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Strikes are on in the following places. All miners and others are requested to stay away until a settlement is reached.

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## Fined and Declared Unfair.

Eureka, Nev.. Nov. 4, 1909.
Editor Miners' Magazine: At a regular meeting of Eureka Miners' Union No. 265, Frank Hayes, a miner working in this camp, was declared to be unfair to organized labor for refusing to join our Cnion and it was ordered that his name be published in the Miners' Magazine.

By order of Eureka Miners' C'nion No. 265.
Fraternally yours,
(Seal)
J. H. JURY, Secretary-Treasurer.

## Rawhide, Nev., Nov. 10, 1909

Editor Miners' Magazine, 605 R. R. Bldg., Denver, Colo. :
Dear Sir and Brother: At a regular meeting of Rawhide local 244 , W. F. M., Walter F. Johnson, John Bangiar and Nick Bangiar were ordered to be fined $\$ 100$ and their names published in Miners' Magazine as unfair to organized labor for working at Bovard for less than scheduled wages
(Seal) NEIL J. M (iEEE, Nec. No. 24t, W. F. M.

Editor Miners' Magazine:
Bingham Canon, Ltah, Nov. 12, 1909.
The following named persons who were declared unfair and fined twenty-five dollars ( $\$ 25$ ) by this union and so advertised in the Miners' Magazine under date of the 4th inst., have been declared fair to organized labor:

WM. J. KNOWLEY, JAMES FERRY.
All secretaries will please take notice.
(Seal) Bingham Miners' I'nion No. 67.

DECLARED I'NFAIR.
Jerome, Ariz., Nov. 11, 1909.
Editor Miners' Magazine, Denver, Colo. :
Dear Sir and Brother - At our regular meeting night, Wednesday. Nov. 10th, John P. Burton was declared unfair to organized labor. fined $\$ 25$, which has to be paid in the treasury of Jerome Miners Union No. 101 before he can be declared fair, and that his name be published in the Miners' Magazine.

John P. Burton worked in the jurisdiction of Jerome Miners Union for about a year or more and repeatedly found some excolse for not re-instating, and before he left this jurisdiction he openly denounced this local and the Federation, therehy causing much harm to this local especially, and the Federation in general.

Fraternally, JOHN OPMAN, Sec y-Treas
(Seal) By order of Jerome Miners' ('nion No. 101, W. F. M.
REsOLUTION ADOPTED BY GOLDFIELI MINERS' INION.

> Goldfield, Nev., Nov. 2, 1909

Editor Miners' Magazine : The following resolution was adopted by Goldfield Miners' Cnion at their last regular meeting and ordered published in the Miners' Magazine:

Whereas, The publication of unfair names in the Miners' Magazine is not resulting in any good to the Western Federation of Miners, be it,

Resolved, That Goldfield Miners' I'nion discontinue the publication of unfair men in the Miners' Magazine; and be it further

Resolved, That we request Secretary-Treasurer Mills to have a list of unfair names printed each month and sent to each local of the W. F. M. and be it further

Resolved, That we request that all local unions of the Federation take this matter up and give it careful consideration, with the object of eliminating the publishing of unfair names in the Miners' Magazine.
F. G. $\mathrm{CLO} \mathrm{I}^{\circ}(\mathrm{GH}$,
(Seal)
Acting Recording Secretary

MEN WHO CALL themselves "reformers" are generally hungry for graft and merely yell "reform" as a bid for public office.

ASHORT TIME AGO the daily press contained all the moral filth connected with the divorce proceedings of the (ioulds, and after a breathing spell, the Astor family entered the judiciary asking that the bonds of wedlock shall be broken. It is sad and lamentable to contemplate how Socialism has broken up these homes where the dollar reigned as king.

IN THE CASES of Gompers, Mitehell and Morrison, the courts have upheld each other, but when Judge Landis, in order to create a sensation. handed down a dictum which imposed a fine of $\$ 29.000 .000$ on the Standard Oil monoply, the mandate of Landis was relegated to the serap-piln, thus showing that Baer, the coal baron of the Keystone state knew what he was talking about, when he deelared: "The eourts are the bulwarks of American liberty."

TIIE APPEAL TO REASON is tearing away the ermine which elothes the judiciary in order that the people may behold the degeneracy of the lawyer.

The lawyer placed on the bench, in the minds of some people bere comes an angel, and angels con do no wrong.

In but a few years, reverence for the judiciary will be shatered. and when the people realize the out raves that are committed by courts in the name of law, there will be a resolution that will thake this country from ocean to ocean.

JAMES H. BROWER, who was a candidate on the Socialist ticket last year for governor of the State of Illinois has written a work entitled: "The Mills of Mammon," which stamps him as one of the most powerful writers in the Socialist movement. "The Mills of Mammon" is a terrific arraignment of the present industrial system, and should be read by every working man and working woman in this country. The work can be secured by writing to P. H. Murray \& Co., Joliet, Hils.

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L. WARRINER, local treasurer of the "Big Four" railroad has appropriated to himself nearly a million dollars, and when discovered, complacently asked, "What are you going to do about it?"

Had he been a ragged working man with an empty stomach clamoring for food, and stolen a loaf of bread, he would have bowed his head when the law laid its iron hand on him and received his sentence in silence. But he is a patrician criminal robed in broadcloth and decked in diamonds, and he can afford to assume a defiant attitude as a heavyweight thief.

A
NEW YORK JUDGE imposed a sentence of celibacy upon a young man who has been arrested on several occasions for theft. The judge said that he did not propose to be a party to the breeding of criminals, so he suspended sentence for the theft and if the man marries will then pronounce the sentence on him.

This young man was evidently a thief of the common house variety. If he had been one of the big thieves, commonly known as captains of industry; even a criminal of the Thaw brand, the same judge would have felt honored if he had been invited to the wedding ceremony sometimes considered essential when such thieves wish to assist in populating the country.-Nome Industrial Worker.

WITH THE CONTINUED advance in the price of foodstuffs comes the announcement that the big Trusts are "earning" enormous profits and the return of prosperity will be signalized by increasing the dividend rate. This should be cheering news to the worker whose labor is producing these enormous dividends but who is not permitted to have any voice in the distribution of the surplus of his toil. The Trust captains are thoroughly contented to enjoy the bounty of labor's fruits, and in their enjoyment they have the supreme confidence of many members of the working class who vote that capitalism shall control the means of life.-Toilers' Defense.

JOHN S. KENNEDY died last week in New York, and his shroud having no pocket, he was forced to leave behind him, property to the value of $\$ 60,000,000$. When John saw the grim messenger of death beckoning him towards the "Kingdom Come," he concluded that it would be wise to leave $\$ 25,000,000$ to religious and charitable institutions, and now, John has been crowned as a philanthropist. The press that praises the generosity of a man whose heart was never touched until he felt the dew of death on his brow, will not tell how John accumulated the vast pile of wealth which reached in value the sum of $\$ 60.000,000$. John was a banker and a builder of railroads, and he coined his millions from the sweat and blood of ill-paid toil. But though his millions have been reaped through the degradation and destitution of human beings, the dead multi-millionaire is now a philanthropist, and press and pulpit will sound the praises of the exploiter, whom death halted in the mad scramble for wealth.

WITH THE RELIGIOUS P'EOPLE of nearly every large city protesting against brazen immorality ummasking its unblushing cheek; with the courts of the country grinding out on an average of more than one thousand divorces weekly; with an army of women in brothels of infamy reaching more than a half million; with nearly 2 ,000,000 of children of school age wasting their lives away in mills factories, department stores and sweatshops and with nearly 5,000 , 000 of women forced to leave the hearthstone to carn the means of life and keep the wolf of hunger from the door, it seems to us that it is about time for some evangelist with his eyes glued on heaven, to exclaim: "Socialism would destroy the home."

MANY PEOPLE have been surprised that Francis J. Heney, the prosecutor of grafters and bribers in San Francisco, was defeated for District Attorney in the late election. The claim is made that the majority of the voters should have rallied to the support of Heney and shown their appreciation of his fearlessness and determination to populate the penitentiary with criminals. But a vast number of the voters of San Francisco were not impressed with the sincerity of Heney in his prosecution of men who had betrayed public trust. The fact that Spreckles, the sugar king, was behind the prosecution and putting up the money to carry on the war against dishonest public officials, created the suspicion that Spreckles was merely spending his money to dethrone an aggregation of tools that were the chattels of "interests" that were not in accord with the interests of Spreckles. In other words, the suspicion was created that Spreckles was merely backing the prosecution to rout a gang of rascals, in order that another gang of scoundrels controlled by Spreckles might reach the public arib.

When multi-millionaires furnish money to prosecute eriminals, whose crimes consist of grafting the public and accepting bribes, there is reason to believe "that all is not gold that glitters."

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Comeone must have switciied drinks on Tom Watson. At least he is "seeing things" in a way that should alarm his friends. Apropos of nothing in particular, he sends a letter to the United States attorney general, in which he makes the welkin (or something or other) ring with the following:
"President Taft knows as well as I do that Socialism is sweeping the country like a prairie fire, and there is an army of nearly 400,000 banded together, true to the organization which their leaders have made, and that those men are thirsting for an opportunity to come into collision with the federal army. That is one reason why Taft and Roosevelt are so eager to increase the number of federal troops."

Watson does not state where these 400,000 men are concealed. He has not explained where they are being drilled or armed, and to a man in his frame of mind it would be a waste of time to explain that, while Socialism is growing rapidly and that Socialists are determined individuals, they have no earthly desire to "come into collision with the federal army." If they ever do so come into collision it will be only when they have already used their ballots to capture the government and when the officials who are elected are refused office by usurpers.

There is no doubt that Taft and Roosevelt are asking for a bigger army in order to shoot workers, and preferably socialists, but this should be a canse for watching Taft and Roosevelt instead of the Socialists.

Watson ought to swear off and sober up.-Chicago Daily Socialist.

## The Servant Problem.

THE FOLLOWING EDITORLAL in a late issue of the Scrantorian, published at Scranton, Pennsylvania, on the "Servant Problem" is interesting and shows that there is a repugnance among the vast majority of people being advertised through a livery as victims of wageslavery :
"The saleswomen in one of the largest department stores in Chicago got a bitter pill to swallow a week ago, when a female censor was placed in the establishment to dictate how the girls should dress, with power to enforce her own orders, under pain of dismissal.
"The new dress regulations practically enforce the wearing of a uniform and the discarding of all of fashion's fads. Hair "rats", and frizzes, paint, powder, excess jewelry, gay colors, showy trimmings, etc., are all forbidden and the saleswomen must wear black skirt and a black and white waist with modest sleeves, the peek-a-boo variety being forbidden.
"It is a well known fact that the average wages paid to saleswomen in large stores is not in keeping with the work that is demanded from them and far from sufficient to support them in the style many of them put on. The difference between their expenses and their incomes must be made up somehow and the method frequently employed to make both ends meet has led to much undesirable comment.
"If the new dress reform which has started in Chicago, comes into general vogue, the appealing attractiveness of many of the young women will be gone and they will practically be reduced to the level of waitresses in popular priecd restamrants who can be pointed out at any time by their dress.
"A uniform or any particular mark or brand depicting a state of
servitude is obnoxious to the average American girl who demands absolute freedom and usually puts on airs a trifle beyond her station. That has been one of the great drawbacks in getting them to accept positions as domestic servants. A cap or a working apron is considered degrading, although as a matter of fact, the hired girl of today is by far the most independent person in the United States and taken all in all, gets more money for the services she renders than any other person.
"The plain black skirt and the plain waist, the simple hair dressing robbed of fashion's fads and monstrosities, the lack of jewelry and other finery, etc., will place the shop, girls in a class by themselves, to be known at a glance, and then what?
"If the new dress innovation referred to becomes general in department stores. it may lead to a solution of the servant problem as the girl who gets five dollars a week for counter work, will no longer be able to put on the airs of a lady of quality in vaudeville. She'll be known for what is, i. e., a girl who has to work for a living and that is the worst they could say about her, if she accepted a position to do housework for a private family.
"The pride that balks at honest labor, no matter what the calling may be is of the rotten, ruining variety and should be discarded wherever it is possible to do so, hecanse it is gemerally the foundation of most of the evil that overtakes the owner.",

The above editorial in the Scrantonian furnishes some proof that the saleswomen in the department stores, are not anxious to wear a uniform which tells the public that they are slaves in the emporium of some princely merchant, whose bank account reaches into the millions.

