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REASON FOR YOUR STOMACH--LIES FOR YOUR MIND

The Condemner at Industry and What It Means to You--A Letter From the Author of "The Jungle" to the People of Chicago.

This particular appeal will have failed if it does not lead you to take the trouble to find out what Socialism really is; so that you may no longer be content to accept the ideas of it which have been taught you by the same power that refused to let you know about the Condemned Meat Industry in Chicago.

At the Mercy of the Packers.
You know there exists in this country a combination of packers which fixes the price of beef upon the hoof, and of dressed meat-products. You know that it has ruined the grazing industry in many states, and bankrupted whole communities. You know that it has put thousands of small dealers out of business; that by means of rebates and its private car-lines it exacts an enormous tribute from the whole country. You know that it has bribed legislatures and courts, and set the law at defiance; you know that it has stopped at nothing to achieve its ends; and you know that the cause of being is profit.

And here it never occurred to you to think what it means to leave your food supply in the hands of such an organization? You know about the prices which you pay; have you never thought about the quality of the food which you eat?

You know that meat is the most dangerous of foods; that it is liable to all sorts of disease, and that it spoils easily, and becomes filled with deadly poison. And you think that men who have been willing to levy tribute upon the food-supply of a nation in order to heap up their private fortunes would witness without a protest the destruction of all the hundreds of millions of pounds of diseased and tainted meat which come upon their hands? Do you think that men who would bribe a legislature would stop at selling a cheera hog? For the last two years I have been studying the thing which I have called the "Condemned Meat Industry." During part of that time I lived in Packingtown, and talked with the men, and saw with my own eyes the things that were done there. I talked with bosses and superintendents and federal inspectors; and from a thousand different sources and in a thousand different forms, I got proof of the fact that the Beef Trust is selling diseased meat to the American people.

I published some of these facts in my novel, "The Jungle," and a few weeks later the Chicago "Tribune" had a dispatch from Washington to the effect that President Roosevelt had ordered an investigation. I had convinced himself of the falsity of my charges, and intended to make me the center of his "Man with the Muck-rake" speech. This dispatch was false in almost every particular. I have seen the original copy of the "Tribune" dispatch, and the newspapers of Chicago, and by the whole country.

The burden of the "Tribune" dispatch was that the President had demanded evidence, and that I had not given any. I have seen the hour the President's commission was in Chicago, fairly swamped with evidence; and another batch of evidence was then on the presses of Everybody's Magazine, and was distributed in a few days.

It came out—and what happened? Up to that day every newspaper in Chicago had been printing glib paragraphs and sarcastic editorials; and then suddenly a silence fell.

Not a single newspaper in Chicago printed a line about "The Jungle" for several weeks after that article appeared! And to this day not a newspaper in Chicago has had one word to say about the "Condemned Meat Industry" printed in this issue of the Socialist. You may read it and make up your own minds about it.

what THIS means? It means that this place was found unfit to ship meat abroad, and accordingly was condemned to sell all its products to the people of Chicago!

If you will read my article on the Condemned Meat Industry, you will learn what this government inspection really is, and you will find extensive and detailed evidence concerning the working out of the law. You will find evidence to the effect that all diseased and tainted meat, and of the dyeing, adulterating, and embalming of meat-products. And this is not enough for you, you may turn to "The World's Work" for May, and you will find there further details of specific charges, upon the evidence of three expert witnesses of unimpeachable integrity, all backing me up at every point.

AND CONCERNING ALL THIS MASS OF INFORMATION, CHARGING AND PROVING SUCH CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC HEALTH, NOT ONE SINGLE NEWSPAPER IN CHICAGO HAD ONE SINGLE WORD TO SAY!

Do not make any mistake about it; do not let any one persuade you to think of it lightly. It means the very foundations of your liberty are being undermined, that the well-springs of the public conscience are being poisoned at the source.

Foundations of Liberty Undermined.

That the Beef Trust is able to regulate the price of your food, that is a little thing; you can change that when you make up your minds to do it. That it is able to supply poisoned food to thousands of your citizens, that is a little thing; for those who are left may be stirred up to punish the criminals, and to put an end forever to the crime. But that the Beef Trust is able to prevent you from finding out what it is doing to you—that it is able to control your sources of information and to strike you down in the dark—that it is able to keep you from knowing what is going on in the really serious thing, THAT IS THE CRIME OF CRIMES!

