled, on account of other pressing business, to be absent from the committee meeting.

State Committeeman Dwyer, of Albany county, reported about steps taken to perfect the organization of a county committee. There are at present three locals in the county, and a German branch in Albany. The county organization approved the action of the state secretary in the matter of issuing a charter to the German branch in Albany, and conducting correspondence direct with the branch. There seems to be a need for a French and Italian organizer, and recommends that the committee make arrangements to supply such organizers. The counties of Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady, have formed a district organization, and have selected Comrade W. B. Corbin, of Troy, as district organizer, to be placed in the field at once, and to devote his entire time to the needs of the organization in the three counties named.

Committeeman Allen of Broome county requested assistance from the committee to organize some of the industrial towns in the county, especially that an organizer be assigned there for a few weeks, the field being ripe and good results can be achieved.

Committeeman Squier of Chautauqua county gave a very encouraging report. All indoor meetings are held in the City Hall, which is supplied to the local free; the local is working in co-operation with the labor organizations, have established a card index to keep a record of all the socialist voters and sympathizers, especially in farming communities, and will devote most of his energies to a more systematic distribution of literature.

Schefer of Dutchess and Aldrich of Chenung, reported that the organization in the respective counties is making slow but steady progress. In Dutchess county, Wappingers' Falls, offers a good field for a local organization; there exists at present there a strong and prosperous co-operative store, and steps are now being taken to organize a local of the party there.

Committeeman Ball of Erie reported in detail about the difficulties which in the past confronted the county organization, but which are now overcome. The organization in Buffalo is steadily growing, it has permanent headquarters on Main street, and maintains a paid secretary. The Comrades, while divided on the question of unionism, are working harmoniously together for the progress of the movement and the organization in Erie county bids fair to show substantial progress in the immediate future. The Buffalo local sells on an average about \$35 worth of literature each week.

Mansell of Fulton county reported

that the Haywood meeting in Gloversville and the Debs meeting in Johnstown have done much to solidify the movement in the county with the result that the party organization there is in a better condition than it ever was before.

The delegates from Kings county reported that they were instructed to ask the committee to cancel local King's indebtedness to the committee of \$200, and to provide for uniform transfer blanks for the entire state organization. Both requests were approved; the cancellation of the \$200 debt met without any objection, especially in view of the assurance given that this year Kings county will be more punctual in paying to the committee its share on the campaign fund.

Steiner of Monroe county reported that the comrades in the county are laying more stress on a distribution of literature; the local distributed 12,000 Calls and over 80,000 leaflets during the last two months. Have good prospects to organize a local in East Rochester.

Wright of Ontario and Wiener of Tompkins as well as Fero of Orange had somewhat identical reports to make. The organization, however, is not strong numerically, and it needs all the assistance the committee could give them. Encouraging reports were also given by Krusker of Queens, Phoenix of Rensselaer, Feuerstein of Richmond, Sauter of Rockland, Hunt of Schenectady, Grausalko of Suffolk, Bennetts of Westchester, Weaver of Warren, Cote of Washington and Hansen of Yates.

AGITATION.

Under this heading an interesting discussion took place on the best methods of agitation. While it was generally understood that more stress should be put on literature, at the same time, it was also agreed upon that good speakers and organizers can do effective work and that under the circumstances both literature and speakers can be used during the coming campaign.

It was decided that the executive committee be instructed to prepare leaflets especially suited for distribution among farmers.

In places where Comrades are afraid to distribute leaflets for fear of losing their jobs a system be devised to enlist the co-operation of Comrades in neighboring towns.

That the executive committee be directed to look into the political situation as it exists at present in Schenectady, Auburn, Rochester and Syracuse, and if found advisable, render all possible financial and other assistance to the locals in those places, the prospects being good of electing a number of men to office there.

That public forums be formed in places where our agitation work meets with difficulties, such forums to work under the supervision of the local organizations.

That the state executive committee be directed to send through the state a competent woman organizer and speaker.

That the publication of a monthly bulletin for agitation purposes be approved; also that Frank Bohn, be empowered to edit same in conjunction with the state secretary.

That leaflets in foreign languages be provided; also that German, Italian and other organizers in foreign languages be sent through the state at the expense of the state committee.

Organization.

The state secretary was instructed to encourage the formation of county committees as provided in the state constitution in all counties composed of at least two locals.

That in addition to the regular district organization, the state executive committee be directed to appoint a number of assistant organizers for the rural districts, the work of these organizers to consist in visiting sympathizers, readers of socialist papers, sell literature, and secure names and addresses of prospective Comrades and assist in preparing the work for the holding of meetings with speakers to be supplied by the committee.

At this juncture, the regular order of business was suspended, as the committeemen desired to hear a report on the condition of The Call and what assistance the state committee could render in promoting the welfare of the paper. The report was given by Comrade Solomon, in the absence of the board member Paulitsch, who reported that considerable improvements were made in the publication of The Call, the weekly deficit is constantly reduced, the indebtedness had been cut down to more than one-half of what it was three months ago, that the paper is improved editorially and in the news, that the number of subscribers is increasing, and that in such proportion as would be desired. He complained that the up-State Comrades are not giving sufficient support to the paper in the way of increasing its circulation and making the getting of subscribers a part of the local work. The report was very gratifying to the committee and the Comrades pledged themselves to do all that may be possible to increase the circulation of the paper.

The state secretary was instructed to prepare new report blanks for the locals.

Election of State Secretary.

The only nomination presented for the office of state secretary was that of U. Solomon, of New York, who was unanimously re-elected state secretary for the period of one year and he was given power to engage whatever assistants he may need for the proper conduct of the office.

The state committee also tendered a vote of thanks to Comrade Solomon for his services to the state movement during the last four years, while serving the movement in the capacity of state secretary and financial secretary of the state committee.

Amendments to the State Constitution.

It was decided to recommend an amendment to the constitution which shall provide that the platform committee and all other important committees be elected by the state committee at its meeting previous to the state convention, that all committees render reports through the action of the party not later than two months prior to the date of the state convention.

Next Committee Meeting at Syracuse. Auburn, Poughkeepsie, Syracuse, and Schenectady were nominated as the place for the next meeting of the state committee.

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