The publie han heome anare of the fact, that the giant elothing and dry modo imttutums of the combtry, pay surh a paltry pittane to the majorty of salcowomen, that many of them are fored throush the panes of poserty to stral out into the darkness of the nieht and war the jowelled crown of chastity from the ir brows and lay it at the foet of a libertine for breal

The saleswomen in the department store relols against the livery that is now being imposed on hor in Cheneso, bereanse she knows that wuch a livery or uniform, will tell everyone whom she merts that she is the ill-paid chattel of a department store, and she knows that a vast number of people have looked with stapicion on the virtue of the wom an who sells feminite finery at the munificent salary of $\$ 5$, or $\$ 6$ per week.

A salary of but a few paltry dollars per week creates the impres sion in the public mind, that there must be some other souree of rew
enue, if the victims of small wages in department stores are to liwe and dress so as to make a respectable appearance

It is certainly a rebuke to our monstrous civilization, when a journal throuch its editorial columns must admit that the salaries paid in department stores bid for dishonor.

The Scrantonian eensures "the pride that balks at honest Jaber." but can that labor be HONEST which fills the brothels with memial out rasts and murders the virtue of the strugeling vietims who are endeavoring to keep bedy and soul together on the prtane dobed from the merenary hand of capitalism?.

The uniform or livery devised by department stores, will have no effect on solving the servant problem. for the servant problem will never be solved, until man, woman ana child, shall live in an atmosphere that contains no polluted taint of the capitalist system.

## A Growing Sentiment.

TME DESVER EAPRESS, a daily publication of Denver, Colo rado, in an editorial of last week, under the caption: "England's Problem Is Ours," had the following to say :
"If the dominant party has its way, an clection will be held in England within the next four monthe, in which every American will be of should be seriously interested. The issue will be as to abolition of the house of lords.

In our own country we have not yet got to seriously considering abolition of the C'nited States semate, our house of lords, but we have got well along toward abolishing the idea upon which that body was foumded-the idea that people are not fit to choose directly their own lawmakers and make their own laws.
"Beyond a doubt a considerable proportion of those who framed our constitution did not believe in a thorough going democracy. They did not dare suggest hereditary political power, and so they did the mext best or worst thing in creating an imitation of the English house of lords in a senate not selected directly by the people and given special and peculiar powers and privileges. They got up a compromise between democracy and political aristocracy, and as a sop to the states, rach of which had been ruming its own sort (f government, they gave every state representation in the senate equal to that of every other state Pigmy Rhode Island, such back number states as Maine. New HampShire. Vormont, slumbering Delaware and Itah and Idaho, with theif Mormons, combined, are as powerful in the senate, as to wotes, as the seven greatest and most progressive states of the union
"Did you ever stop to think why you should have two legislative bodies, either in nation or state? Why pay two crews of men for doing the one job? If this is a nation, a mion, a government by the people why have a senate which vou don t whonse to interfere with lawmakers whom rou do select? The answer is found in the demands of the aristocrace of Alexander Lamilton's time, and the action and character
of the present day senate prove that those demands still have weight and productiveness.

We seem to be on the eve of altering the constitution and clect ing our "house of lords" by direct vote. If we do this we emphasize the question, Why senate at all:

The English people have got close up to this issue. They have got a senate of men elected by birth, noblemen by reason of the midwife's skill, arisucrets by reason of being in position to put the tax burdens on the common people. They propose to wipe ont the governmental machone wheh grimse ont injustice and poverty for the masus We've got some machises of that sort of our own make, and it will pay us to observe what our bothers adras the water do

The above editorial in a daily journal, furninhes prow that there is a sentiment growing in this country which will yet beome strons enough to wipe out that body of multi-millionaires. that is frequently designated as "the American house of lords." The growing sentment in England which is demanding that bhe-bleoded gentey shall no lonerer be lawmakers by "divine richt" or through a precedent established by rovalty, is spreading ovel the earth, and as the vision of men becomes clearer to the intriges and comning villaimer of the past, the reign of plutocracy and royalty draws nearer to its eternal death

The senate of the I'nited states is a stlect loody, and no man can hope to wear a senatorial toga, unless he is a millionaire or backed by powerful trusts and corporations.

Only the "interests" are represented in the Inited states semate and no bill making concessions to the people is permitted to pass that body, if such a bill infringes on the opportunity of combinations to reap profit.

The men who make up the senate of the I'nited States are no mort in touch with the masses of the people. than the homse of lords is in touch with the people of England. Neither body feel the pular throb or heart beats of the people, and both should be abolished.

## That Delusive Victory.

THE LABOR PAPERS are rejoicing over what they designate as a glorious political victory in San Francisco. The claim is made that a union mayor has been elected, and that the sheriff, coroner, and itor and ten supervisors, are members of organized labor. There is a vast difference between a member of organized labor and a union man. There are thousands of members of organized labor who are nothing more nor less than the salaried hirelings of employers' associations and detective agencies. In fact, the spy and traitor on the payroll of a detective ageney, have found it absolutely necessary to become members of organized labor in order to be useful to the combination that pay them for their treason. The lator press that is entebating the victory in San Franciseo, will not publish the platform on which Mefarty and his colleagues in organized labor, were elected to office. The labor press that lands the political vietory on the Pacific coast. is silent over the fact, that the "interests" that were being prosecuted for graft. bribery and corruption furnished the "slush fund" that made it possible for Mc'arty and the "union" supervisors to win a political vie. tory. There is a faint remembrance of another lator mavor of Sat Fraciseo, who was onee a member of the Xusicians' I nion, and when he
was placed in the executive chair of the chief eity of California, the editorials in the labor press teemed with jubilation and joy, but Eugene Schmitz, that labor mayor, that was once showered with encomiums of praise from the labor press, was convicted as one of the mont shame. less grafters and accepters of bribes, that ever disgraced a public of fice.

The labor press need not attempt to delude the working class with the brazen statement that MeCarty and ten supervisors were elected on a labor platform. The politicians may have dubbed the phat form a "labor platform" to delede the laboring people, but when corporat and commercial combinations rally to the support of a "labor plat form' it is indisputable evidence that the working class is being swindled.

Mecarty became popular as a lator official, and he used that popu larity to climb into political power. If he serves the class to which he belongs, then he will be an ingrate to the class of privilege who fur nished the fumds to pay the expenses of a political campaion. No man can serve two masters, and the lator press that is now impoverish. ing the English language to find words to land the victory at San Franciseo, will (in all probablity) ere another vear has pased awav be forced to make apolocies for the frailties and shorteomines of the Me(arty administration in san Franciaco.

## Aroused Against White Slave Trafic.

THE FOLLOWING; in a press dispatch from (hicano is worthy of the serions consideration of every man and woman, who is anxions to raise the moral standard of the citizenship of this comntry:
"The Methendist ministers in Cheraw have banded torether to war against official reculation and somperation of viow. Resolutions derlar ing segregation to be in effect the limenture of arime have bem adopted by the preachers. The restriation of disorderly resorts within fixed limits as directed by Police chiof Steward, is blamed by the ministers for the white slave iraffie.
"' I don't see how any one in sympathy with the religion of Jesus

Thrist ean favor vice requlation, declared Rew II B. Willums of Oak Park. 'Seqregation is the numelos and lamkimene of the white slate traffic. Somergation provides a resort, refuge and hiding place for criminals and thugs of every description. From the Christian stand pont it is no more thimkable to advocate the rematation of this evil than of murder. highay robbery, arson or any other crime of hich maznitude.,'

It semes that the clerieal gentlemen identified with the Methertint churehes of Chicago entertain the erroneous idea that in the efforts of the official authorities of the city of Chicago to restrict a moral pusti-
lence and to confine such pestilence to a certain district, or districts, that public officials are licensing crime

The preachers might as well say that when public officials during a smallpox epidemic build pest houses in order that the spread of smallpox may be restricted or confined to a certain district, that they are placing a license on smallpox. Smallpox is a physical disease that grows out of unsanitary surroundings, and the white slave traffic is a moral disease that grows out of the greed of capitalism and the poverty of wage slavery.

The white slave traffic is not bred in the resorts that are built to accommodate the victims of the moral plague. The white slave traffic exists and flourishes because there is profit in the debauchery and pollution of the gentler sex.

It is a sad and lamentable commentary on the power and influence of the church when after nineteen centuries of pulpit oratory that moral rottenness flaunts the red lights of shame in every city of the land, and that the eyes ot the dignitaries of the church are still blind to the cause that dishonors womanhood. The man in the pulpit through
force of habit and custom is prone to denounce effects, but never seems to realize that effects must have a cause.

He does not seem to see that behind every effect, there must be a cause, and his energies are never directed towards striking a blow at the cause that gives birth to the effects that fires his oratory and brings forth his most scathing denunciation.

The White Slave Traffic will not be exterminated through denunciation or by casting reflection on public officials, in their attempts to confine an evil that grows out of the hellish system under which we live. The White Slave Traffic can never be exterminated under capitalism, and until the church raises its voice for the overthrow of the profit system, it is but a waste of time for ministers of the gospel to protest against segregating vice.

The ministers of Chicago have become indignant that public officials should segregate the moral plague, but these gentlemen whose lives are dedicated to God, advance no solution of the evil whose restriction has aroused their virtuous wrath.

## The Battle Must Be Fought to the End.

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR will carry the case of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to the highest court in the land. When the judicial battle is fought to a finish, the people of this country will know whether the constitution of the United States or the dictum of a court is the supreme law of the land. The executive council of the American Federation of Labor submitted the following recommendations to the convention, and there can be no question of doubt, but that the membership of organized labor throughout the country will place their seal of approval on every effort being made to protect laboring humanity in the exercise of constitutional liberty :
"We recommend an appeal be taken from the decision rendered in both the original injunction and the contempt case growing out of it. We cannot permit these decisions to go unchallenged. They affect fundamental rights, which either the courts or congress must safeguard.
'We again enter our protest against applying the writ of injunction in labor disputes (unless where an injunction would lie if there were no labor disputes). We hold the ordinary use of the injunction writ in contentions between workers and employers is an unwarranted interference with the rights and liberties of the workers, and is intended, and its influence used, to intimidate workers, especially when they are engaged in a struggle for improved working conditions.
'It should be borne in mind that in these proceedings Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison did not have the constitutional right of trial by jury. All the circumstances in this case go to prove that conviction would not have followed if the case had been submitted on its merits to a jury of their peers. We hold that excepting that where contempt is in the presence of the court, the liberty of no citizen should be committed to the keeping of any one man, regardless of who he may be or what position he may hold; on the contrary, we hold that a citizen charged with violating an injunction, the penalty of which involves imprisonment, should have the same legal right to a trial by jury that is always accorded to a person charged with violation of the criminal law. To deny the right of trial by jury is to take from the people the protection and priceless heritage which were secured by them after centuries of preserverance, struggle, sacrifice, exile and even martyrdom.
'Whatever differences of opinion may exist among men as to any controversy between labor and capital, no good citizen of our country who treasures freedom can rest secure until trial by jury becomes so well recognized and so firmly established in our legal jurisprudence that no man will ever again attempt to deny this essential and historic right. No class has suffered so much from the tyranny of autocratic power as the working people; none struggled more heroically than they to secure the blessings of true liberty, free government, free speech, free press and trial by jury, and it now devolves upon the wage earners to protect, defend and maintain inviolate this priceless principle of equity and justice."

