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Employed Every Means to Bring About Monopoly.

NO UNION LABOR Roosevelt Scored for Role in T. C. & I. "Purchase."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The Stanley committee, which has been investigating the United States Steel Corporation for the past fifteen months, presented its report to the House of Representatives today. All the Democrats on the committee signed it. Of the four Republicans, two agreed in one complete report and each of the others signed a minority finding.

FINES REMITTED TO SOCIALIST ORATORS

Judge's Decision Proves Victory for "Reds" Fighting for Free Speech at Guttenberg, N. J.

SOCIALISTS NOT A "PRINCIPAL" PARTY

So Their Newspapers Are Not Entitled to Election Advertising.

ALBANY, Aug. 2.—Attorney General Carmody, in an opinion rendered today, holds that the fact that the Socialist party elected a member of the Assembly and Superintendent of the Poor in Schenectady County in 1911 does not make that party one of the principal parties in the eyes of the law.

U. S. GUNBOATS KEEP TABS ON NICARAGUA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The gunboat Tacoma was this afternoon ordered to proceed at once to Bluefields, Nicaragua, on the request of the State Department, owing to the revolution which General Menzies, former Minister of War, is attempting to carry out.

SENATE WILL EXTEND THE MONROE DOCTRINE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—By a vote of 51 to 4 the Senate today adopted the Lodge resolution, reported on Wednesday from the Foreign Relations Committee and aimed to give warning to foreign nations to keep their hands off strategic points on the Western Hemisphere.

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First Report of American Representative There Confirms Earlier Stories.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—That a labor system amounting to peonage now prevails in the rubber districts of the Putumayo is the substance of a report received at the State Department today from Stewart Fuller, United States Consul at Iquitos, Peru. Fuller was appointed to this post for the purpose of making an investigation into the conditions of the Putumayo district following the disclosures in regard to the atrocities committed against Indians by agents of a British rubber company.

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This preliminary report of Consul Fuller makes it clear beyond doubt that the Indians of the rubber districts have been made the victims of a system of enforced labor which is similar in its operation to systems found in other Latin-American countries.

PRISONERS SAY THEY PAID TO BE RELEASED

Walking into his former lawyer's office yesterday, three months in advance of the time he and two companions were legally supposed to be free of a six months' sentence in the workhouse, Nicola Giglio expressed in anticipation of the fact that he was to be released.

JUDGE AND LAWYER FIGHT OVER MEX THUGS

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 2.—An argument over receivership proceedings of the New River Coal Company led to a personal encounter last night between two Republicans of State-wide prominence, Circuit Judge W. B. Bennett and C. W. Dillon, recently defeated for the Republican nomination for Governor.

FIND SIX GUILTY IN FREE SPEECH FIGHT AT SAN DIEGO, CAL.

Convicted of Conspiring to Violate Traffic Ordinance.

EIGHT DISCHARGED

Judge Shows Prejudice Throughout Trial—"Vigilantes" Rejoice at Victory.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Aug. 2.—The trial of the fourteen advocates of free speech, nearly all of whom have been lying in the County Jail for the past six months, ended last night with the compromise verdict of six guilty. They were convicted of "conspiring to violate the traffic ordinance of the city."

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Arrests of Suspects Looked For Before End of Day.

GANG GREET'S LEWIS

Charged With Shooting of Rosenthal, "Whitey" Appears Unconcerned.

"Twenty Central Office men and a force of Deputy Sheriffs gave Gyp the Blood and Lefty Louis surrounded in their hiding place in the Catskills. The gunmen are under cover less than 100 miles from New York. We believe that they will be under arrest by Saturday night."

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FOSDICK MAY HELP PROBE POLICE GRAFT

District Attorney Whitman Likely to Have Expert Aid in Investigation.

Since Commissioner of Accounts Raymond B. Fosdick resigned his place in the city administration, the resignation to take effect on September 1 there have been numerous rumors that he was to succeed Rhinelandt Waldo as Police Commissioner.

Commissioner Fosdick has stated his reason for resigning as the offer of the vice presidency and treasurership of the Losier Automobile Company, of Detroit, a position which he has accepted, and both his letters of resignation and the letter of Mayor Gaynor accepting the resignation were written in pleasant tone.

The rumor that Fosdick may assist District Attorney Whitman in his present investigation has become so persistent that it is of interest to note what work the Commissioner of Accounts has done in the direction of the police as a criterion of what his activities, if he should take the field under Whitman, would develop.

When John Purroy Mitchell, now President of the Board of Aldermen, was Commissioner of Accounts, Fosdick, as an assistant to Mitchell, took an active part in the cleanup of Coney Island, which resulted in various changes in the Police Department.

