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AN INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM that makes thousands of human beings dependent on one man is a disgrace to civilization, and should be banished from the earth.

THERE ARE NOW 75,000 unemployed in the city of Chicago. How such a vast army of idle, hungry human beings are to be fed and sheltered for the winter is a problem that is demanding an immediate solution.

MEN who are mighty and powerful in the business world of America are predicting the downfall of Diaz. Liberty-loving men and women of America will welcome the political death of the red-handed despot.

CARNEGIE while making a donation of \$10,000,000 for world-wide peace is still anxious that the government shall continue to patronize the plants in which he is interested. Carnegie has a greater interest in armor plate for battleships than international peace.

FROM PRESS REPORTS, John P. White is elected president of the United Mine Workers of America and Frank Hayes succeeds himself as vice president. The friends of Lewis claim his election, but White is claiming the election by a majority of 40,000.

TWENTY THOUSAND miners are on strike in Wales. A number of the strikers have been arrested and the strikers have declared: "Jail for one. Jail for all." The above declaration shows the solidarity of labor in Wales.

CASH GIRLS in the department stores of New York, receive from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per week. Such princely salaries paid to cash girls do honor to the big-hearted gentlemen who are looked upon as "the pillars of society."

TAMMANY AND THE BOWERY MISSION fed 6,000 hungry men in New York City on Christmas Day. When a so-called religious association and a political aggregation form a partnership to dole out charity, it emphasizes the fact that "politics makes strange bed-fellows."

TWENTY-FIVE WORKING GIRLS lost their lives in a fire-trap in Newark, New Jersey, and the coroner's jury, true and loyal to the interests of a master class, placed the loss of life to "misadventure and accident." This sample of "Jersey Justice" should awaken labor from its lethargy.

AT WEST UNION, Ohio, nearly 1,000 voters in the late election, have been indicted for selling their votes. It is said that the indictments will reach nearly 2,000 and the press dispatches claim that the majority of the indicted voters are church members. These "holier than thou" people have been fined \$10 and disfranchised for five years.

THE FINANCIAL WORLD, an organ of capitalism, insists that prosperity cannot return until "wages and land values are reduced." The world realizes that depression is here and that millions of people are confronted with poverty, but in advancing its remedy for the return of prosperity, the world does not show how a reduction in wages or land values will bring happiness and plenty to the people.

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I am not a member of any Labor Union and in consideration of my being employed by the HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY agree that I will not become such while in its service.

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NOTICE TO READERS OF THE MINERS MAGAZINE!

READERS of the Miners Magazine will confer a great favor by sending to the headquarters of the Western Federation of Miners. issues of the Magazine of January 6, 1910, February 3, 1910, March 10, 1910 and March 24, 1910. Headquarters is lacking the necessary number for binding.

JOHN M. O. NEILL, Editor.

ALL WORKING MEN are urged to stay away from the Los Angeles Aqueduct. A strike is on against a raise in board and a refusal to raise wages proportionately.

THE Executive Board of the Western Federation of Miners is now in session in Denver.

LABOR can stop wars, when labor refuses to fight at the mandate of a master class.

THE WALL STREET BROKERS are discharging many of their employes. Even prosperity seems to have hit the respectable gamblers.

IT IS REPORTED that a political earthquake will take place in Taft's cabinet during the present month. Taft fears the political upheaval in 1912.

AS PROOF that prosperity has not left the country, a bank in New York went to the wall while depositors are mourning the loss of more than \$6,000,000.

THE CITY COUNCIL of Milwaukee has passed an ordinance authorizing the city to establish municipal slaughter houses and packing plants. The council likewise passed an ordinance which provides free water for washerwomen who are supporting children under age. If Abraham Lincoln were living, he would give his approbation to the Milwaukee administration.

JUST HOW MUCH the people of South Dakota think of militarism when they have an opportunity to express their opinions is divulged in the referendum vote that was taken in that state at the general election last month. The law passed by the legislature to establish a state militia was knocked in the head by the overwhelming majority of 57,440 against 17,852 for. The Westerners have evidently noted how the militia has degenerated into a strike-breaking institution and want none of it. Quite likely, too, the South Dakota result will tend to make the plutes fight all the harder against granting the people the initiative, referendum and recall. Those instruments can be used in an annoying manner by the working people to put the kibosh on some well-hatched schemes.—Cleveland Citizen.