Regardless of the fact that a vast number of laboring men throughout the United States and Canada are not in harmony with the policy of Samuel Gompers as to the methods employed in the work of organization, yet every man who believes in a free press and free speech and who has realized that the courts are trampling under foot the most sacred rights of individual liberty, will generously respond and give the best that is in him to strangle the seeming judicial conspiracy to shackle the rights of labor to protest against industrial tyranny. The membership of the American Federation of Labor and every other labor organization on this continent should stand as a stone wall, until this battle for human liberty has been fought and justice placed securely on its throne. The decisions of the courts in the Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison contempt proceedings do not effect these men alone, but the right of every laboring man in this country is challenged when unbearable conditions demand that he shall lift his voice against the greed of soullness masters. If the Supreme Court of the United States shall confirm the decisions rendered by the lower courts, then the working class of this country will know that the constitution of the nation is meaningless so far as the laboring people are concerned, and it will then become an absolute necessity for the workers of America to unite industrially and politically and overthrow the dehumanized system that clothes a few men in a "temple of justice" with an assumption of power that makes a corpse of our boasted constitutional rights.

## What Is the Matter?

FOR SOME TLME past there has been manifested considerable anxiety as to the future of the Socialist party in the United States. The prominent men who are identified with the Socialist party officially, have recognized the fact, that the Socialist party is growing weaker numerically, notwithstanding the fact, that Socialist sentiment is stronger. A number of the salaried men who have been laboring in the "vineyard" to promote the great cause of laboring humanity, are frequently asking the question: What is the matter? But it seems that the sages and philosphers in the party have failed to give a satisfactory answer. That there is something the matter, no close observer in the Socialist party will deny. .But to give a brave and fearless answer to "what is the matter," might jeopardize the personal interests of a number of men and women, who have managed to secure some of the revenue subseribed by the rank and file of the Socialist party. The editor of the Miners' Jagazine almost a year ago raised a warning cry against the Socialist party being made an asset for the benefit of certain men, who seemed to be Socialists for PROFIT only.

The editor called attention to the fact that mining stock advertised in so-called Socialist publications and boosted by so-ealled Socialist writers, could only end in disaster to the Socialist party. There are hundreds, yea, thonsands of men scattered all over the United States. who have ineen "buncoed," by that endearing term, "Comrade," and these swindled men have lost faith and confidence in a party whose officials remained silent, while the membership of the party were separated from their hardearned dollars by alluring circulars promising corpulent dividends on investments in mining stock, airships and cer. cal factories. As the hocialist party grew in numbers, it was only natural that men of degenerate fraits should crawl into the party, profess-
ing their great love for the toiling millions and their eternal hatred for a system that bred masters and slaves, and filled the earth with misery and wretchedness. Men with glib tongues and itching palms, wormed themselves into the confidence of the membership of the party, and many of the members of the Socialist party are now mourning the loss of dollars that have been extracted from their pockets, through the endearing words: "My Dear Comrade."

Professional bilks and boarding-house dead beats, have been permitted to grace the soap boxes and proclaim Socialism, and the party is now commencing to reap the whirlwind. The Socialist party must be cleansed of the men and women who have brought the party into disrepute. A dead-beat preaching Socialism, will command no more respect or attention, than a professional libertine paying a tribute to the chastity of the gentler sex.

If the Socialist party is to grow and to be powerful, the membership of the party must be protected from the CROOKS in the party, and this protection must come from the officials of the party, whenever it becomes apparent to them that the Socialist party is being utilized for personal aggrandizement. The officials of the Socialist party cannot afford to cover up the wrong-doing of any FRIENDS in the party, becanse silence on the part of the officials must ultimately lead to the ruin and destruction of the party

The time has come when a HoUSE CLEANING must take place and the longer it is delaved, the more difficult it will become to bring back thousands whose confidence and faith have been shattered by men, who have proclaimed their allegiance to the principles of Socialism who have been merely actuated by mercenary motives.

Socialist sentiment, however, camot be killod no more than organized labor can be crushed. As long as conditions prevail which demand that the lahoring people shall come together to overthrow in-
dantrial opprexion, junt as lung shall the toiling millions be fired be an ine entive to strugele for eeonoman fredom. The lator mowement as at proment comstituted and the soceialist party as at present eopotranted may be shattered and torn into fragments, but the aspirations for
eronombe lilurty can never the assavinated and the wame sentiment that bromght the labor movement and the Siecialist party into being shall build again on a more wold foumdation an eromomic and political movement, to give battle the hosts of capitaliom.

## A Proposed Labor Party.

TDE: NATIONAL Women's Trade Voion League held ith second bicunial convertion a short time ago, and as a result of that convention, the following circular lifter was sent out to the various labor bedies throughont the cometry and to the labor press for publication:
"Whereas: It is believed that the time is now ripe for the working classes of the linited states to forward the ir legitimate interests by polstical action: and
-Whereas: The above end can be best sorved by the formation of a politioal party indenendent of all other pelitical parties and phedred to an undivided loyalty: and

Wheras: It is manitest that were the seseral lator groups now organized in the community, mited in a political party upon a common platform, such a party would exercise politioal influme far greater than any sroup acting separately could excreise: now, therefore, be it
"Rivolved: That the delegates of the National Women's Trade I'nion Lesme in convention andmblad do urge the American Fodera tion of lator to take action toward the formation of a Labor Party. which party shall be pledged to forward the higher interests of the toiling millions as against the selfish internots of a privileged mimerity. and which shal! weloome to its membership all persons of whatever other affiliations who shall subserite to the above line of action: and bee it further
"Rewhed: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the American Federation of Lator to the Sational Sorialist Party of America and the Labor, Soeralist and Single Tax press of the C'nited States.

Adopted by the delegates in Convention Assmbled, the first day of October, nineteen humdred and nine."

The above circular coming from the headquarters of the National Women's Trade 'nion League is significant and will canse various
pinions to the expresed among the memberhip of organized lator, who have given some thought to labor "ntering the political arena as a mitad body. It is somewhat strange that a convention of delegates made up of women, who have not as yot been clothed with the ballot fiel thomselves called upen to draft resolutions urging the working class to form a politioal party. The erroular ketter containing the resolutions proclaiming that "the time is now ripe" for the working chass to forward their interests through "politial action" will create suspicion that the resolutions that have lowen drafted and adopted by the Leacuac have been prompted by ulterier motions, and that there is a "nigere" somewhere "in the wered pile." In the fourth paragraph of the cir-
 "which shall weforme to its memberehip all persons of whatever affiliations whe shall subseribe to the abowe line of action." In the formation of this intended "Lather Party" ALIL who uhberiter to the uhowe
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Without reqard to AFFILIATION, the propened bather Party is to in. built to advanee the interests of the working clates

The Leager attempt, the impenthle, and if the Lator larty is ta In. lannebed by the Amerean Foderation of Later, then it is reasomable to presume that the platorm of the Labor Party, will be as anciont and as obsolete as the poliey which now baves the S. F. of L. helpheses on the reonomice field

The action taken by the League will searecly commend itself to men and women whese vision is clear and whe are conseions of the clase struggle. There can be no real Labor Party that is mot fombed on the clase strusele, and such a party would give offonee to thene Whose "affiliations" make them the common enemies of the workmy class.

## The Report of Samuel Gompers.

TIIE LABORING PEOPLE of America haw had the opportunity of reading the report of Samblel compers to the convention of the American Federation of Lator at Toromo, Canada. The report will scareely warm the blood of the toilers of this comery, and men in whese hearts have crept a feeling of despair, will hardly feel that the "star of hope" decks the sky of labor.

The primeipal features of dompers report were pablished in the daily press and are as follows:
"Toronte, Ont., Nos. 8. - We are not woing to be drawn into a revolution," said President (iompers, responding to the welome extended him today at the ammal comention of the American Federation of Labor.
"The American labor movement." he contimued. "is a rational movement and we are going to hold together. We realize the wronss of the past and present. We do not undestimate the power of our opponents, but we propose to work out our emanepation 16 our own way. not by a revolution, but evolution, and if there be a wrone done by any class of socecty the men of organized labor will be found defending themselves not the agoressors, whoever may be wrong. The labor movement must always b, right.,

There was great interest in Compers ammal report. Compers in his report discusses at length the recent deceision of the conrt of appals of the District of Columbia under which, unless rewersed by the Supreme Court of the Inited states. Vice President John Mitchell, serore tary Frank Morrison and himself must sorve jail sentences for contompt of court in the Buck Stove \& Range Company boyeott rase
biompers contended the case involsed the constitutional right of free spereh and a frew press. and derlared that the whole penple were aroused to the seriousmess of the situation.

FIGHTING: FOR FREE SDEECOI ANI PRESS.
"I repeat and emphasize this fact," he said, "that the deretrime that the eitizen must vield obediemee to every order of the coint mot withstanding that order transeends inherent, natural, human rights guaranted by the constitution of our comery, is vicious and repughant to liberty and human freedom and that it is the duty, the imperative duty to protest.
"In the whole history of our movement no greater struegle has taken place than that for the preservation and the maintename of the right of free press and free speech. Is you well know, this arowe muler the injunction proceedines and conrt decisions in the cate of the Buek's Stove \& Raner Companv against the American Federation of Labor December. $1: 07$.
"The technicalities of the ease were som lowt sight of in the hatthe to preserve the ereat prineiples of human liberty which were involved. The people of our combry have with the men of latoor make it clear to the whole world that no curtailment of the ribhts of free press and free speech will be tolerated. The horeulean efforts of the men of labor to arouse the people of the country to a realization of the
amals of history as one of the great crusades for the mamonaner and advanement of human rights.
-It is a matter of history and of common knowheder that on D. cember esrd. 1:08, Justice Wright senteneed Sammel (iompers, John Witchell and Frank Morrison' to one year, nine months and six months imprisoment respectively for allesed violation of the injunction and that the decision acompanying the sentenee was most virulont and unjust in its terms.
"It is also a matter of the history of this yar that the court of appeals of the District of Columbia, in May, 1909, upon our appeal, rendered a deeision modifying the terms of the origmal injumetion.
-I say advisedly that the whole people of our comentry are aronsed to the serionstess of the situation. They realize that this attack upon free press and free speech among the workers is only the insidions begiming of the entite withdrawal of those riwhts from the whole people whenewer it might suit the plans of these who decire to profit by injustice and tyranns.
"The response of the mases of the people to the campaign of the American Federation of Lator for the preseration of constitutional rights shows how thormehly our labor movement is in harmony with the spirit of liberty and the lowe of justice and riwht which makes a nation ereat. The struegle is far from emded. Eternal vigilanee ever was and always will be the price of the liberties of a people.