"Chris O'Donnell" on the Job. "Chris O'Donnell" figured in this report and the interest of the report centered around this rather euphonious name.

Lieut. Charles Becker sent down word from his cell in the Tombs yesterday afternoon that he had nothing to say. His only callers were his wife and brother, Lieut. John Becker, who visited him in the morning.

KID M'COY STILL IN JAIL. LONDON, Aug. 2.—Kid McCoy, who is accused of being implicated in a big theft in Belgium, was admitted to \$15,000 bail today.

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the uniformed force of the Police Department retired in that year were required under clauses of the charter making the retirement discretionary with the Police Commissioner.

The results of the Commissioner's findings he summed up as follows: "The facts above cited cannot but lead to the opinion that there has existed an organized effort to graft upon pension applicants, upon the part of unknown persons who seem to have access to the records of the Surgical Bureau."

Since the recent investigation by District Attorney Whitman was begun, rumors that the Commissioner of Accounts has in his possession information regarding other forms of police graft besides those mentioned in his recent report on the Board of Surveys have been persistent, but Fosdick had steadily declined to verify or deny them.

Two alleged gunmen were arraigned before Coroner Hellenstein yesterday for the killing of Michael Collins on July 8 at 52d street and Eleventh avenue.

When Assistant District Attorney Breckenridge called upon the girl again to identify O'Leary, the accused man watched her.

"No, that's not him," she said. "I ain't never seen him before."

There was nothing for the Coroner to do but order a discharge.

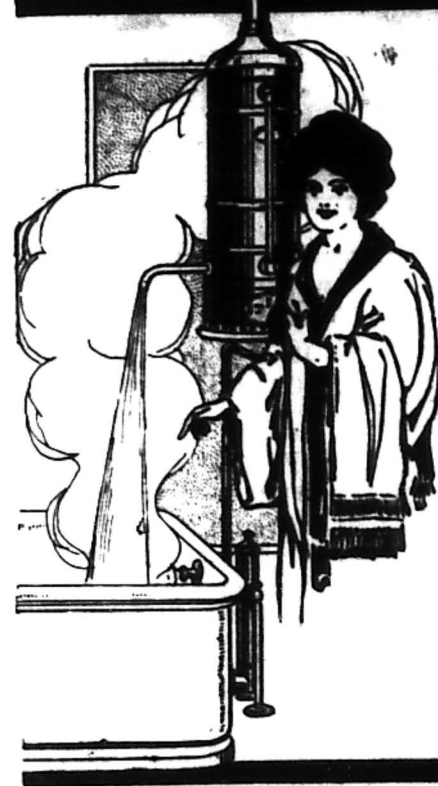
Detectives Fitzpatrick and Karr, who had made the arrest and taken the statement of the girl, saw smiles on the faces of Cornelius Golden and Daniel O'Leary, the suspects.

"Your honor," said Karr, "may I request that the defendants be taken from the room and this girl left to answer a single question?"

The Coroner directed that Golden and O'Leary be taken outside.

"Now," said Karr to the girl, "didn't you tell me the truth that other time?"

"Yes, it was him," she admitted. "But I was afraid to tell when they were here."



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The report begins by describing conditions as they were previous to the time that the Federal Steel Company—a Morgan organization—planned to make itself independent of the Carnegie Steel Company for its raw materials.

The report makes much of the fact that the syndicate which, it says, was forced to sell out its holdings of T. C. & I., was composed of men whose idea was developing, not exploiting, the steel industry, as evidenced by the fact that not only a single dollar was ever paid to the syndicate or any individual in it for promoting the scheme or underwriting its securities.

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As to the daily lives and conditions of living these laborers," continues the report, "... the testimony certainly shows conditions undesirable and far below what is ordinarily understood to be the American standard of living among laborers in our country.

The matter of the ownership of common carriers is taken up at great length. Through the ownership of railroads which must be used by many of its competitors to transport their ore the Steel Corporation enjoys, it is concluded, an unfair advantage, equal in terms of money to as much as the margin of profit of some of the independent companies.

The contributions of the corporation to the Republican party's campaign fund in 1904 and its aid in furthering the circulation of a book supporting high tariff laws are set forth in detail and there is published the Republican National Committee's receipt for \$10,000 from the United States Steel Corporation in the campaign of 1904.

The Tennessee Coal and Iron Company purchase testimony is voluminous, but practically all of it has already been printed in the newspapers. The committee takes the stand that President Roosevelt was "deluded" by Judge Gary and others into the belief that the only way to prevent a financial calamity in New York was to allow the Steel Corporation to take over the Tennessee property without fear of prosecution.