The very existence of this Republic depends upon a free press dependent upon respect for the truth and a sense of public obligation in those who control it. And the newspapers of Chicago, by their action in regard to these charges, stand self-confessed as lacking in that high integrity.

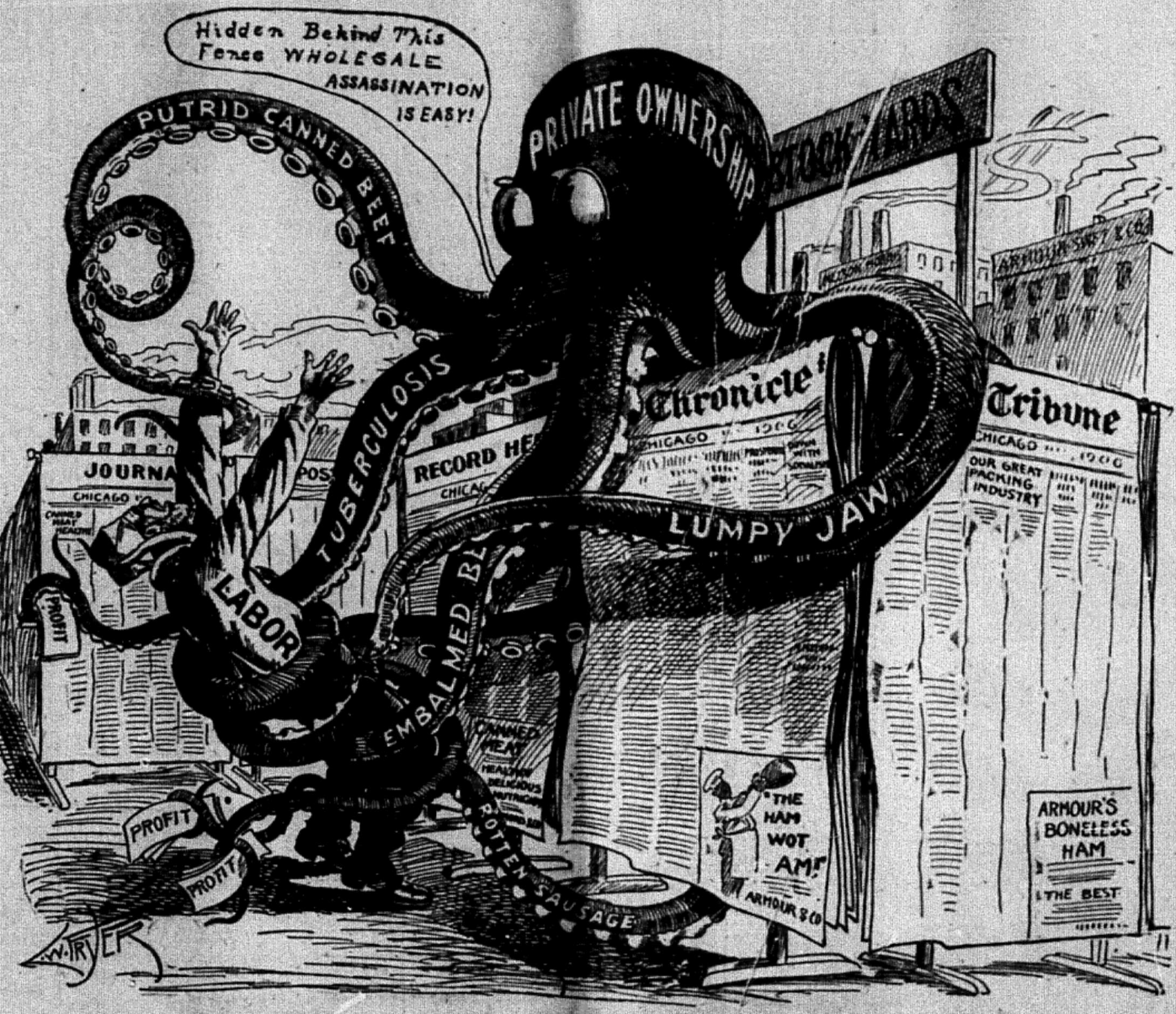
What It Means to People of Chicago.

PEOPLE OF CHICAGO, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU? It means that the commercial bandits of the Beef Trust are not content with filling your stomachs with poison, they are also filling your minds with lies. It means that they own not merely your bodies—your time, and your labor, and the contents of your pocket-book; it means that they own your souls!