Let no one doubt mey grat respect for the judiciary of our countre: I have confidence in the in ingerity, no matter what the ir deetsion, still they are human beines and as such liable to err. I say this with respect not only to the three justiees of the district court of appeals but with reference to the judiciary generally.

Referring to ship subedy by the I'nited States Gompers said
"The special interests and promeretive beneficiaries of this vicious and mereenary 'special clase leqislation, are active on this propesition: in fact. they mever sleep. When this bill was supponed to be quantly resting in the piewon holes of the eommither rown, during the clowing davs of the sixtieth coneress, it surprised the members when the ' inter. cis whith would be bergefited ly the enactment of the bull made a vigorous effort to muster strength emough to pase it throngh the homs as the senate had pasiod it in the firat sesom, but the opposition which we aided in mustering aganst it was sufferent to prewnt the ingmons features of this bill, with its odions comtomplated comeriptise features from being at this time foisted upon the Ameriom perople.

It is neressary to lue very alort on this subjert. Weremse of the adroithes of its adveratos. They are now tryine to former pablie montiment in faver of a 'mail subsidy:' in order to have the promelow of 'subsidy' wablisthed. Once a meanare remehn that stame it will the las difficult to amend the oriemal law and sadder upon it all the vicions clanses affecting latore, partioularly our wemen.

Soe that sour comerestomal representatios all moderatand that yom are actively and penitively opmed to it, or to any hill of that charantur which proposes to take publie funds for private gain. It is one of the most vielous pieces of 'favored class' legislation that is possuble to devise."
the political activities of the country because there has been neither an immediate presidential nor congressional election to stir the minds of the people. The need for adequate remediol, definitive, and protective legislation, both state and national, is, however, as great as when I had the honor to submit to you my report a year ago. At that time we had barely emerged from the throes of a presidential election. It was difficult to estimate to what extent our political powers as workers had been exercised. It was not possible then to ascertain many encouraging fact which have since been certified. We know that at least $6,000,000$ votes were cast for the principles espoused by labor, particularly in reference to the remedy from the abuse of the writ of injunction, to trial by jury and to the full and free legal right of existence of the workers' organizations.
"That so large a number of citizens as stated expressed their sentiments by their votes is conceded even by our opponents. I may add that I have had statements from some of the leaders of the political party which for the time being at least made our canse its own that the votes of the workers alone saved that party from utter, crushing oblivion. It is my belief, and that of those qualified to judge, that at least 80 per cent. of organized labor's forces voted in accordance with the recommendations of our federation. It will never be known to what extent ceercion and trickery prevented the registry of a still larger vote of those who believed with us and who desired to stand with us.

During the past year this subject was most earnestly discussed and every possible forward istep taken in the definition and assertion of labor's political as well as economic power.
'We must be partisan for a principle and not for a party, but we must make manifest the fact that we have political power and that we intend to use it; otherwise, the ballot will become an impotent weapon. Our members and friends can not expect that the officers of the Federation can impress either upon political parties or upon congress the demands of the workers for justice and right unless those workers themselves have shown sufficient interest in the use of their political power as to make it clear that they are the potent force behind their chosen officers and representatives. The potency of the ballot begins in the primary, independent of a party, and there the workers must begin to ins their adherence to labor's principles and demands. There the workers make of themselves an educational force. They must endeavor to draw with them those unorganized, perhaps, or who have not yet become familiar with the legislation which is needed.
"Let us restate that there can be no coercion of any man along party lines. Labor must learn to use narties to advance our principles, and not allow political parties to manipulate us for their own advancement. The distinction is easily understood, and readily carried into effect. If each worker as an individual uses the ballot for the advancement of the principles for which labor stands and has declared there will be no question in future as to the power of labor to achieve its just demands; political apathy and nartisan adherence will weaken: political activity and partisanship for labor's principles will bring strength and success. The activity, the loyalty of the workers in every part of the country is what we need in order that our political power may be used harmoniously with our economic efficiency. The time is now for emphatic declaration and positive practical preparation for now for

The above as it has appeared in the columns of the daily press, is the meat that has been taken from the report of Samuel Gompers. The representatives of the subsidized journals have given a synopsis of Gompers' report, and have taken from that report, only such material as was considered sufficiently interesting to be read by the American
people. But the report submitted through the columns of the daily press furnish but little food for the mental digestion of intelligent men. Congressmen and senators, shackled to the "interests" will laugh with glee when reading the meaningless conglomeration of words that make up the lengthy report of the president of the American Federation of Labor. There is nothing specific in the report, and the membership of the American Federation of Labor after reading the report, can form no definite conclusions as to the future policy of the organization, ex cept to conclude, that the A. F. of L. shall remain chained to the stake of obsolete craft and trade autonomy.

Mr. Gompers in his report declares in one breath that the judiciary has erred and violated the constitution in attempting to destroy by a decision the right of free speech and a free press, and in the next breath, pays a tribute to the integrity of the tribunals that have sentenced Mitchell, Morrison and himself to terms of imprisonment.

Mr. Gompers commends political action, but in his glittering generalities about political action, he leaves the membership of his organization in doubt as to the character of the political action that is to be taken. Will it be the political action that pledged the American Federation of Labor to Bryan, the man who demonstrated a fondness for hobnobbing with the crowned heads of the Old World? Will it be the political action that maintains and perpetuates the system that condemns labor officials to prison, when they raise their voice against the mandate of a court that upholds the despotism of an exploiter, or will it be the political action that will win industrial liberty for humanity?

Gompers is a believer in "evolution" and against ." revolution." Every man has some faith in evolution, but evolution alone will hardly bequeath economic freedom to the human race. If the patriots of '76 had been merely evolutionists, king rule would never have been swept from the soil of Thirteen Colonies.

Mr. Gompers in his report declares: "The need for adequate remedial, definitive and protective legislation, both state and national, is, however, as great as wher. I had the honor to submit to you my report a year ago."

The above sentence expressed by Gompers in his report, is an admission that nothing has been accomplished in the way of legislation during the past year, and the fact, that he declares that "the need" for legislation is as great as a year ago, is evidence that even Gompers himself, realizes that legislative beggars before congress have been unable to accomplish anything that is considered worthy of a tribute from the pen of Samuel. But why should Gompers insist on securing labor legislation, when such legislation can be murdered by the dictum of a court? Has not Gompers realized that every bill enacted into law by state and national legislative bodies, are subject to the scrutiny of the judiciary and that the court has appropriated to itself the authority to say what laws shall be constitutional or unconstitutional? Many of the members of organized labor entertained the opinion that the report of Samuel Gompers at the Toronto convention, would be a document that would inspire the toiling millions with hone, and that the "little father" who visited Europe would say something that would impress upon labor the necessity of closing up the ranks on the economic and political field to give battle for human liberty. It was thought that the despotism of the judiciary, counled with the increasing arrogance of a masier class, would move Gompers to proclaim. that the time had come when labor must unite industrially and politically, to crush the system that fills a world with the moans and wails of poverty's victims. But, alas! Gompers is standing still, while the hosts of capitalism are curling their lins in sneering derision at the impotency of the labor movement of America.

# Ballots, Bullets and Brotherhood. 

By Robert Hunter.

VICTOR BERGER started recently a good deal of futile discussion by declaring for bullets. But those who read carefully what he said could hardly disagree with him.

The Declaration of Independence declares it to be the dinty and right of the people to alter or abolish any government denying the fundamental rights of man.

The Constitution of the United States guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms.

Both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution intended to inform the people that unless government existed for their benefit it was time to overthrow it.

When the government denies their rights, passes and upholds unjust laws, becomes the tool of oppressors or of an oppressing class, the people have a right to alter or abolish it.

He would be a strange American who did not believe in revolution. He would be a strange American who would boy to oppression before fighting to the last ditch.

The people should know that revolution by force is not only an inherent right, but also an zuthoritative right.

If our fathers were willing to lay down their lives to establish political democracy. why should we be willing to lay down our lives to establish industrial democracy?

Is the one so much superior to the other? Is the vote so much superior to bread that one should call forth bloodshed and the other submission?

And yet this discussion of bullets is mainly academic. It will have some point when th. Industrial Democrats are denied their right as a madority to take possession of the government.

The trouble today is that workers are fooled. They will not admit
they are robbed. They will not admit they are oppressed. They are not in revolt.

They are the mainstay and support of political bosses, financial bosses and industrial bosses.

Millions of them are unemployed and in poverty. Their children are condemned to factory servitude. But they do not blame anyone for their misery and they make no intelligent criticism of the present order.

It robs them while they work and tosses them on the scrap pile when they are unfitted for work.

But they see in this the hand of God or of some mysterious force. They will not admit it is capitalism. They will not call it political and industrial tyranny..

Let Berger give them guns and they would begin by shooting Berger because he attacks the bosses that give them work.

No. the people that know not how to vote, how to strike, or how to think, will not know how to shoot.

The people that vnow not what the matter is will not by ballot or by bullet discover who the enemy is.

The fact is. our work has to begin with the foundation, and that is, above all, education. Not only the education of books, but also the education of strife.

No one knew better than Marx himself that few men could ever be made perfect Marxian scholars. He did not count, therefore, upon books but upon life to make his converts.

Wherever the fight was on there he and his followers went. They went for two purposes, to educate and to organize.

In a few brief years they were at the head of the nolitical and industrial unions of Europe. and in the midst of battle their great lessons were tancht

Today their following vote right, strike right and, when these two means fail, they will shoot right

What we need most in America is the proper industrial organization of the workers.

Without a powerful, intelligent, united working class industrial movement, our cause is hepeless. Without a militant, industrial movement without clean, loyal, intelligent union leadership our cause is hopeless.

With millions of unorganized men and women ; with trade unionist quarreling with each other, with petty leaders scrambling for personal advantage: with civic federation dinners and the entire movement torn by dissension, suspicion and ill-feeling, our cause is hopeless.

He who says the vote alone is necessary, is a fanatic. He who says the strike alone is necessary, is a fanatic. He who speaks only of bullets is a fool.

He only is a Socialist in accord with the international movement who believes in both the vote and the strike.

The big job before us is organization. We need powerful, efficient organizers. We need first, brotherhood in the shop, brotherhood among the toilers at work

We need to fight disorder by solidarity. We must have a powerful unified industrial movement to fight the shop battles of the working class.

On the other hand, we must have political organization. An organization of men who will vote as they strike. Men fighting in every precinct, ward, town and city to capture for themselves political power

They must organize to elect the sheriff, the alderman, the legisla tor, the judge and the executive. They must have a political vision and fight for political and industrial democracy

We talk today of bullets because we are weak and sometimes dis couraged. We give way to violence in thought and in action becaus education and organization mean continuous, laborious and indefatig able effort.

But the fact is, organization and education alone can help us. The ballot is a means. The strike is a means. The bullet is a means.

No one of them is in itself anything. They are of value to him who knows how to use them. To those without the intelligence and or ganization to use them effectively they are nothing.

To the man or the class that knows how to use the ballot, the strik and the bullet, victory is near

To the man or the class that knows not how to use the ballot, the bullet is of no use.