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MEAT SELLING AT RECORD HIGH PRICES

Unusually "Reasons" Given for Advance—Restaurants Boost Tax on Steak.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—The warning is given to consumers after the "dissolution" of the Meat Trust, that the price of meat would be higher, has been fulfilled, and today beef, at the local market, was sold at the highest prices ever attained here, the figures representing a new world's record for the price of beef.

The following table, compiled from figures obtained from several dealers, shows the tendency of retail meat prices which the consumer pays:

Table with columns for item (Pork chops, Beef, etc.) and price (Yesterday, Today).

These prices, according to the dealers, have been reached by a steady climb. The following reasons for the unprecedented meat prices are given by President Jones of the National Live Stock Association, due to immigration, crowding of people into the cities; opening of Congress of Western breeding and grazing lands; abandonment of cattle raising in corn growing states, and the selling of calves for slaughter by dairy men.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—That the present high price of beef is not due to lack of cattle raising, is the statement of Dr. A. E. Melvin, chief of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, today. Dr. Melvin attributes the scarcity of cattle to numerous droughts in the Southwest, especially Texas and Arizona, and also to the increased activities in the grain producing sections. He said that, although statistics showed that less cattle was killed this year than previously, he could not attribute the high price of beef solely to the scarcity of cattle raising.

The company that runs the chain of restaurants in this city popularly known as the "cafes des Enfants" has notified the managers of its eating places that on and after today the price of steaks and steamed hash will be increased 5 cents on the bill of fare. The price of fish cakes will also be raised 5 cents.

"We were obliged to increase the restaurant price of steaks and steamed hash," said H. T. Striker, superintendent of the company, "owing to the steady advance in the price of beef. Today we pay twice as much for meat as we did three years ago."

"As for the fish cakes," continued Striker, "we are going to charge more for them, but we are going to make them bigger. It is simply a case of changing the style. The price of everything else on the bill of fare will remain the same."



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rise in prices of meat. This week the price of beef has jumped from a cent to a cent and a half a pound, and the cost of other meats has increased proportionately.

Under the direction of Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the Housewives' League, a truck market was opened under the first arch of the Queensboro Bridge yesterday morning.

The league's object is to persuade farmers to sell directly to the small consumers and thus cut down high prices, by abolishing all sorts of middlemen's profits. To the league's new market four Long Island farmers brought in several truck loads of produce yesterday, under the leadership of William Zeller, of Spring Valley.

The truck market will be open only on Tuesdays and Fridays at first. After the plan is well on its feet the market will stay open all week. The experiment in farm produce was tried on the strength of the success of the Housewives' League's fish market, which was begun a month ago, and the same day. Within another fortnight the league will start a butter and egg market in conjunction with the other two.

When the Queensboro market is well established, markets will be begun in other sections of the city.

TITANIC OFFICER'S BODY FOUND

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 2.—The body of W. F. Chiverton, the chief steward of the ill-fated steamship Titanic, was found on June 8 in latitude 49.06 north, longitude 42.51 west by the British steamship Ilford while she was bound from Galveston to Hamburg. The finding of the body was reported here today by the chief officer of the Ilford, which arrived in this port yesterday. The body was badly decomposed. It was buried at sea.

It is filled with good, short, snappy campaign material, just the thing to stir thought, set you working at a swifter pace for Socialism, or arouse in the new reader a desire to begin work for Socialism.

FIRE OF REVOLUTION FLAMING IN TEXAS

But It Is the Socialist Brand at the Big Encampments.

By J. L. ENGBAHL. (Correspondence to The Call.) GAINESVILLE, Tex., July 30.—The camp fires of the social revolution are burning these nights all over Texas. There will be no bitter clash of arms or shedding of blood on the morrow. These camp fires mark the meeting places of the farmers where the big questions of the day are discussed by able speakers and the exploited agriculturist and his family try to find some way to escape from their slavery.

It is estimated that there are 100 such meetings—Socialist encampments they are called—now being held in all parts of Texas. The first meeting addressed by Vice Presidential Candidate Emil Seidel, of the Socialist party, was such an encampment on the outskirts of this city in Northern Texas.

This encampment was held in a beautiful grove bordering a stream within walking distance of the center of town. The farmers come overland in their prairie schooners, five, ten, fifteen, twenty, sometimes as many as fifty miles, for Texas is a big State, and the distances are great. This encampment lasted for five days, the farmers living in their wagons, sleeping in them at night with their families, preparing their meals over camp fires beside them, listening to Socialist speeches and enjoying a leisurely day.