It means that they are able to dictate what you shall think of them! That you are prevented from even desiring to interfere with their crimes. It means that when a man who spends two years of his life in making an exhaustive study of their methods, they are able to make you think of him as a scandal-monger—"half malicious and half insane," as one of them phrased it.

It means that they are able to influence the officials of your public library to have his book declared "indecent" and unfit for circulation!

It is not strange that "The Jungle" is to be found in thousands of libraries all over this country, and that only in the home of the Beef Trust has it been found to be indecent.



The Fence that Screened the Rotten Meat Industry.

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IT MEANS That when a man who cares for nothing on God's earth but truth, spends two years of his life in making an exhaustive study of their methods, they are able to make you think of him as a scandal-monger—"half malicious and half insane," as one of them phrased it.

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—Excerpt from body of article.

Informed by its editor that a representative of Armour & Co. was in the next room. When he refused to see the representative, the editor argued with him for at least half an hour, pointing out the folly of his course and the tremendous opportunity which he was throwing away.

And this same newspaper editor who tried to bribe his colleague, is sitting at the same desk and doing the same work today! It is he who prints lying statements about "The Jungle" and writes editorials to prejudice you against its author! It is he who decided that you shall not know about the Condemned Meat Industry!

Jungle Stands on Its Own Merits.
I am not writing this in defence of my book; my book will stand upon its own feet, and the future will know how to judge it. I am writing this, not for myself but for you; to show you the conspiracy by which you are surrounded; to make you realize what it means to you to have the public opinion of your city controlled by knaves and all-evil schemes such as these.

Trusts All Play Some Game.
There are more trusts in Chicago than the Beef Trust; there is the Traction Trust, and the Gas Trust, and the Steel Trust, and the Coal Trust, and the Building Trust, and the Railroad Trust; and they are all playing the same game.

They all want from you the same thing—profit. They all want you to sell your labor at the lowest price, and to buy their products at the highest price, and to leave the difference with them. They are all maintaining your political parties, and corrupting your legislatures to assist them in the process, and maintain-

And concerning all this mass of information, charging and proving such crimes against the public health, not one single newspaper in Chicago has had one single word to say! —Excerpt from body of article.

often that I am now grown used to it. I had to face it, for instance, when I went out to find a publisher for my book; I knew that the decision to print or not to print was in the hands of a man, of whose integrity and honesty I was not sure. I went out to the editor of an ultra-respectable newspaper in Chicago, asking for an impartial opinion. He said that he would not print it. I then went to the editor of a more liberal paper, and he said that he would print it. I then went to the editor of a still more liberal paper, and he said that he would print it. I then went to the editor of a still more liberal paper, and he said that he would print it. I then went to the editor of a still more liberal paper, and he said that he would print it.

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SINCLAIR'S ANSWER TO J. OGDEN ARMOUR

The following is the article that was printed in Everybody's Magazine placing the truth of the incidents related in "The Jungle" before the people of the world. It is here reproduced by the courtesy of the author and the publishers of Everybody's Magazine.

Beef Trust, Mr. J. Ogdan Armour writes as follows:

"Government inspection is another important feature of the business of packing and slaughtering meat. It is the wall that stands between the meat-calling public and the meat-calling packers. This Government inspection, however, was not other business or economic reason, but a desire to protect the public health. The packers and the public for food in the form of both dressed meats and canned meats. It is here that the Government inspection is an absolutely false as applied to the business of Armour & Co. I believe they are equally false as to the inspection of their meat. The packers and the public for food in the form of both dressed meats and canned meats. It is here that the Government inspection is an absolutely false as applied to the business of Armour & Co. I believe they are equally false as to the inspection of their meat.

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The Packingtown workers.

The People Who Do the Work at the Packing Houses Exploited to the Limit Meat Inspection Laws Will Not Improve Their Living Conditions Socialism Only Hope of the Workers.

By A. M. SIMONS.

Social Conditions of Packingtown.

In all the hue and cry that has been raised about conditions at the stockyards, the one phase which is the most interesting to the working class and therefore to the Socialist has been overlooked. We have heard much of the ravages of embalmed beef and rotten sausages, of lumpy jawed, and tubercular cattle; but we have heard little of the long hours, irregular work, small pay, petty tyranny, poor housing and general squalid condition of the 25,000 people who make up the families of those who produce the meat for the world.

Worse Than Tubercular Beef.