Wherever the workers are weak in education and organization the rely on the bullet. It is the cry of despair, the sob of the beaten and the crushed

Wherever the workers have education and organization they rely on the ballot and the strike

When in shop and ward, in factory and home. in mine and cabin they have learned the spirit of brotherhood all will be well And despair not; our comrades of other lands have learned how to think right strike right and vote right.

Should it be necessary, and peaceful means fail. they will know how to shoot right

NOTICE FROM RAY MINERS' UNION, ARIZONA.
Ray, Ariz., Nov. 10, 1909
All members of the Western Federation of Miners working in the juris. diction of Ray Miners' Union are requested to deposit their cards in this union, according to Article 2, Section 1, of the constitution of the Western Federation of Miners. Local secretaries will see to it that all dues received by them from members working in Ray, Superior, and Mammoth, Arizona, will be forwarded to the secretary of Ray Miners' Union.

FRANK CLINTON
Ray Miners' Union, No. 137 , W. F': M,

## AN OPEN LETTER.

To the N. E. C.:
(By Emanuel Julius.)
It is most unfortunate that the new members admitted to our party are not acquainted enough with the Socialist Philosophy to be properly classed as Marxians, and for that reason they do not long remain in our party

I therefore suggest that the constitution be amended to read to the effeci properly answer the following ten questions

1. Under Socialism, on what day would you be permitted to, cut your finger nails?
2. Under Socialism, if the baby cried after 2 a. m ., who'd have to choke it-pop or mom?
3. Under Socialism, if anyone said "Varx was a mollycoddle and Debs was a dope," would he live long enough to say. "Long live the modern school"? 4. Under Socialism, if a horse walked three-quarters of a mile in two hours, how long would it take him to came back if he waltzed?
. Under Socialism, if all motormen had to undergo an examination, and if one dropped dead two blocks away from the ocean, how would you stop the car if you didn't have a certificate?
buttontes, who would get the coats and the other was making 7. Under Socialism, what would wou do to would get the buttonhole?
i. Under Socialism, what would you do to the man who wanted to be 8. Under for appendicitis when he oniy had a tooth-ache?
4. Under Socialism, what would you do to the man too lazy to eat. read Spargo's books?
5. Under Socialism, would Karl Marx s "Capital" be set to music?

## THE SITUATION AT JOHNSVILLE, CALIFORNIA.

Johnsville, Cal., Nov. 1), 1909 Recognizing the future importance of this district as a mining region and consequently a possible stronghold of the Western Federation of Miners, a small body of miners and laborers of Johnsville, Plumas county, California. undertook to organize a local.
for a charter from the Western Federation of Miners
Upon receiving the charter they procceded to business. In organizing, they received quite a bit of opposition in one form or another but as we grow older, the opposition grows weaker and after a career of one year and six months, we invite anyone to investigate our record, wtihout feeling ashamed of the work we have accomplished, considering the small field we
firely independent of anyone from the ouside, having not recelved a visit from any official of the Western Federation of Miners.

This country has within it an extensive mineral belt, and all that is ne ance

The Jamison mine, which employs about fifty men, has been in opera ion for about fifteen years.

The Four Hills mine, an old mine, is opening up under a new manage ment and expects to employ about thirty-five men all winter, putting on arger crew in the spring.

The famous Plumas Eureka, which at one time emploved 400 men, but has been closed down, has been sold for $\$ 225,000$, and will employ a large force oi men in the near future.

Besides the mines, already developed, this country has numerous claims which are only awaiting the day for capital to recognize the importance of this region as a gold producer.

We are not having this article inserted in the Miners' Magazine simply to throw boquets at ourselves, but to draw the attention of the outside world te this rich mineral belt

After reading this article and having it verified for the truth by the Johns Fille Miners' Union, No. 149, it is plain to be seen that with the workingmen in this district already organized in the W.F. M., that as this district grows, so also shall this local grow and as we hope, become one of the many loyal upporters of the W. F. M.

Now, in preparing for the future, we have decided to build a hall. This place is badly in need of a hall to accommodate the crowds in time of a elebration. That being the case, a hall would in time pay for itself.

To start the fund for the hall, we gave a masquerade ball October 30, 1909, which turned out to be a grand success. We will also levy a local as Went.
We are sending petitions for aid to every local in the W. F. M., and in petitioning them for aid we earnestly belleve that in helping us they will be advancing the work of the W. F. M.

This is the first union to be organized in this county, but as we grow Wer we expect to branch out and organize every district possible. When we get our hall built, as we expect to by spring we can point to it with pride as another monument erected to the "Glory of the W. F. M (Seal)

GEORGE S. DUNN, Secretary
Endorsed by the Johnsville M. U., No. 149, at their meeting of October

## MERCY! HOW PERFECTLY AWFUL

## (By Einanuel Julius.)

Yes, Socialism is bound to fail-and it should, for didn't dear little Percy, with the esoteric, esthetic temperament say, "It is grossly inartistic for it tends to extreme, vulgar monotony, which is the explicit antithesis of All right.
All right, let's call the undertaker, whictle for the hearse and send the And, by the way, did you ever stop to Lhet that sink into your bide. Perce thinks it is. He says, "There is variance about individualism, and that is the essence of are

That's a new one, isn't it? Now, tell the truth, don't you think Percy should get a pension from Belmont and his $\$ 50,000$ fund?

How beautiful capitalism is-such variance: such lines' sucb curves: Think of it: We have poor and rich-perfect balance! Well-fed and atarving -delightful: Disease and health-how lovely! Clean and unclean-what a perfect contrast: Indeed, how fortunate we are that we live today in such an artistic environment and the Socialists! Wow! Think what they would
do-establish a system wherein all who would work could eat-all would be clothed, housed and have all their wants satisfied! How dull! How monot onous, dreary, cold and barren! Turn on the hose!

## NOTICE TO SECRETARIES.

Any workingman leaving the jurisdiction of the Johnsville Miners' Union, No. 149, without a paid-up card, will be considered unfair to organized labor and should be treated as such.

By order of Johnsville Miners' Union, No. 149, W. F. M. (Seal)

GEO. S. DUNN, Secretary.

## SITUATION AT NOME, ALASKA.

## Nome, Alaska, Oct. 16, 1909

Editor Miners' Magazine
Just a few lines on the industrial situation here. To begin with, conditions were never so bad in this part of Alaska before. Many unfortunate men, lured by the rosy pictures which the capitalistic hirelings of the Pacific
coast dailies paint of Alaska, quickly find out that they are dupes of the suave exploiters of the Pacific coast cities. The railroads and steamship companies get theirs and turn them adrift on an already overcrowded industrial field. The press of Nome, which has always allied itself with the so-called operators, and which was always so profuse in its statements of shortage of labor in this camp, took quite a different view this fall when the number of indigents increased so that the city was called upon to house them. As the city treasury is not very strong a petition was sent to Washington to send a war ship here before the freeze-up and take the unfortunate victims out. The government responded and 139 of the most destitute were takn south. About 150 more got away from here on old sailing vessels, which will probably reach Seattle some time this winter. The few steamers trading here are owned by crowded to their fullest has as many names as Alphonso of Spain, and are crowded to their forme conditions here at present. The few who are going to stay with the country expect to spend a winter of idleness, a good many figuring on reaching a new strike which has been made up the Yukon

What are the causes leading up to this appalling state of fairs? They are mainly traceable to the so-called operators, who refused to fairly deal with their employes. The industrial conflict has been active here since Local 240 was organized. Under the banner of the Western Federation of Miners and the brilliant leadership of E. J. Hickey, the workers of this camp made their of the earnings of their toil. Aided and abetted by the parasitical lawyers and idlers around town, they put up a great fight, so they thought, but the workers put up a better fight, as they forced them to haul down their colors. We have the great We have the great satisfly - lon of seemg some of those imaginary magnates they have gone. But we would not care so much for the store men or the bankers as we do for the unfortunates who have worked all summer and come to town to find out the owner skipped. Some solace was attempted on the part of their fellow confidence-men by assuring the poor fellows that it was only a trip out to see Seattle's scab-built exposition. Hell hath no torments that could inflict sufficient punishment on the scab-herder who engages men and is instrumental in bringing them into a country like this and then jump out and leave them penniless-and that is why the government was petitioned to send a vessel here. Fine state of affairs, I must say! But how can you expect different? Do the workers of Alaska think they can get jus. tice through the representatives who are corporation-owned? If they do, they make serious mistakes. We've had representation in Congress tor the past lour or five years. Did they labor for a lien law to protect the man that works from the heartless crooks, so many of whom Alaska can boast? No. They of a road the brain and brawn made it possible to make Alaska what it is today. So finally, I must say the outlook here is anything but promising and I can see no chance for any improvement. I say to all workingmen and miners that this is no place to come, and hope that this warning will not go amiss

We sincerely thank headquarters for their past kindnesses and promise that as long as Nome exists and there are enough of us to hold a meeting even if it is only a supreme quorum of five, that we will keep the principles and banner of the W. F. of M. floating in the breeze.
(Seal)
Respectfully Yours,
JOHN S. SUTHERLAN
JOHN S. SUTHERLAND,
Secretary-Treasurer Local No. 240, W. F. of M.

## X-RAYS.

## (By John M. Work.)

Once upon a time I indulged in a twenty five mile drive in southern Idaho in order to make a Socialist speech and organize a local. The way led us down the mountains and across a wide valley. When we left the little nest of a town away up in the mountains where I had spoken the evening before. we drove over a tortuous path around the mountain side, with peaks on erry curve in the road, suddenly and without warning the whole broad valley below swept into view. It was one of those moments that are never forgotten. The broad expanse of sagebrush, too far away to be ugly; the winding river, the twinkling brooklet that flowed into it when it could afford water enough; the irrigation ditches that filched the water back again; the angular patches of green farm land carved out of the gray sagebrush; the little shanties wich would-be clumps of trees about them; the browsing cattle and sheep; the isoated cross sections of red rockina im and sient past, and cone it and it re nade a panorul

Years ago the panorama of Socialism burst across my vision in much the same manner. I had decided to prepare a lecture against Socialism. I knew ture against it I must inyestigate it. In these days Socialists were few and far between. I could not talk with them, because I did not know any. I wen to the city library and made out a list of the books on the subject. I got out the first one on the list. When I began reading it I could not stop. I forgo that I wanted to prepare a lecture against Socialism. My eyes were glued to
the page. The book suread out before my astonished view a social punorama
of unexampled beauty. It showed me that the unerring cure for all the social evils that had been burdening my mind. It refreshed my soul. It made a new man of me. Before that time I had been a cynical pessimist. Since then have been a boyful optimis.
Try it, friend. It will have the same effect upon you. It will open up a new world to you. It will make your life worth living.

Children cry for automobiles. I have heard women sigh because their hus bands were not able to buy motor cars.
if phens
y sustained enthusiasm would wane my sustained enthusiasm would wane.

It is my hope that Socialism will result in a return to the simple life the simple joys, the simple pleasures. It is my hope that Socialism will evolve people who can elicit more satisfaction from a quiet walk through the Socialism will produce people who can find more pleasure in a mental or mechanical problem than in clothes or jewelry.

The only formula there is for producing genuine happiness was dis covered long ago. he who saves his life shall lose it, and he who loses his hife shall save it.