It is always planned to have speaking in the afternoon and the evening. The biggest crowds, however, turn out at night, when the city workers join the farmers. If the children are tired after a long day they curl up on the ground between the benches and go to sleep while the father and mother and the grown-ups listen to what is said.

One big trouble has been to get competent Socialist speakers, capable of handling the conditions that confront the farmers, thus touching the daily problems that confront them. One of the persistent agitators among the farmers of the Southwest is Oscar Ameringer, well known to the American Socialist movement, and now candidate for Congress from his district in Oklahoma.

Ameringer has spent the entire period of five days at the Gainesville encampment here and has stirred the farmers by his discussion of the land question. "Sometimes these encampments are attended by many thousands," declared Ameringer, after he had made large numbers of the campers personally acquainted with the Socialist Vice Presidential candidate.

"They cover as much as thirty and forty acres, the wagons standing close together, so that when the camp fires are burning in the evening it makes an inspiring sight."

The first Socialist to greet Vice Presidential Candidate Seidel on his arrival here was a farmer who claimed title to 40 acres of land. He came to this State forty-two years ago, when the open plain was the only sight that greeted the eye.

KEYMEN'S LOCALS OUT FOR "LIBERTY DAY"

President S. J. Koenkamp, of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, reported last evening that the locals of the union in Richmond, Va., Baltimore and Butts had each notified him yesterday morning that they had agreed to take a referendum vote on the proposition of the New York local to make August 15 a "Liberty Day" for the telegraphers throughout the United States, when they will hold union meetings in every town and city to protest against the alleged discharging of telegraphers by the Western Union Telegraph Company when they join the union.

A similar movement in another form, the national strike of the telegraphers took place that year under the auspices of the union. The movement took the form of the union telegraphers going to work in all the offices and stations in all the cities and towns, each wearing a union button displayed prominently.

The strike of the telegraphers took place on August 9, 1907, and was precipitated in this city by some one getting into the main office of the Western Union Company and blowing a whistle, the telegraphers stampeding from the building after they had decided at a meeting on the previous day not to strike and their officers had accepted a proposition of the company.

NEWPORT SUFFRAGISTS AFTER WORKING GIRLS. NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 2.—Mrs. O. H. Belmont, together with the officers and members of the Newport County Suffragette League, are to make an effort to increase the interest in the suffrage movement among the young women who are employed during the daytime and are therefore unable to attend the weekly afternoon meetings of the league.

The plan is to hold open air evening meetings in the parks for the young girls and other interested, and these meetings will be addressed by prominent women speakers.

The afternoon meetings in the future will be held at the homes of various women members here because at the league headquarters there is not much room and the noise of the crane outside disturbs the speakers.

Mrs. Belmont's enterprise is well known today, is receiving plenty of financial support from women whose names are withheld and the league headquarters are to be kept open indefinitely.

NEWARK STRIKERS ARE HELD FOR HEARING. Three striking drivers, accused of stopping William Plazier, a Congress detective, during a riot in Bank street, were arraigned before Judge Herr in the 4th Precinct Police Court, Newark, N. J., yesterday.

Plazier, who was hit on the stomach and jaw by bricks and stones, could not appear against them and the case was set for next Tuesday.

NIGHT COURT JUSTICE FOR SIX FUR STRIKERS

Five Fined \$3 Each—Five Days in Workhouse for Mother of Child.

The cases of six girl strikers were "disposed of" in the Women's Night Court before Magistrate Herbert last night. Five of them, who were arrested in the neighborhood of the fur store at 11 Jackel & Sons, 16 West 23d street, were charged with having shot a scab at strikebreakers as they were leaving the Jackel shop and with having attempted, and in some cases succeeded, in "placing their hands" on the strikebreakers.

In spite of the fact that the only "evidence" which was adduced against them came from a policeman and Nathan Axed, a "private detective" who lives at 113 West 116th street, Magistrate Herbert fined them \$3 each for "disorderly conduct" tending to a breach of the peace.

The girls stoutly maintained that they were doing picket duty, and that they did not molest anybody. But on the contradictory and palpably false testimony of the policeman and the private detective, who was identified by a lawyer in the courtroom as a professional "strong arm" man, "Justice" was dealt out to the strikers to the tune of \$3 apiece.

The girls, who were represented by Henry M. Fertig, of 277 Broadway; Mrs. Mary Spisak, 435 East 15th street; Lena Petze, 560 East Houston street; Gustie Hoffman, 51 East 4th street; Mary Michel, 16 Rutgers street, and Sophie Ulanoff, 261 Monroe street.