I recognize the dangerous and hurtful character of feeding human beings on tubercular beef, but there is at least some doubt concerning infection from this route; but here is no doubt concerning the infection of the workers with the same dread disease by the tubercular lard and infected lardings in which the laborers of Packingtown are given. Even when the story that human beings had fallen into the rendering tank was published, horror was mainly manifested over the possibility that some portion of the flesh of the bodies of men who had been killed rather than over the horrible sufferings of the victims themselves, or the misery which the loss of a breadwinner brought upon their families.

Starvation Wages Paid.

It is not particularly pleasing to contemplate the consumption of grease from Bubbly creek either as lard or soap; but it is still more uncomfortable to be compelled to eat and live and sleep with the stench from that grease forever in your nostrils. Diseased unclean meat may be repugnant but no food at all is somewhat worse, and for thousands of the workers in the yards their food is not only repugnant but no food at all is somewhat worse, and for thousands of the workers in the yards their food is not only repugnant but no food at all is somewhat worse.

Newspapers Screen Revolting Conditions.

Down in the picking vat men are working today with arms running raw with sores from the poisonous mixture they are using. In the fetid works and the bare drying floors other workmen are still suffering from the disease which has been here for years, but of these no investigation speaks, no official protests, no newspaper publishes sensational stories of their sufferings; no legislation is being hurried through to prevent the stockyards from being here for years, but of these no investigation speaks, no official protests, no newspaper publishes sensational stories of their sufferings; no legislation is being hurried through to prevent the stockyards from being here for years.

A DITCH OF PACKINGTOWN FASH.

By BERTHA WILKINS.

When you ask some comrade who used to work in the Yards, "How is it that you do not remember this horrible incident better?" he is likely to answer, "I worked at that place before I was a socialist. In those days I was not interested in industrial and inhumanity as I do now." Socialism wakes up the workers and when the workers are wide awake they are kicking mad.

The howl about tainted meat and food by-products is essentially a bourgeois awakening. It is not to protect the workers but it is to save themselves from disease and actual cannibalism that these middle-class folk are so concerned about. The middle class attitude at times like these comes out in glaring contrast to that of the men true to the working-people and their interests.

It makes a big difference to us all, of course, whether we have been killed in a vat of lard, which we are to eat, or whether he has been boiled in glue, or whether he died in the steaming tankage to be used for fertilizer, or whether he is being walked in a cart, his body open by mistake, the steam hiding all danger from the unwary workman. It makes a difference to us whether the man fell into the lard or into something else which is probably equally as good as dead as the man is concerned he is just as dead one way as another and the indictment against the packers should be murder.

Only now has the City Building Inspector discovered that there are no fire-escapes in the south tower called Packingtown. Since it has become a popular thing to kick the packers he is right on hand to see his duty but before that he did not seem to do so thought meat elsewhere. The others were not so concerned with their indignation in this and some other indignities at receiving rations of American packing house methods, especially as they are declared to be the most superior products, we will build such abattoirs as are described in the Neill-Reynolds Report, then we will be ready to produce meat for us but not for profit.

The packers have admitted that some of their old buildings might be somewhat improved but they insist that their new buildings are up-to-date. It is a fact, however, that one of the great dangers to the

troops refuse canned beef. British and Russian troops are refusing such rations as Americans disapprove.

LONDON, June 12.—The royal war veterans, stationed at Parkhurst, were served with canned beef at dinner today. They refused to eat it, and those who were able to do so bought meat elsewhere. The others were not so concerned with their indignation in this and some other indignities at receiving rations of American packing house methods, especially as they are declared to be the most superior products, we will build such abattoirs as are described in the Neill-Reynolds Report, then we will be ready to produce meat for us but not for profit.

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work of inspection is done by the Government inspectors. It is the duty of the Government inspectors to see that the meat is safe for consumption. It is the duty of the Government inspectors to see that the meat is safe for consumption. It is the duty of the Government inspectors to see that the meat is safe for consumption.

There were many ways of getting around the inspectors—so many, in fact, that not more than two or three could be named. The first was to get the meat into the hands of the inspectors before they had a chance to inspect it. This was done by getting the meat into the hands of the inspectors before they had a chance to inspect it.

In cases where tubercular beams evident to the men who were skinning the cattle in the yards, communicated to them through the air, the men were not allowed to work in the yards. This was done by getting the meat into the hands of the inspectors before they had a chance to inspect it.

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(The novel after describing the stockyards and the terrible system under which the beef trust operates introduces the subject of "hygiene," and the manner in which they are converted into substances called food.)