THE DEATH of Michael Cudahy, the millionaire packer, gave the capitalistic press a fine opportunity to get off the usual cargo of "bushwa" about every poor boy having a chance to become a millionaire. Of course every poor boy has a chance—one in 'steen million, and the chances growing fewer every day. Michael Cudahy had his chance at the packing business and seized it. What chance has a poor boy of today to become a millionaire packer? A few years ago railroad presidents were selected from men who had learned the art of railroad building and managing from the bottom up—beginning as section men or brakemen. Fine chance now to get to the top that way! Railroad presidents of today are selected for their ability to manipulate stocks and bonds, not for their ability to construct and operate great railroad systems. A lot of boys are being ruined these days by filling their minds with the "bushwa" about having as many opportunities as the boys of former generations. It's a plain lie—for they haven't. And they will not have until social conditions are revolutionized.—Wage-worker.

THE FINANCIAL WORLD of Wall Street makes the following prophecy for 1911:

"There cannot, nor should there be, any concealment of the fact, that one of the most serious problems which will have to be solved in the event that business in 1911 fails to approach normal proportions, is the successful liquidation in labor. Wages and land values are the two things in which so far no adjustment has been made. Business cannot continue to pay the high wages which were allowed during prosperous times. In the latter months of 1910 corporations which have been large employers of help have tried to economize by reducing their working forces. This is only half the remedy. The upshot of such a policy leads to but one outcome, the labor market becomes congested with idle men who must have employment to exist and feed those dependent upon them. The competition for work will become so keen that there will be constant friction. Well organized unionism will, in its efforts to maintain the present scale of wages, put up a stiff fight against any reduction, although it will be battling against an economic condition which cannot be resisted. But while the adjustment is proceeding, it may be marred by serious labor strife and it is this possibility which far-seeing people apprehended for 1911 and hope it may be avoided."

The employers of labor have reduced their working forces, owing to the fact that the products made by the factories of those employers have glutted the market. The warehouses are filled, and the masses of the people are in a condition financially that they must economize in purchasing the necessities of life. How a reduction in wages will empty the warehouses or increase the purchasing power of the masses of the people, is a problem which the World does not explain. It is evident that the present industrial system is up against it, and the only real remedy that can give permanent relief to the people, is in the collective ownership of natural resources and the machinery of production and distribution.

THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT has struck Butte, Montana, and regardless of the fact, that the great copper camp is probably the best organized city in America, so far as the working class is concerned, yet the promoters of the murder industry have been successful in exercising their hypnotic influence over a few boys, who have not as yet realized the real object or intent of such a movement. A Butte journal contains the following item relative to the birth of the Boy Scout's in that city:

"The boy scout movement has reached Butte, and eight members of the Grace Methodist church Sunday school have joined the order, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Winnifred Hooper. The society was founded by Ernest Thompson-Seton, the naturalist, for the purpose of giving boys a true moral standard, and teach them to be

prepared for the big things of life by beginning well and doing their best in everything.

"The following are the boys who are charter members: Edwin Quinn, Merrit Wheel, Morgan Griffith, Earl Johnson, Donald Delong, Ennis Fanning and Alex McLeod. As yet no scout master has been chosen, but he will be at the regular meeting, which is to be held next Monday evening. All boys from 11 to 18 years are eligible to membership."

The membership of the Grace Methodist church in Butte, Montana, have but little respect or veneration for the scriptural mandate: "Thou shalt not kill," or else, the membership of that church have no conception of the real purposes of the boy scouts. When such a movement invades the temple of God and selects students of the D become soldiers, it is about time for the great D to be awakened from their long sleep, to behold the source of the murderous system under which we live.

DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS a lady of cultivated aristocratic Boston, where the common people are glad to ticate beans, gave a reception to a number of blooded dogs, as th lowing will show, from a dispatch sent out from the famed c became an historic spot through the heroic efforts of the patri

"Boston, December 27.—It has just come to light th of all sizes, ages, hues, shapes and ambitions participated in a Christmas celebration at the residence of Miss Clara Barteaux o. Commonwealth avenue, a member of the exclusive Back Bay set.