Mrs. Mary Licht, of 18 First avenue, who is a fur striker, was charged with having assaulted Mrs. Bowen, a furwoman in the employ of the Jackel concern. Mrs. Licht was sentenced to serve five days in the workhouse. Her attorney, Henry M. Fertig, appealed to the court for leniency, in view of the fact that Mrs. Licht is the mother of a child who needs her care. But Magistrate Herbert, not to be dissuaded from the course of "justice," said something about the spread of "violence" and waived the lawyer aside.

Six Cases Up Today. The following cases, in which the defendants fur strikers are charged with "disorderly conduct," and in which each of them have given \$500 bail, will be heard in the 57th street court today: Bessie Gottfried, 214 East 10th street; Rosie Cotter, 528 East 11th street; Dora Friedman, 45 East 99th street; Becks Meckanich, 523 East 12th street, and Pauline Walker, 254 East 14th street.

The case of Barbara Valholyk, charged with striking an officer in the fur store with a horsehair which she is alleged to have kept concealed about her person, will also be tried.

Having failed to break the strike through the employment of strikebreakers and thugs, the fur manufacturers have now resorted to the spreading of lies among the strikers for the purpose of disrupting their ranks. One of the latest yarns spread by the manufacturers is to the effect that the Strike Committee had sold out the strikers, and that several of its members were being fined and wined by the manufacturers and were no longer concerned with the struggle of the workers.

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PLAN HOT CAMPAIGN TO SEND BARNET WOLF TO CONGRESS

Final plans for the opening of the Congressional campaign in East New York, where Barnet Wolf is the candidate for Congress, were outlined at a well attended meeting of the campaign committee held at the headquarters of the Brownsville Branch of the Socialist party, 1791 Pitkin avenue, Brooklyn.

Great enthusiasm was displayed at the meeting and all the members pledged themselves to do everything to see to it that Barnet Wolf goes to Washington to represent Brownsville in Congress.

Though the campaign has only just started, it was reported at the meeting that several hundred dollars had already been raised, with prospects for getting sufficient funds to carry on a hot campaign.

The candidate for Assembly from the 23d Assembly District is Charles Vanderporten, a veteran in the Socialist movement and a well known orator. Both Wolf and Vanderporten promise to make things hot for the old party politicians.

The nominations of Wolf and Vanderporten has been the talk of the district during the past few days, and it has set the politicians guessing. Wolf ran for Congress in 1910 and polled more than 4,500 votes, and it is expected that he will carry the



BARNET WOLF.

district this year, especially as the Bull Moose will have a candidate in the field who will draw votes from the dominant party, the Republican.

him that they would not accept bail from a firm that hired men to beat up pickets, and that they would rather stay in jail than accept his bail.

"We have a union, and if the union can't get us out we will stay here, but we don't want you to bail us out," was the statement made to Albert.

Cop Gets His-Foot in It. An attempt of cops to arrest three strikers on picket duty near Fresh-tad's fur establishment, on West 23th street, was frustrated yesterday when J. Hart, a real estate man, of Nassau street, who happened to be an eye witness to the arrest, threatened to take the case to the Mayor if the cop insisted on arresting the strikers.

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BOY SCOUTS ALLOWED TO LAND. HAMBURG, Aug. 2.—The Boy Scouts from Leith, Scotland, who came here on the Coblenz to return the visit of the German boys, were allowed to land, despite rumors that they might be stopped because of some technicality.

SMELTER MEN ACCEPT RAISE. BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 2.—The smelter men of the Anaconda and Great Falls have voted to accept an offer of the Anaconda of a new wage scale of 25 cents more a day while copper is 15 cents and a 30 cent increase on 17 cent copper. The joint vote of the men at the two smelters was 844 in favor of acceptance and 525 against it. The unions had demanded a straight increase of 50 cents a day.

ESSEX SOCIALISTS TO MEET. All members of the Socialist party of Essex County, N. J., are urged to attend the meeting of Local Essex County, to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at 124 Market street, Newark. The meeting will be held for the purpose of selecting candidates to represent the party on the ticket at the coming primaries and elections.

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"DEMAGOGUES" AS THE CAUSE OF SOCIAL UNREST

"Demagogues have seized the opportunity further to inflame the public mind and have sought to turn the peculiar conditions to their advantage."

Thus President Taft, in his nomination acceptance address, gives his explanation of the present day social and political unrest.

We thank whatever gods there be for teaching Taft these words. They must be the gods who are said to fight in vain against stupidity.

Of these "demagogues" Roosevelt is now the most prominent in the alleged mind of Taft.