Then one Sunday evening, Jurgis sat pulling his pipe by the kitchen stove, and talking with an old fellow whom Jonas had introduced, and who worked in the canning rooms at Durham's, and so Jurgis learned a few things about the great and only Durham canned goods, which had become a national institution.

They were regular alchemists at Durham's; they advertised a mushroom cat-soup, and the men who made it did not know what a mushroom looked like.

They put these up in several grades and sold them at several prices; but the contents of the cans all came out of the same hopper.

And then there was "potted game" and "deviled" ham, as the men called it. "Deviled" ham was made out of the waste ends of smoked beef that were too good to be thrown away.

Now it was against the law to kill horses in Packingtown, and the law was really complied with-for the present, at any rate.

Any day, however, one might see sharp-horned and shaggy-haired creatures running with the sheep-and yet what a job you would have to get the public to believe that a good part of what it buys for lamb and mutton is really goat's flesh!

(As his experience increased Jurgis learned more of the packing houses, of their fraudulent food concoctions and of the filth that became incident to their preparation.)

With one member trimming beef in a cannery, and another working in a sausage factory, the family had a first hand knowledge of the great majority of packingtown vices.

For it was the custom, as they found, whenever meat was spoiled that it could not be used for anything else, except to can it or else to chop it up for sausage.

With what had been told him by Jonas, who had worked in the "pickle rooms," they could now study the whole of the spoiled meat industry on the inside, and read a new and grim meaning into that old packingtown jest-that they use everything of the pig except the squeal.

There would be meat that had tumbled out on the floor, in the dirt and sawdust, where the workers had tramped and spit uncounted billions of consumption germs.

There would be meat stored in great piles in rooms, and the water from leaky roofs would drip over it and thousands of rats would race about on it.

And yet, in spite of this, there would be men found spoiled some of them half an hour and others when there was none at all.

There was no place for the men to wash their hands before they ate their dinner, and so they made a practice of washing them in the water that was to be ladled into the sausage.

Under the system of rigid economy which the packers enforced there were some jobs that it only paid to do once in a long time, and among these was the cleaning out of the waste-ends of their chemistry department.

Every Spring they did it, and in the barrels would be dirt and rust and old nails and stale water and cartload after cartload of it would be taken up and dumped into the hoppers with fresh meat and sent out to the public's breakfast.

Some of it they would make into "smoked sausage," but as the smoking took time, and was therefore expensive, they advertised "potted chicken" and "caviar" and "potted fish" and "potted oysters," through which a chicken had walked with rubbers on.

Perhaps they had a secret process for forcing chickens to chemically who Jonas said Jurgis' friend; the things that went into the mixture were tripe, and fat of beef, and beef suet, and hearts of beef, and finally the waste ends of veal, when they had any.

It seemed as if every time you met a person from a new department you heard of new swindles and new crimes. There was, for instance, a Lithuanian who was a cattle butcher for the plant where Maria had worked, which killed meat for canning only; and to hear the man describe the process and the way he came to his place would have been worth while for a Dante or a Zola.

It seemed that they must have agencies all over the country, and that they had crippled and diseased cattle to be canned.

There were cattle which had been fed on "whisky malt," the refuse of the breweries, and had become what the men called "steerly"-which means covered with boils.

It was a nasty job killing these, for when you tried to pierce the hide with the knife you would burst and splash foul-smelling stuff into your face; and when a man's sleeves were smeared with blood and his arms were steeped in it, how was he ever to wipe his face, or to clear his eyes so he could see?

There was said to be ten thousand dollars worth of spoiled meat in the plant where Maria had died of cholera on the train and which one might see any day being loaded into box cars and hauled away to a place called Globe, in Indiana, where they made a fancy grade of lard.

The men upon the killing beds felt also the effects of the slumps which had turned Maria out; but they felt it in a different way, and a way which made Jurgis understand at last all their bitterness.

The big packers did not turn their hands off and close down, like the canning factories, but they began to run for shorter and shorter hours.

They had got the best out of him-they had worn him out with their speed-up and their carelessness, and now they had thrown him away!

And Jurgis would make the acquaintance of others of these unemployed men and find that they had all had the same experience. The vast majority were simply the worn-out parts of the great mercenary packing machine; they had toiled there and kept up with the pace, some of them

for ten or twenty years, until finally the time had come when they could not keep up with it any more.

Some had been frankly told that they were too old, that a spryer man was needed; others had given occasion by some act of carelessness or incompetence; with most, however, the occasion had been the same as with Jurgis.

There is a place that waits for the lowest man-the fertilizer plant; there are some things worse even than starving to death.