The only way to become genuinely happy is by making others happy. It may be done either concretely or collectively, according to temperament. But it is the only way. It may be done by striving for better conditions or by per-
forming useful work. But it is the only way. As long as one's own weliare forming useful work. But it is the only way. As long as ones own welfar ple's selfish interest as much as any other agitator. But it is only a means of arriving. I have to take them as they are I want Socialism and I adopt the necessary methods of securing it. But the fact remains that selfishness and happiness are deadly enemies and cannot exist together. When one begins to submerge self happiness begins to dawn. A placid countetance is never seen on a selfish person. You might as well look for bright darkness. They are incompatible. A placid countenance is seen on a person who forgets self and works for the good of others-for the good of his class, or his race, or wat not. By losing his life he saves it.

Among economic and sociological students it is a commonplace that $s 0^{\circ}$ cial evolution is a spiral.

When I say that I hope Socialism will mean a return to the simple life I am not reactionary. I hope, the upward spiral will again lead to the simple ife. I not only hope in, but ibll damation

To others, more highly developed, the rush of capitalism is dull damna tion. Nothing would make them so sick and tired and so soon ready for suicide as to be compelled to enter the rush and swirl. They insist upon it is the simple life. If the world does not like it, the world can go to fellow meser, not they. But they are not recluses. They stay close to the in the rush and scramble for wealth

The human race has the choice of getting back close to nature or becom ing extinct. Even Socialism could not save it unless it seized the opportunity given by Socialism to get back to nature. Not that I want to undo anythirs wherein we have improved upon nature. Far from it. I want to preserve all that. But in numerous ways we are killing ourselves off, singly and in groups, physically and otherwise, by the adoption of injurious substitutes cor nayed and enforced by sloughed off if the race wond tre. They are ceAnd dsease and insanity will end the if a halt is not ealle Sociatiam will give as wisanity win end the race if a hat is Copitalism bas robbed the world of its beauty, its grace
as chrnged us from a generous to a sordid people It has made virtue. It and envious. If someone else has a bauble that we have not we cannot rest until we have one like it. And it does not make either of us happy. Niere things never made anyone happy.
1...n not worrying because the working class is being exploited out of its automobiles.

I am deeply concerned because the working class is being exploited ou: of its leisure, out of its physical, mental, moral and spiritual health, out of its opportunity to escape from the dullness of ignorance, out of its opportunity o be self-respecting and noble and generous and worthy to be.
Socialism will produce all the things that people need

Socialism will produce all the things that people need. It will give all the condition precedent to the higher thing: But it will also produce an environment that will discourage envy and the puerile desirs to outdo one another in show and display. Persons who show off their possessions will provoke sm . 's such as those now provoked by children who talk big. Such per sons will be looked upon as half-witted, mentally undeveloped.

Capitalism has made us an aggregation of nervous wrecks. It we can't be in the $s^{-i m}$ we groan inwardly and outwardly and bewail the imaginary fact that we are wasting our lives. Oh, spirit of Socialism, whisper to this nervously wrecked people that it is when they are in the swim that they are wastng their !ives.

When capitalism is abolished and the mists have cleared away many a person who is now adored will shrivel like a gaudy toy balloon when puncured.

The greatest of all is the servant of all."

## SKEETERS.

(By Emanuel Julius.)
If a mosquito settled down on your eyebrow and tried to get his oats out of your hide, would you wallop him one? I should say you would. Why, that skeeter would live long enough to read a single chapter from Genesis,

But!
If the Capitalist mosquito settles down on your back and whistles, "Carry should say not, for-

Wouldn't it be agin human nature
Wouldn't it do away with the incentive to scratch?
Wouldn't it end religion?

## TO THE WORKING PUBLIC

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Dry Goods, Notions, Ladies' and Men's Furnishtugs, Clothing, Shoes, Rnbber Footwear, Groceries, Queensware, Flour, Feed, Coal nad mmall
Hardware.

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Wouldn't it make us all equal?
Wruldn't it break up the family?
Sure it would
So sting on, O Thou Capltalist Mosquito! What would we do without you?


## WHO'S STUCK?

A Missourl Pacific ticket agent in Arkansas tells the following: "A man presented himself at the ticket window and asked the fare to Atkins, Ark. foid him it was $\$ 3.00$. He said he had only a $\$ 2$ bill, but could easily raise he other dollar. When he returned with the three dollars and was asked how be got the other dollar, he said: I went to a pawnbroker and pawned the 2n) the ticket kindly tell me who is out the dollarn. ". The agent atter nk out the theket kind that he had wrestled with the forty-seventh problem of Euclid. dragged through quadratics in algebra, worked on "How old is Ann?" but the question was too much for him.-Ex.

## TWELVE HOURS OF AGONY-HOW FERRER DIED

## (From "L'Humanite.")

Towards half-past eight they fetched him from the pavilion he occupied in the intenor of the fortress to take him to the governor's bureall. He found himsell before the judge, Rass Nergreni, accompanied by his secretary, and urrounded by soldiers. The magistrate then read to him the death sentenc suthorities He informed him that the supreme council and the council of minstrers had refused to transmit to the King any petition for mercy

This, then, was death.
Ferrer listened in silence, with a calm and dignified bearing, which he re rained cill the end. Firmly, and with his customary flourish, he put his name to the report which notifed that he condemned person had he tr his sentence read.
him back to his cell.
The prisoner was not allowed to touch any of the familiar objects that he had left a few minutes before. He was now searched. A minute search, the object of which was to leave the condemned man nothing which was taken from him, and he was made to put on garments with a spectal kind of fastening.

He was then led to the chapel, which is near the center of the caztle of Montjuich. With a gesture of the hand, Ferrer refused the services of the Jesuit who offered himself.

The chaplain of the castle came to him to try and overcome his reastance, and two other priests approached him at different times during the hight to offer him the "solace of religion. Ferrer repled impati
The exhortations of the Brothers of Charity, who remained
in the chapel were equally unsuccessfilt in the chapel, were equally unacessful.
nor Juan Permanyer was sent, and remained more than seven depositions. the prisoner
At the moment when the lawyer thought he had finished the will which is, doubtless, more than a simple family document and bears the character of a political manifesto), Ferrer suddenly remembered that he had omitted a probably very important clause. Senor - Permanyer was recalled, and the dictation began again.

Ferrer, who would not kneel down, remained on his feet the wrile time in the chapel, where he was forced to pass the last hours of his lif., and all at his disposal between the rows of monks who were praying with their rosaries.

It was exactly 8:45 and the sun had long simce risen, when they came chajel since 8 o'clock the preceding evening!

But he still had to wait till the authorities of the prison had conducted the operation of drawing lots. (For this was the manner in which the monk: and the soldiers who were to assist at the execution were chosen.) At last all was ready. The escort formed up, and Ferrer, placed in the center of the group. marched at the same pace as the soldiers.

The chaplain had placed himself at his side. Ferrer could be heard, in gentle but firm tones, asking him to retire.
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解 to advance with a firm step, his head erect When he arrived before the governor, his escort having stopped, he looked at him, and awaited his questions.
"Have you any last petition to make to us or any recommendation to Ferrer looked him full in the face, and replied: "I only wish, if this is possible, not to be forced to kneel down, and not to have my eyes covered. There was a long colloquy between the officers present. Could it be permitted to grant this man's request of dying thus? After an interchange of sotto voice reflections, the governor decided the question by according to Ferrer the right to meet death erect, but strictly abiding by the decision to andage his eyes.
"I thank you," said Ferrer. distance from which the ditch. beside the wall, a short ready ranged in two lines Ferrer's hands were tied behind his back. They bandaged his eyes, and ne remained alone, upright, his head held very high, as though he were trying, in spite of the bandage, to see the muskets pointed at him. In the absolute sllence which weighed heavily upon the scene in the ditch of Montjuich, he fatal command was given by a sign. The officer unsheathed his sword. then raised it, and the volley resounded.

Ferrer had fallen on the spot and lay on the ground on his back.
The officer approached him, accompanied by a doctor. who ascertained that Ferrer breathed no more; death had been instantaneous. He had recelved one bullet in the throat and three more in the head. As soon as
death was announced, the troops filed past the body.

## UNION MINERS

Wen visiting Terry will tind a confortate TERRY, SO. DAK.
TERRY HOTEL
squadron of solders approached. Ferrer's coffin was lifted on four shoulders, and the cortege marched back by the way it had come.

## THE STATE OF OUR COUNTRY.

By Robert Hunter.)
Did you ever ask yourself, whither are we tending?
Did you ever ask yourself, whither are we tending?
see straight, think clearly, read the following and ask yourself what's the matter.

My morning paper tells me that a Judge sends a pror, unemployed work man to jall for six months at hard lator, and his wife for four months, be cause they CANNOT sulport their chlldren.
not ramaking this sentence the worthy fudge declared that those who could Turn chllaren rightly should not have chlldren.

Turn from this to a report of the New York commissioner of prisuns, 1919.

A man named John Hayes, the report says, was brought to the Albanv wiententary for the third ume. He was a victim of hard luck. He went i.bout from place to place, seeking work, but had no success.

He was arrested for vagrancy and ken. to the penttentlary from Poukh. arrested almost immedrately again by the Catskill pollce and sent. ne was arrested alm
six months.

The report says there is no pretense that this man committed a crime or waried in his pocket a litule Bitle, which he read

When his present term expires he will be again arrested and recommitted, and this may contmue interminably. The report says: "Thus we have a case of imprisonment for life for no other offense than that of being poor:"

The New York Herald brings this news: "Race suicide may be bad," says the president of a Chiacko Woman's club, "but it is a thousand times
better to be without children than to rear them in the horrible indusirial better to be without children than
conditions that prevall at present.

From Suffolk, Va., a telegraphic dispatch is sent to tell us that Sarah E Melton was awarded $\$ 6^{2} 25$ by a railroad for the death of her husband, who was ground to pieces at a street crossing, and that Mary A.Cobb kot sion from the same company for damages to an automotile at another crowsing. The day after, word comes from St. Louss that Mrs. Anna Worowich
roke down in court and wept bitterly because the judge would not sfad her to the work house.
"Thy do you want to go to the work house?" the judge asked.
"To eat," was the reply. "I am tired of going without food."
Have you no one to support you?" asked the Judge.
"No one but my husband, and he is in jall. He was arrested for breakng a window in a butcher shop, and stealing sarjsiges He is charged with Homeless foodless workle

Hon broke the show window of a clothing store in order to force the court to mprison her and feed her
In lllinois, working women beg for a tun-hour day. They foukht for teg. islation and obtained it. A judge immediately declared the law unconstitu conal, belleving that women should be FREE to work unlimited hours.
Free? I have beard that word. I used to sing it as a child in a song of But I ask myself and you if such things could occur in a land of the free and the home of the brave?

## FREE SPEECH IN PHILADELPHIA.

Emma Goldman's application, supported by the Fren Speech commit, e, or an injunction against police interference with her lectures, has come to a hearing before Judges Willson and Audenreid in Philadelphla. She herself was crossexamined at the hearing. and after her testimony was allowed to make a
speech supplementary to the lawyer's speech for the Free Sueech committee The police having opposed her injunction on the ground that her lectures had led to disturbances and that she was a convicted anarchist, she addressed her. self to these points. Her speech was not published in the reports of the hearing. but ibeir extracts from it indicate that it was substantially the same as a letter of hers in the Philadelphia Public Ledger, which covered the pointr in question as follows.