When Roosevelt was in the Presidential chair Taft certainly did not regard him as a demagogue. On the contrary, he gave his utmost energy to carrying out the Roosevelt policies.

Many other capitalists and capitalist politicians, however, did regard Roosevelt as a demagogue at that time, and congratulated themselves and the nation when he was succeeded by the "safe, sane and conservative" Taft. They conveniently overlooked the fact that Taft was practically placed in the Presidential chair by the direct influence of his demagogical predecessor.

And after four years the mischievous influence of this demagogue, despite all optimistic prognostications, has increased tenfold. Like the devil of Scripture, who was ousted from his location, he returns with seven other devils, all worse than himself.

The supposition that the "peculiar conditions" alluded to would disappear when the dead weight of a large, fat, somnolent Presidential person was hung on the safety valve has proven unfounded.

The "peculiar conditions," which are really the revolutionary rumblings of the steam within the almost worn out capitalist boiler, in stead of lessening in pressure are ever increasing and threatening explosion.

He is right. And good reason he has to fear it. He is only mistaken in identifying Roosevelt as the cause of it, though the mistake is natural enough.

Roosevelt for years swaggered around as the self-appointed destroyer of Socialism, and no doubt Taft, as his political satellite, believed that he had such power. And now the opposite conclusion is easily reached that if Roosevelt had the power to destroy Socialism he has the power to create it.

The "dissolution of the trusts" which has taken place under the Taft regime, and which that gentleman looks upon as the most meritorious action of his Presidential career, is a "forced division of property," but it isn't Socialism by a long shot.

On the contrary, capitalism has found a method to utilize the "forcible division" to intensify exploitation and increase that "ill-gotten wealth" which has been concentrating in some undeserving hands.

And in the meantime Socialism grows, and social evolution uses both Taft and Roosevelt as its unconscious tools in aiding that growth, while the Socialists look on and laugh and help the good work along.

UTOPIAN JOURNALISM Perhaps the most difficult thing in the world is to convince the man with a "plan," that seems to him most feasible, that there may be other reasons more difficult to see which really make it impracticable.

The utopian Socialist, St. Simon, had such a plan for the reconstruction of society and such implicit faith in it that he waited every day at a certain street corner for some multimillionaire, to whom he had sent his proposed scheme, to come along and hand him 5,000,000 francs for the purpose of starting the reconstruction.

And here we have at the recent National Newspaper Conference at Madison, Wis., Mr. Hamilton Holt, reading a long paper calling on wealthy men for \$5,000,000 to start an "endowed" journal which will be absolutely independent in its utterances.

There is nothing whatever in the law to prevent such endowment, but nevertheless it will never materialize, for there is no such journal and never will be. Absolute independence of utterance in any kind of an endowed paper is impossible.

Universities are "endowed" in this way, but the teaching that is given in them is by no means independent. Rockefeller has given millions in endowments to universities, and the country is swarming with professors who have resigned from or been discharged from them because of their utterances.

There are "endowed" newspapers, too, but they are not called by that term. They are described as "subsidized" instead. And the people who subsidize them always take care to do it in as secret a manner as possible, and will always deny the fact if they can get away with it.

What Mr. Holt really wants is some millionaire to give the money so that some journalist may have the opportunity to express himself independently without regard to the opinions of anybody else. But there isn't anything in that for the millionaire. No object; no incentive.

From the millionaire's point of view, it isn't a business proposition. When a millionaire gives money to a project of that kind he naturally expects the money to talk for him, and to say what he wants said, and keep silent on what he doesn't want to have said.

For, as the old saying has it, "He who eateth another's bread must do that other's will."

JEAN JACQUES ROUSSEAU

By E. BELFORT BAX, in the British Socialist.

The eighteenth century was one of great activity in all directions, and was prolific in writers who may be regarded as protagonists of nineteenth century thought. But of the writers of the eighteenth century there are two who above all others were instrumental in molding its thought and forming its public opinion...

Of his writings, his prize essay, "A Discourse on the Arts and Sciences," published in 1749, was the one that laid the foundation of his fame. The somewhat artificial attack upon civilization and intellectual culture caught on at once and made him a hero in the mid-eighteenth century.

The theory, however, was not original to Rousseau as regards its fundamental conception of the basis of organized society being a contract entered into by mankind "once upon a time," since this had previously been enunciated by other writers, notably by Thomas Hobbes in the previous century, who made it the basis of his doctrine of absolute monarchy.

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become members, each in his own interest, of an organized society. The fundamental problem, of which the social contract gives the solution, is in the words of Rousseau, "to found a formal association which defends and protects with all the common force the person and the goods of each associate, in such a way that each, uniting himself to all, obeys nevertheless himself only and remains as free as he was before."