The fertilizer works of Durham's lay away from the rest of the plant. Few visitors ever saw them, and the few who did would come out looking like Dante, of whom the peasants declared that he had been into hell.

To this part of the yards came all the "tankage," and waste products of all sorts; here they dried out the bones-and in suffocating cellars where the daylight never came you might see men and women and children bending over whirling machines and sawing bits of bone into all sorts of shapes, breathing their lungs out and the dust and doomed to die, every one of them, within a certain definite time.

Here they made the blood into albumen, and made other foul-smelling things into things still more offensive. Many requests have been made for more state laws in the Chicago Socialist, but when letters were sent out a week ago for information, very few responded.

Well, there was no need to worry, Grandmother Majauska said, the law made no difference except that it forced people to tie up the children.

Meantime Teta Elzbieta had taken Stanislaw to the priest and gotten a certificate to the effect that he was two years older than he was, and with it the little boy now called forth to make his fortune in the world.

And so, after little Stanislaw had stood gazing timidly about him for a few minutes, a man approached him and asked what he wanted, to which he answered, "Job."

Once or twice every year a state inspector would come wandering through the packing plants, asking a child here and there how old he was, and so the packers were very careful to comply with the law, which cost them as much trouble as was now involved in the boss' taking the document through the little boy and glancing at it and then sending it to the office to be filed away.

Half the year it would be dark as night when he went to work and dark as night again when he came out, and so the packers were very careful to comply with the law, which cost them as much trouble as was now involved in the boss' taking the document through the little boy and glancing at it and then sending it to the office to be filed away.

One evening the old man came home in a great state of excitement with the tale that he had been approached by a man in the street and asked what he would pay to get a job.

They were common enough, he said, some boss of petty graft, it was simply some boss who proposed to add a little to his income.

After Jurgis had been there a while he would know 'em, the plants were simply honeycombed with rottenness of that sort-the bosses grafted on the men, and they grafted off each other, and some day the superintendent would find out about the graft, and then he would graft off the boss.

So from top to bottom the place was simply a seething cauldron of jealousies and hatreds; there was no loyalty or decency anywhere about it, there were only men in it who were man counted for anything against a dollar.

And worse than there being no decency, there was even no honesty. The reason for that? Who could say? It must have been old Durham in the beginning, but the man who had left his self-made merchant had left to his son, along with his millions.

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strengthen the organization of the party throughout the left with Chairman L. E. Slivers, and Secretary Ferry Shipman, of the County Central Committee to determine the place for holding the Rock Island County convention. It will be announced later in this column.

The Socialists of Iroquois county are also completing an organization for primary purposes. The address of at least one voter in each precinct required for this purpose. All readers of this in Iroquois county are requested to communicate at once with J. P. Miller, at Ridgeville.

At a recent Socialist convention held at Kankakee a platform was adopted, containing among others, the following planks: Public Schools-Freedom of speech and expression of opinion by teachers and students; free text books to pupils; choice of text books to be made by teachers and students in all grades above grammar school; in history and economics the working class to receive equal consideration with capitalist stand point; compulsory education; manual training and physical culture.

The Courts-The abolition of all court cost and sheriff fees in the commencement of suits, and the abolition of all costs for appealing cases to the courts of last resort; the establishment of free legal department.

Luka reports that out of 66 votes cast at recent election the Socialists polled fifteen. James S. Carey, national organizer, has been working in the state for the past ten days. He reports a surprising growth of Socialism everywhere.

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vention for the nomination of candidates, and any district not providing itself with a central committee before the first day of July can not hold a convention nor have a candidate on the ballot.

The following districts have not yet sent in their respective committees: CONGRESSIONAL: 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 20th districts. SENATORIAL: 24, 4th, 5th, 14th, 23d, 26th, 30th, 35th, 43d, 44th, 46th, 47th, and 51st districts.

The comrades in these districts should at once set to work completing this work so that as soon as the work of dividing the various counties is done it will then enable all district committees to know in what counties to file their call for the district conventions. Make up your committees, comrades, and send same to this office at once. Fraternally, JAMES S. SMITH, Secy.

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THE FOLLY OF MEAT-EATING

A DISH OF PACKINGTOWN WASH

Continued from page two.

how to run our business since the trust has organized industry and we will soon be ready to simply own the beef trust and every other trust and tell the packers to step down and out, since the tricks of the trade are getting to be too much for us.

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ILLINOIS SOCIALIST NEWS.