As to what my record may or may not be has nothing to do with the present struggle. But for the benefit of your readers, I wish to say this: I have been in the lecture field for eighteen years; have spoken in innumrable cities, including Philadelphia, and have never had a single disturbance. The only disturbers were the police. when they attempted to slop meetings held for trial but once-1s93 and not because of any riot but for quoting Cardinal Manning, to-wit, Necessity knows no of any riot, but for quoting published in my magazine, Mother Earth, the latter being entered in the United States as second class mail. Yet it remained for the police of philadelphia to suppress me even before 1 waz heard. Does it not seom as it this city has come to a very lamentable state of affairs if the right of free speech is made to depend on the grace and whim of the police department? A convicted anarchist? Were the authorities to know but the history of their own country, they would know that some of the greatest anarchists have raised their voices for human justice and libertv rikht here in America. Iovid Thoreau, the author of 'Walden.' was an anarchist. for it was he who in his famous tract, Evil Disobedience,' proclaimed the human truth, towit, It am at all times called upon to do onlv what I think is right and not pay taxes, Ralph Waldo rimerson waseau went to prishn for refusing to 'Self-Rellance: has contributed to the wealth of anarchisti, literature. John Brown, Wendell Phillips, Lloyd Garrison and scores of whers were anar chists, inasmuch as they opposed the abuse of power. Yes, they were dreamers of a state of soclety wherein each man shall bave the greasper scope and opportunity for self-development: a soclety wherein the Individ ual shall learn to anpreciate his relation to his fellows and the value of mu ual assistance and voluntary co-operation. A dankerous theory? Yes, but dangerous to those who would fetter the human mind and gag the human oice: dangerous to those who always have opposed every truth for socia progress and individual well-being. As to myself. I came here not to enter into a fist-fight with the police. I came here to set forth my ideas, and 1
absolutely deny the right of any official to stop me from speaking. True bsolutely deny the right of any offictal to stop me from speaking. True with age, but then I represent a truth and a never-to-be-destroyed longing for
liberty. The club may be a mighty weapon, but it sinks into insignificance before human reason and human integrity. Therefore, I shall speak in
Philadelphia.-San Francisco Star.

## STARTLING PAUPERISM.-LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD OF ENGLAND SHOWS ENORMOUS POVERTY OF PEOPLE.

The English local government board has recently published some start ling figures as to pauperism in England and Wales. The following are ex Grave conceru is be
Grave conceru is being felt in England over a report just made public showing that there are 959,848 paupers, or fersons receiving public relief. in England and Wales. One in every thirty-seven, therefore, is a pauper accord ing to these startling figures. From the renort of the local government board
"The number of able-bodied men relie
ws the large increase of 133 per cent on the account of want of work
"The total body of pauperism, as compared with the total on the
date in the previous year, has increased by 3.4 per cent. the number of recruits being 31,177 . The highest increase is in Durham, where there is 7.1 per cent. more pauperism than on January 1, 1908.

The great army of persons in receipt of some form of relief may be classified as follows:


In London 430 persons and outside of London 599 persons who are counted twice in the preceding figures by reason of being reckoned for various reasons both as indoor and outdoor paupers, are only enumerated once in the totals
are compared with the army of people who have to seek aid from the state compared with the population, the following striking facts come to ligh
"One person in every thirty-two in London is a pauper
"The average per thousand may be compared with the figures on January 1, 1908, as follows:

Paupers Per 1,000 of the Population
England and Wales
Jan. 1, 1908 Jan. 1, 1909
Commenting on these figures, the London Standard remarks
"What do these things mean? They mean that, economically sp-akng, the nation has for years been living on its capital, and that it is steering straight upon disaster. Regarded politically, these facts denote a very remarkable failure of the government to insure or to maintain the national welfare and prosperity. In what does that failure consist? Broadly speakng, it consists in leaving the labor of the country totally unprotected against he competition, tariff-armed, of every other great manufacturing country. Mr. Chamberlain devoted the last strenuous years of his political life to telling his countrymen the truth, and they refused to believe him. They pre ferred to believe the casuistries of intriguing politicians and the arid sopnis. tries of political economists before the evidence of their senses. What is
the cause of pauperism? Unemployment."

## GOMPERS' NAIVE OPTIMISM

Samuel Gompers learned a lot on his European trip. His actions since his return, as The Call has pointed out, denote a tremendous mental evolu-
tion. He has a lot to learn yet. It may be that the jail will be the unition. He has a lot to learn yet. It may be that the jail will

He still retains a childlike and serene confidence in the "justice" of capitalist courts. He has not yet learned that there are two brands of "justice" and that the purest "justice" of the capitalist is precisely the lackest and most damnable injustice for the worker.

Tuesday, after the announcement of the decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia confirming his jail sentence, he said to the reportefs: "Minority opinions of courts in the past, when humar and the generally accepted rule of life, and I have an abiding faith that the rule in this case will prove no exception.'

Laws and courts exist to protect thet rights of property, since, in the words of Veblen, "the rights of property are the foundation of modern law and order," The higher the court, the more likely are the judges to be thoroughly trained in the law, and the more certain are they to hand out the pure and undefiled brand of capitalist justice. This does not mean that the bigher courts are more apt, to be corrupt. It only means that they are more apt to adhere rigidly to the capitalist conception of justice, and are thus more sure to mete out injustice to the workers. Efforts to corrupt them,
as Vehlen has said, "would be a work of supererogation, besides being immoral."

We, too, have confidence in the United States Supreme Court. We be ieve it can be relied on to protect property rights, to put the Dollar col istently above the Man, and therefore we believe will approve M Gompers jail sentence; and we sincerely hope Mr. Gompers win emerge fact that not until the proletariat gains the power to name the judges, can the proletariat expect proletarian justice from the courts.
We wish that Mr. Gompers could keep out of jail; if he cannot, we trus he will prove to be a big enough man to let the jail be his university.-New York Call.

## WILL IT BE CIVIL WAR?

The remarks of the ex-president of the Diamond Match Company, as quoted in the Miners' Magazine, are a typical expression of the attitude of the class conscious capitalist and should provide food for thought to those who regard the class struggle as a theoretical doctrine and who would ex end the olive branch of human brotherhood to our masters.
History, and quite recent history at that, the Paris Commune and the Russian Revolt, for cxample, leaves no room for question that of all conflicts a class certificate is the most ruthless, and also that the grim arbitrament o war is invoked always by none other than the master class the very up holders of law and orde
so whether the social revolution shall be ushered in "with iron sandals hod" or not, the choice will lie with our masters, and the chances are
trongly in favor of the former contingency. Not by reason of any fighting lood that runs in their veins, for of all ruling classes that have ever pol uted the earth and harried. its denizens, these gentry of the yardstick and counting-house are the most despicable because the least courageous and the most tracherous. Their God Nammon has endowed them the brains of
a fox and the bowels of a hare. For generations the training of the indi a fox and the bowels of a hare. For generations the training of the indi
vidual and natural selection of the species have united to breed in them the vidual and natural selection of the species have united to breed in them the necessary qualifications for success in their walks of life, an adroit cun
ning in lying, treachery and deceit and an alert timidity at the very appear
ance of danger. For any dirty work they are eminently qualified and eager, but when the work to be done is dangerous as well as dirty eager, but when the work to be done is dangerous as well as dirty, they
must have resource to hirelings from the lowest strata of the working class, and these they breed in plenty.

That they will be willing enough to attempt to drown out the revolutionary fires in blood is a foregone conclusion; whether, when the time comes, they will feel themselves strong enough to do so depends on the strength of our movement at that time. In the face of an indeterminate undecided, though even large, host, they will venture much, but when confronted with an aroused proletariat bent upon the overthrow of class rule
at any cost, ready to give blow for blow, they will be glad to save their hides at any cost, ready to give blow f
at the loss of their possessions.

Hence, we have much to fear from our friends who. by hothouse meth ods, seek to foster a prolinic growth even at the expense of ts sturdines And it is therefore of deadly import to us and oull not bearken only th on his way, that when come the times "that try men's souls" there shall not be wanting a sufficient army with unity of purpose and understandin of aim to stand the test

Another danger to us lies in a premature revolt, than which nothing would better suit the enemy's book. And this contingency will be made the more possible by the methods of the "Direct Actionist," who, tiring of the siege, would fling a forlorn hope against the yet unbreached walls of Capital citadel.

But come as it may, in peace or war, we may rest assured that the pro letarians will acquit themselves as men. They have since time immemoria dared all dangers, fought all battles, conquered all obstacles, and here, too talism must perish. It behooves us to see that we perich not with it Western Clarion.

## UNION JACK FOREVER

The patriotic bunk contained in the following resolutions passed by he Provincial Workmen's Association, Nora Scotia, should only be rea by men with strong stomachs; otherwise it is apt to prove nauseating

American unions, while claiming to be international in character, have refused to become members of international congresses, giving the vague excuse cos the the law-abiding workers of Canada are likely to becon nvolved in hunger, misery rioting, bloodshed and murder if the America inions are permitted to hold sway in the Dominion. This course if persisted $\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{n}}$ is sure to end in the spoliation of Canadian business interests for the Lenefit of the United States:
"Resolved, that this grand council immediately join the Canadian Federa ion of Labor and use all of its efforts to have all workingmen and working women in Canada do the same thing so that we may present a solid fron to the common enemy and maintain our independence, showing the world that Canadian workingmen are second to none in patriotism and that our
national cry shall be, Canada for Canadians under the good old Union Jack.',

Now what d'ye think of that? Not a word regarding the interest of Canadian workers. Their main fear is that the affiliation with America
inions will "end in the spoliation of Canadian business interests for th enefit of the United States."

The reading of this resolution plainly shows that it was dictated tr hese same business interests. It is utterly impossible that a union capabl of drawing up such a resolution could ever accomplish anything for the

The funny part of it all is that where the Provincial Workmen's Asso ciation has been strongest, in Cape Breton, the principal industries, coal mining and the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, are under the control of American capitalists. The latter concern was promoted by Whitney, a
Boston financier, and its principal stockholders are Americans. Hurrah for Boston financier, and its principal stockholders are Americans. Hurrah for the Union Jack!'-Nome Industrial Worker

## WOMAN-COMRADE AND EQUAL.

## (Eugene V. Debs.)

The London Saturday Review, in a recent issue, brutally said: "Man" superiority is shown by his ability to keep woman in subjection." Such a sentiment is enough to kindle the wrath of every man who loves his wif primitive. Measured by that standard, every tyrant has been a hero, and brurality is at once the acme of perfection and the glory of man.

But it is a lie and a libel. The author of it is an unnatural son striking his mother, a brutal husband glorying because he is able to fell his faith his mother, a brutal husband glorying because he is able to fell his falth and gloating as she falls because he is stronger than she

Real men do not utter such sentiments. He who does so prostitutes his powers and links himself once more to the chattering ape that wrenches the nerk of the cowering female, glorying as he does so in the brute force that is hie.