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BENEVOLENT HARRIS AND BLANCK

By MAX SHEPHERD.

Where is the "agitator" who proclaims from a soap box that the capitalists are devoid of feeling, sympathy and conscience?

Let him read this story and he will become convinced that a capitalist is just as humane as the average mortal. Let him realize his mistake in denouncing the capitalists as a band of heartless brutes. Here is a story that will convince the bitter enemy of the capitalists that even they are not without a spark of manhood...

Although the workers, as a customary with them, have long forgotten the horrors of that disaster, not so with Harris and Blanck.

The workers have forgotten it to such an extent that they are still willing to be locked up in worse fire traps than the Triangle was.

Notwithstanding the fact that they collected enough insurance to compensate them for their loss and were not even one cent out, the Triangle fire is ever before them.

Yes, Harris and Blanck are remorseful and conscience stricken. Many a sleepless night they spent contemplating how they could repay society (not the relatives of the victims).

It was even rumored about town that they contemplated a visit to the vicar of Christ at the Vatican and the great chief rabbi at Jerusalem to get them to intervene for them to Christ and Jehovah on their behalf.

But just in the nick of time a mir-

acle happened which saved Harris and Blanck the expensive trip and the tainting of these political consciences. The first news received of the miracle was seen in a globe article in last Saturday's Globe.

The story, accompanied by a photograph, tells of a new device which was invented by a West. The device, it is said, tended to make the reputation of the angle disaster next to impossible.

After going into a detailed description of the invention, the Globe concludes with the statement which proves that Harris and Blanck will now have an excellent opportunity to compensate society for the loss of the 147 girls.

Not only will they stand on newly laundered shirts but judgment seat in the Kingdom Come, but their efforts will be patented on this earth by the device accruing from the "patting" vice on the market.

Here is the conclusion of the article in the Globe:

The story of the preparation of introducing the life-saver in the Triangle is not without interest. The inventor, a capitalist in the West, was unable to get investors to finance his scheme, so he came to New York.

The result of their invention was a series of private trials in their own factory. These trials were so highly satisfactory that Harris and Blanck have patented the device and will proceed to make money from a patent for which they suffered, Harris and Blanck, make money from a patent for which they suffered.

The Express Monopoly—A Parasite

Government ownership of express companies is an imperative necessity as shown by the commission's ruling," argues Representative Lewis, co-author of the Goetz bill, to this end.

The commission's order is an argument for the bill, but the order does not reach the farmers, and cannot be made to do so. In any event, it will probably be held up for years in the courts.

Representative Lewis advances the only possible solution to the problem of "regulating" the express companies. Any attempt to temporize would undoubtedly be met by legal quibbles, continued subterfuge, flagrant mendacity and an all-out evasion of any or all rulings made with intent to curtail their piracy and wholesale pocket-picking.

Courts Owned by the Express Companies.

Wielding, as they do, an oligarchic power over the courts of the country, the legal "interpretation" of legislative enactments directed toward the "regulation" of charges, zones, etc., would prove a joy forever to the express barons.

The attempt to bring their business within the scope of honesty, fair dealing

and economic justice is tantamount to failure. We have had pitifully few examples of this abortive type of legislation since the passage of the Goetz bill, to this end.

The villains are still laughing at the fatuous audacity of their lawyers as to how it all happened. It is as if death and the tax-gatherer were some ridiculous ending to our tilting against the express wind of the lap of the Gods—duly sealed.

Purchase the express companies on the basis of their physical valuation, and then in the collective interests of the people instead of in the interests of a gang of buccannery.

With the abolition of private property, we shall have true socialism, individualism. Nobody will work in accumulating things, and the rarest thing in the world, Man, will exist, that is all—Wilde (The Man).

CHARITY AT HOME

By JOSEPH E. COHEN.

Judged by a number of political signs, Woodrow Wilson should be the next President of the United States.

No doubt Mr. Wilson, being a scholar as well as a politician, will do the best he can to cover all manner of public questions and dispose of them to the satisfaction of a plurality of the voters.

That is to say, he will by no means say the final word upon such vexatious problems as the tariff. One of the reasons he will not do so is that the tariff is a perpetual bone of contention among the very old members of the two old parties, and it would be nothing short of cruelty to deprive them of the sole consolation of their old age.

Over many questions Mr. Wilson may be expected to shed a great deal of words and a ray or so of light. These are such questions as are only beginnings of social reform benefiting the wage workers, questions of trying the farmers loose from under the heavy burdens of special privileged classes.