By May Wood Simons.

Comrade May Wood Simons has volunteered her services to edit a column of Illinois Socialist news, providing the comrades will furnish her with the names of local news. We urge the comrades in the various state locals to appoint a live local correspondent who will see to it that the news is furnished to Comrade Simons promptly. Remember that the success of this undertaking depends on your prompt and continued efforts.

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GERMANY.

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RUSSIA. Since Dec. 11, 1905 until May 14, 1906, 5,225 persons have been exiled from Russia, 1,227 imprisoned and 2,821 jailed without formal charge, except that they were political enemies of the government.

FRANCE. The united Socialist Party of France has now 24 members of the Party in the Chamber of Deputies. The Independent Deputy Merle has since made application for membership in the Socialist Party, so that there will be 25 members of Congress.

SWEDEN. August Palm the most prominent Socialist in Sweden will arrive in Chicago, June 19th. He will remain in Chicago for three months and has volunteered his services to the Socialist Party for any work that he may be called on to do.

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The object for which this paper is published is two fold. First, it is a medium to keep the Socialists of the County and State in touch with each other.

Second, to provide a medium to place in the hands of all (and especially the working class) who can be induced to study social and industrial conditions.

In this issue you will read a powerful indictment of the Capitalist system by one of our comrades who has started the world by his book, "The Jungle."

It is the business of this paper and the Socialists, to not only reveal the horrible conditions under which the capitalist system forces the workers to live.

This paper continually points out to its readers that to live they must have for their own use food, shelter, clothing, fuel, education for their children.

These things are absolutely indispensable if life is to be worth living.

Now, to secure food, clothing, shelter, fuel, education, healthy and edifying amusements and recreation, with ample leisure time for their enjoyment.

They have told you that Socialists are a lazy lot of malcontents who want to live without working.

They have told you that Socialists want to "divide up."

They have told you that Socialism aims to destroy the home and degrade womanhood.

They have told you over and over again that Socialism would destroy all incentive to work and to excel in endeavoring to improve living conditions.

The capitalist press, which is owned and controlled by those who profit and prosper by the system which robs the workers of the major portion of the result of their labor.

Now, Socialists realize that all wealth is created by labor and labor alone, and that the actual workers who produce are robbed, exploited and separated from the value of their labor's product.

IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN WORKED BEYOND THE POINT WHERE YOU ARE CAPABLE OF THINKING, YOU MUST KNOW THAT THERE IS NO LACK OF THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE WHICH LABOR HAS CREATED.

Now, Socialism proposed to give the workers access to the productive property of the nation under conditions where they can produce wealth for use.

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Now, reader, do you, as an intelligent, thinking man, seriously believe for one moment that Socialism means dividing the fruits of thrift with the lazy and parasitical members of society?

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Do you think that a condition where your wife and children would have much more than they do now in a comfortable home would destroy your home or have a tendency to degrade the female members of your family?

Do you think you would get lazy, thriftless and shiftless if you had some leisure time to enjoy life and develop your individuality?

If you are interested in bettering the living conditions of yourself and family, give this subject your careful consideration.

Study the economic conditions by which you are surrounded and figure out what chance you or your children have so long as your job, and all opportunity to improve your social surroundings depend upon a small class which owns the machinery of production and operates it for profit.

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ORGANIZATION.

The value of this magic word when made effective by action, spells the secret of the success of the competitive system in its exploitation of the workers of the world.

Will you not address a card of inquiry to the undersigned in order that more full information may be given you. Do this at once.

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BEFORE AND AFTER.

Editorial in Chicago Journal June 5, before packers' full page ads appeared in the daily papers:

THE PACKERS MUST REFORM.

After the Neill-Reynolds report on conditions in the stockyards the packers should not wait for government compulsion to change conditions absolutely.

For several years, indeed, ever since the war with Spain, there has been a wide and bitter prejudice in this country against Chicago packers.

The Neill-Reynolds report reveals a hideous state of affairs in the stockyards. It shows that meat is prepared for consumption and filthy and insanitary surroundings.

Though in its effect "The Jungle" is a vile and "The Jungle" in referring to Sinclair's "vicious exaggeration" and in saying that "it is apparent that in his desire to be an sensational and yellow as possible, the author has, through all his book, selected a certain possible conditions which could be found in any establishment as typical of the general conditions existing in all Chicago abattoirs and has willfully closed his eyes to establishments where excellent conditions prevail.