Ye the sentiment is not confined to a moral degenerate who writes lim for pay, or to sycophants who sell their souls for the crumbs that arrogant wealth doles out to its vassals. It is embodied and embedded in the crue system under which we live, the criminal system which grinds children to pronts in the mills, which in the sweatshops saps women of their power mother a race of decent men, which traps the innocent and true-heared? It finds expression in premiers hiding from petticoated agitators in presi ients ignoring the pleading of the mothers of men in the clubbing and iait ing of suffragettes, in W'all street gamblors and brigands cackling from their piles of loot at the demands of justice. It is expressed in law which rank mothers and daughters as idiots and criminals. It writes, be side the declaration that men should rebel against taxation without repre sentation, that women must submit to taxation without representation. It makes property the god that men worship, and says that women shall bave no property rights. Instead of that, she herself is counted as property, liv ing by sufferance of the man who doles out the pittance that she uses.
Woman is made the slave of a slave, and is reckoned fit only for companionship in lust. The hands and breasts that nursed all men to life are scorned as the forgetful brute proclaims his superior strength and plumes himself that he can subjugate the one who made him what he is and
have made him better had his customs and institutions permitted

How differently is woman regarded by the truly wise and the really great: Poala Lombroso, one of the deepest students of mind that ime has ripened, says of her
bottome most simple, most frivolous and thoughtless woman hides at the else suspects, which she of heroism, which neither she herself nor a cours but which springs into evidence and manifests itself by actions of devotion and self-sacrifice, if fate strikes her or those whom she loves. Then she does not wince, she does not complain nor give way to useless despair, but rushes into the breach. The woman who hesitates to put her feet into cold, placid water throws herself into the perils of the roaring, surging maelstrom.'

Sardon, the analytical novelist, declares:
sess intuitive faculty to an extraordinary degree, and may almost always

We trusted to do the right thing in the rikht place. They are full of nobl-we-timite, and, thoukh beavily handicapied by fate. come well out of every ordeal You base only to turn to himtory to learn the truth of what 1 may, Lanter
thestimeny
We have no cenception of the real amount of talent or of gentus pos at xowd by woman. It is probably not greatly inferior to that of men even now, and a few kenerations of enlikhterned opmon on the subject, if share in) I am glad to align mysulf with a party that declares for absolute enlyai ty betwey $n$ th. munes. Anything las than this is too narrow for twen Heth century emblization, and too small for a man who has a right conerp wh of manhood. I declare my faith that man, like water, cannot riss thiber than ths source. I am no greater than my mother. I have no rignts If pimert that do not belong to my sisters, everywhere
Let us grant that woman has not reached the full helght which she might attain-when I thank of her devoton to duty, her tender ministres, he gentee spirtt that in the clainh and struggle of basston has made her the a) sot of the world. ghery and beauty ineffable. kiory and beanty inerfable
walks the ufward way side by side with woman. Plato was right in his fancy that man and woman are merely halves of bumanty, each roquiring the quables of the other in order to attain the highest character. Shakemperate tiderateod it, when be made his noblest women as strong as men, and his bew men tender as women.

Inder our brutal forms of existence, beatung womanhood to the dust we have raged in passion for the individual woman, for use only. Some day We shall develop the social passion for womanhood, and then the gross wil disdywar in service and justice and compantonship. Tinen we whall lift Woman from the mire where our fists have struck her, and set her by ont
side as our comrade and equal and that wilt be lole indeed. dde as our comrade and equal and that will be lose indeed.
tfe but in that he has made her free.- Th. Progressive Womanslaved his

## THE DEGRADATION OF SCRIBNER'S.

(By Franklin H. Wentworth.)
For twelve successive issues Scribner's : Aagazine-that once dignifice perioducal-is to publish tales of the brutal and conscienceless kiliing of wild anmals by Theodore Roosevelt.

For twelve successive months the boys of America, who have been led to genter thinkisg and feeling regarding their "little brothers," the anf nols, be such humane writers as Thompsonseton, are to have their imagina umanized publication.

Agents of Scribuer's Magazine are going about the country solicitirt whacrittons, stating that the magazine is paying Mr. Roosevelt one dollar a vord for his tales of slanghter

To publich the articles is in itself a disgraceful betrayal of the high re ponsibility if a magazine read by the youmg: but to solicit the perusal o. his corruption because it is extravagantly paid for is hopelessly and unpakably vuikar.
lizing and alling and quickening the blood lust of thr young. All domestic animal life basing once stood in the light that falls ujoon high puthic office.
Theodore Roosevelt, himself an undeveloped animal. retaining his junFle instincts, cannot be held accountable. He is expressing his nature

But Scribner's: Scribner's Magazine, knowing better, deliberately pandering to brutal instincts we are trying to leave behind us, and doing it for moty-flaunting, advertising the fact that it is for money?
This, even in the modern ethic, is on the final level of journalistic degradation.

## THE CONVENTION AT TORONTO.

The Chicago Daily Socialist, commenting on the convention of the Amer ican Federation of Labor at Toronto, Canada, had the following to say ediiorially, last week

There is a tremendous opportunity before this convention. There are questions pressing for answer, on whose solution depends the future of the organized movement of this country. They are questions that demand a readth of treatment and understanding such as has been largely absent rom the councis of the American Federation of Labor in the past. Only
he enemies of that organization would shut their eyes to this fact
There is a question of a more compact organization of labor to meet he growing concentration of employers. On this question there is more of many directions, The miners, brewers and several others have long had his form. The newly strengthened building trades departments is long had hition, cven though still somewhat loosely of the same principle Here the volution of events is forcing progress without regard to theories. Nere ther theless, it is certain that the time of the convention will be largely occupned with jurisdictional controversies. It is a safe prediction that many more ours will be spent in adjusting quarrels between union men than in planming new lines of action against the employers
ande the American Federation of dabor will still show a growth of numbers, yet it must face the fact that it is being shut out from whole flelds of industry, and those just the forms of industry toward which our whole roductive system is tending. The great Intred States Steel trust has almost completely driven union men from its employ. The Standard Oil has elimi them unton men from most of its plants. The only place it has employed hem in large numbers is at Argo, 111., and they were placed there through Company has an almost exclusively scab shop, where once only union men were employed. consideration, although its results are just becoming fully recognized ut a general thing the indorsement of a candidate upon a capitalist ticket bv organized labor served only to defeat him. The only excentions seem to have een where his fidelity to the cause of capitalism was too thoroughly tested o be discredited by such indorsement. In Chleago, Congressman Melber mott, the candidate of organized labor upon the Democratic ticket, was onr ot the few who crossed party lines in order to support the notorious Joe c'an hon for speaker of the House of Representatives, and he is now engaged in ampaigning for "Ogden Gas" Sullivan's canddate for Congress.
Judge Windes, indorsed in Chicago for the bench and elected, has just ries dy deen a disgraceftl decision maintaining the deadly basemont bak tained. declaring unconstitutional a law that the bakers union had oband might president of the Federation of Labor has just returned from Europe fom the reports he has so far published it would seem that he weni to

Europe as a missonary and not a seeker for information. He sewme to have tound phenty to crithese, but nothing from which to learn.

In aphte of the fact that for fiftemen years the untons of this country hawe not bewn able to increase wages an fant as prowe have risen, so that today they htand where they stood almos a Refirration ago, there is thete hope that any bugkestion as to bew taction to meet new condutions will be pree
sented or adopted. sented or adnpted
imprisonment. He has visted comestos where such ton under sentence of imprisonment. He has visited countres where such a thing would be
impesable. Will he tell the teembers of the American Federation of latoer by what means boycotting was lokalized in Enkland and Germany what. if remams a crime in the 1 nimed States?

The Socialists rase these questions and make these criticisms, not because they are simply friends of the untons. If they were enemles they certainly would not make them. The y would rejote over thene facts and pratse the Sulicy that had produced these condtions. That is what Belmont deres and Belmont has never shown by his acts at an employer that he is a friend of unton labor. Yot, as was said before the secialist does not stand as a triend and adviser to the trade unton monement. HE IS A PART OF THAT
MoVEMEX'V. HA shares its gains or losses, His calse rises and falls with the resisting power of lator gatns or loseses. His calise rises and falfe and peends upon the success of organized later, for he is usually a member ot a unton, atd always has thrown in his lot with the caune of later
"The soctalist feels that he has been struck when the wages of labor cease to grow, when organized resistance is crushed in the dominant industries of the country, when labor is divided in the face of the enemy, wath the tactics of orkanized labor are made crimes, when the pehtical power of labor is worse than wasted

## THE OLD ORDER PASSETH.

The invitation, Issued last week, by President Mcadle and his assorlate officers of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, to he blast furnace and other unskilled workers in the steel industry, to join hands with them against the steel trust, is another act in the silent revoluHonary irama that is now taking place in our movement, as we sleep on, unwilling to acknowledge times change, and so do systems, plans and tactics.

The Steel Workers have always been looked upon as one of the "aris oscratic" untons-and this is not sald in a reflective spirit. High wages was the rule. These men were pointed to as a result of "protection to Amey the and they successfully and honesily and way in the arly tweploument them, which may have bir whech every man mow abiwe made possible the bulding up of colossal fortunes and gigantic wrongs at the expense of all.

But despite man made laws and economic heresies, other forces were at nge. sjecter-like, the machine crept into the mills, and with almost human inguty, displaced skill and swept countless thousands into the unempoized steel blocks, operated by boys, that now carried tons of scrap fron from point to point in the monstrous mills

Thin came Homestead, whth the bloting out of all forms of unionism from the Carnegie mills, and the ransacking of Europe for the lowest, cheap chinery that filled what has been termed "the shambles of hell." slonly the sied Wo bers have lost ground seral things

Sowly the Steel Workers have lost ground. Several things made this old cratt forms of unionism in the so-called "Independent" mills, which all agree are now trust adjuncts; the Steel Workers refused to limit production and the encouragement of a man-killing, dog-eat-dog pace among themselves, and their professed belief that the interests of capitalists and laborers were identical, which is really responsible tor their present condition, because it made them political pawns and tagged commodities for the sport of every office seeker and privilege salcsman.

The Steel Worker's life is one of danger and self-sacrifice, and despite the forces against him, he has contributed much to the cause of unionism-he has filled a glorious chapter in the history of the American labor movement. His present strike against the billion-dollar steel trust's tin plate demighty changes on the economic field for when the conservative steel Worker fayors new methods, things are bound to happen, and this move, coming from such an unexpected source, is liable to again give Pittsburg the star part in our coming industrial drama.

It may also awaken others to the fact that the old order passeth, and while the story of our long-ago victories sound nice, craft unionism is belpless against today's stern and unmercitul organized capitalism.-Toledo Inion Leader.

## $\mathfrak{J n} \mathfrak{A l e m o r i a m}$.

## Winthrop, Cal., Nov. 9. 1909

Whereas, Death has entered our ranks and removed from our midst our brother and fellow worker, Charles J. Crooks, who died at this place on Nov 7. 1909 ; and

Whereas, In the untimely death of our belowed brother, organized lator and Winthrop Miners' and Smeltermen's Union No. 167, in particular, han lost a true friend, and brother; be it
Reselved. That we draperenr

Rexolsed, That we drape our charter in mourning for a period of therty days, tha: a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of our union. and a =opy sent to the Miners Magazine for publication.
L. C. MONTGOMERY.
C. LEWIS,

Committere.

## fome. Alaska, oct 21, 1909

Whereas. Death has again remoled from our midst a faithful brother. and a devoted adherent to the working class in the person of Brother Joht. spreitzer; and
dom has suffer Mine Workers Cnion and the cause of industrial freedom has suffered by his death; therefore, be it

Resolsed, That as a mark of esteem and respect to our late brother Our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, and a copy of these rest a cony given to The Nome Industrial Worker and The Miners Magazine for publication.

JOHN S. SUTHEKGLAND, HARKY IADI).

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