But these are only the odds and ends of the political puzzle, so to speak. They reach into the center of that puzzle very timidly, if at all, and are by no means the key to its solution.

And we think such men as Woodrow Wilson know that much, even if they are only feeling their way along to the intricacies of that puzzle.

The heart of the puzzle, of course, is: How to curb the power of the predators; interests: how to restore this government and this nation to the people who inhabit it.

That is to say, what are we to do with the trusts?

That is to say, even more emphatically, how is the business of the nation to be organized so as no longer to throw off poverty for the many as the main product, with towering prosperity for the idle few as the chief by-product?

The Socialist is abroad with the proposition that production can and should be so arranged that the by-products will be eliminated, or, what is another way of putting the same thing, turned to useful purposes.

But Mr. Wilson is too scholarly a gentleman to solve the political puzzle by inserting the Socialist key. He has too great a respect for ancient lore to drop the political economists of the fifteenth century in favor of such a modern as Karl Marx.

So the best we may expect from Mr. Wilson is some scheme of regulation of corporations whereby the State is given knowledge of the more or less nearly accurate facts of monopolized business so that it can exercise some sort of supervision.

tion, then all we can tell Mr. Wilson is that charity begins at home.

No State has made it easier for combinations of wealth to be formed, for wealth to be concentrated into fewer hands, for corporations to ride roughshod over the present form of the common people (as the cartoonist has pictured it) than Mr. Wilson's own State of New Jersey.

And Mr. Wilson has been Governor of the State of New Jersey. And Mr. Wilson has had a rare opportunity to show of what stuff he is made in the matter of government's exercising a strong arm over the corporations. And Mr. Wilson has done just exactly what a loyal tool of the corporations would have done in his place—absolutely nothing.

The only thing the strong arm of the State has been called into requisition has been when workmen have had the temerity to go out on strike against the exactions of the corporations.

And Mr. Wilson has acted toward labor just as any loyal tool of the corporations might have done.

All of which is as it should be, considering Mr. Wilson's politics. But let there be no misunderstanding about what the Democratic party will do to the ruling oligarchy of wealth should Mr. Wilson be President.

Mr. Wilson will do about what Mr. Taft has done. He may even aspire to do what Mr. Roosevelt has done or would do.

It is a beautiful game of hide and seek the old parties are playing, but the corporations are "it," and will remain IT so long as the old parties are in the game.

SHE DIDN'T LIKE TO TELL.

A colored woman of generous proportions was on the witness stand the other day and she made such a good witness for the plaintiff that the attorney for the defense planned to throw "cold water" on what she said by finding fault with her character.

"Let me see, you have been arrested, haven't you?" the attorney asked on cross-examination.

"Don't care to 'accuse that matter," she replied shortly.

"But you must answer the question," the attorney told her. "The law requires you to answer whether you care to or not."

THE STRIKER

They thought him wrong, the tools of vile oppression.

They cursed him for the strength that made him fight.

By callous means they conjured his suppression.

Nod nod nor man could make them see aright.

His body, soul and spirit they would torture.

From manhood they would starve him to a slave.

He stood, nor flinched amid oppression's nurture.

He kept his way, nor heeded how they rave.

They bought his brother to be his undoing.

The cringing sneak their mess of potage took.

His shrunken, miser soul itself pursuing; 'Neath Mammon's chains the wretch with terror shook.

With hellish wit they goaded him to riot,

And all the power of ill-made gain they brought.

To break his spirit, chafe his honor's quiet.

And when he murmured they would have him shot.

Pray God that Mammon's brood may yet learn reason.

Nor seek to mold humanity through But by raves.

Prove them be men, not profit-making knaves.

—J. M. P., in Maoriland Worker.

A SUGGESTION

Editor of The Call: During a conversation with Mr. R. C. Reagle, executive secretary of the Men's League for Woman Suffrage, recently, regarding the parade now being arranged by the league for next November, I made the suggestion, which was heartily approved by Mr. Reagle, that we try to organize a "bicycle squad" to take part in the parade.

SOCIALIST CANDIDATES

Table listing Socialist candidates for various states: NATIONAL (EUGENE V. DEBS, EMIL SEIDEL), NEW YORK (CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL, GUSTAVE STREBEL), MAINE (GEORGE ALLAN ENGLAND), NEW HAMPSHIRE (WILLIAM H. WILKINS), VERMONT (FRED W. SUITOR), MASSACHUSETTS (ROLAND D. SAWYER), RHODE ISLAND (SAMUEL H. FASSEL), CONNECTICUT (S. E. BERRY).