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Editorial in Chicago Journal June 9, after full page ads appeared in daily papers:

A MUCK-RAKER DISCREDITED.

The opinion of Muck-Raker Sinclair's truth and veracity expressed yesterday by the agricultural committee of the house of representatives, which temporarily gave Sinclair a certain standing for a time, but since the President's own commissioners have returned all the numerous insinuations that discredited or tainted meat is sent out from the Chicago stock yards this impudent muck raker stands morally discredited before the country.

The Mohler commission has passed the final criticism on Muck-Raker Sinclair, and "The Jungle" in referring to Sinclair's "vicious exaggeration" and in saying that "it is apparent that in his desire to be an sensational and yellow as possible, the author has, through all his book, selected a certain possible conditions which could be found in any establishment as typical of the general conditions existing in all Chicago abattoirs and has willfully closed his eyes to establishments where excellent conditions prevail.

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Organized Labor in Politics.

Labor Leaders Snubbed by Old Party Politicians—Less Than a Dozen Congressmen and Senators Pledge Themselves to Support the Eight-hour Bill—Rank and File Looking Toward Socialism.

Organized labor is going into politics in Chicago. As a beginning Edward Nockels of the Chicago Federation of Labor has written a letter to each member of Congress—except Senators Dewey, Platt, Aldrich and former Senator Burton of Kansas.

What is the result? Less than a hundred of the representatives and less than a dozen Senators have replied.

The petition forwarded by the labor unionists is a worthy document. Even the "great constitutional lawyers" of congress might have found it profound.

There is no indication that Socialist candidates for congress will be endorsed by the federal unionists.

It had no effect. The federal union, probably at its next meeting, will put the majority of Congressmen on the unfair list.

If those standing for reelection are renominated the federation will try its influence on the rival party in each district.

The replies from congressmen to labor's modest demands have awakened some of the leaders and when they are read in the federation meeting, the delegates

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By GEORGE HOWARD GIBSON.

Ye sons of liberty, defenders Of freedom and of deathless Right, Again the Lord of sabaoth teuders The flaming sword and bids you fight.

Here, here where Liberty first had And freedom spoken shook the world, Where hope for all the hum-ble brightened

With "vested rights" flung in our faces, They trample down the people's will! They crowd the millions from their places,

They claim the ways which commerce uses, As both highwaymen robbing all; They grasp exchange, and each refuses Its use till all before him fall.

Once more, once more are heroes waking, As dawns a righteous day foretold, And marching forth their cry is shaking The hideous shapes of evil old.

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may get some idea of the opinion held by "statermen" of "labor's grievances." "The labor vote" has lost its power to frighten old party politicians.

BOURGEOIS NEWS AND SOCIALIST VIEWS

William Jennings has been heard from and we breathe once more.

With Field and Yerkes dead and Armour and Rockefeller in Europe it may be possible to relax our vigilance a bit during the heated campaign of wisdom.

"What is good in Socialism," says Bryan, "will inevitably come; what is bad will be rejected." The oracle has spoken.

The Illinois Manufacturers Association has gone on record as not believing the stories about the packing houses and has passed a vote of confidence in the packers.

This recalls another old saw that when thieves fall out the devil gets his due.

What with cannibalism and slavery and wholesale murder, conditions in the Congo Free State are almost as bad as in the mines and cotton mills and packing houses of the U. S. A.

Dun's index number showing the prices of commodities proportioned to consumption on a basis of 100, shows the average on June 1 to be 107.73 against 98.75 June 1, 1906.

The packers are raising a great hue and cry about the injury the loss of their foreign trade will do, not only to them but to every farmer and stock raiser in the land.

Not being able to prove who were accomplices in the plot to assassinate the King of Spain, the Spanish authorities have adopted the plan of arresting all suspected anarchists and making them prove their innocence.

The price of parasites James H. Eckels, gave an address at a banquet of grain dealers in the Auditorium and roundly denounced those who are exposing the indignities of capitalism.

The net profits of the Amalgamated Copper Company for its last fiscal year were over \$2,000,000. The net profits of the American Locomotive Company for the same period were \$6,000,000.

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Now, if Mr. Armour would furnish us with "Armour plated" stomachs, business might go on as before. Socialism stands for clean, decent surroundings, for pure food and healthy environments.

The Democratic ass is opening its mouth and the noise it makes sounds like Br-r-r-a-n!

The people of this country owe a vote of thanks to Upton Sinclair particularly and to the Socialists in general for the cleaning up at the Stockyards.

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