"The party was in memory of Miss Barteaux's most beloved pet, Henrietta, a Havana terrier, which recently died.

"At 2 o'clock a long string of high-bred dogs, arrayed in their holiday raiment, accompanied by their masters and mistresses, were received by Miss Barteaux and the two dogs of her household, Lady Baltimore and Tetraxini. Both dogs are intelligent and greeted their visitors in friendly fashion.

"There was music and dancing throughout the afternoon and many of the dogs showed off their various accomplishments.

"The Christmas tree was of medium size and decorated with tinsel, silver hearts, candy canes, rubber balls, toy dogs and presents carefully wrapped in tissue paper and tied with red ribbon. Each dog guest received a present, to say nothing of candy favors, a rubber ball and toy dog.

"Refreshments were also served. Among the prominent dog guests was 'Spotty Braird,' whose father was a fullblooded fox and his mother a fox terrier. Fritz and Nibbe Pope, two elderly dachshunds, were guests of honor and assisted in receiving."

The millions of people of America who feel the pangs of want, if they could read the above, would feel some consolation to know that high-bred dogs are enjoying life, even though human beings feel the pinch of poverty and shiver in the blasts of winter. As long as working slaves will produce for a class of privilege, the plutocratic canine will be given a reception by the parasites.

THE FOLLOWING in the local columns of a Denver daily journal is interesting reading:

"There will be no 'tag' day for the benefit of the Hope mission today, as was scheduled. The fire and police board has revoked the license granted to J. Carroll Phillips of the mission for collecting funds.

"I went to the police board last week," said Phillips, "and was assured by Mr. Hewitt that the affair would be allowed to proceed. Then, at the board meeting last Monday there was opposition to the tag day and it was only after Mr. Hewitt told the board that he had assured me that the affair might go on, and that I had contracted quite a printing bill on his word, that I got the permit.

"The license at that time was granted reluctantly and it was only today that I was informed that the police board had reconsidered the matter."

"Phillips says also that he was told that if he got letters from William Sweet and John H. Able of the Y. M. C. A. that the affair might go ahead. Phillips says that he was unable to get these letters.

"It is understood that many charitable organizations of the city are back of the police board's action. Phillips named some of these organizations and is bitter over the revoking of his permit. His mission, he says, helps young men out of work by giving one free meal each day for three consecutive days."

The above statement in a Denver Journal, shows that competition has grown somewhat fierce even in the field of charity. During the past few years charity organizations have sprung up in all the large cities of the country. The conditions which have been brought about through the merciless greed of exploiters, have opened a fertile field for those who yearn to live in indolence while posing as philanthropists before the public. The collectors of alms for the poor, in many instances, have been exposed as the most shameless hypocrites and swindlers that ever grabbed a dollar from the hand of generosity. Many of the large cities of the country have been forced to take steps to halt the infamous work of the professionals who subserve their personal interests while pleading for funds for the homeless and hungry.

A Significant Prediction

A READER of the Miners Magazine has sent us the following lengthy article clipped from the Seattle Times:

"That but a few years and perhaps but a few months, will see the city of Butte in the throes of a great war between union and non-union labor is predicted by E. C. Largey, millionaire operator of the

great Montana mining metropolis, who with his wife, Ursula Marsh, a well-known musical comedy star of a few years ago, and attorney H. A. Frank, is in Seattle on a business trip. The party is at The Rainier Grand.

"That a vague feeling of unrest which has been apparent on the

labor problem for the past several years has developed to such an extent that an outbreak is impending which will equal the bloody war of the Coeur d'Alene enacted ten years ago, is asserted by Largey, known as a conservative business man.

"Largey is reputed to be worth about \$10,000,000, a large portion of which came to him at his father's death, the latter having been second only to F. Augustus Heinze in his Montana mining operations. One of the greatest properties handled by the Largeys was the Speculator mine.

"The proximity of the Coeur d'Alene is cited by Mr. Largey as one of the reasons for his belief that a great labor war is inevitable. In Butte everything is union. The bootblacks have a union, the bellboys in the hotels and the pin boys in the bowling alleys are even allied, but according to Mr. Largey there is no stronger labor organization in the world than the Butte miners' union.

In Coeur d'Alene everything is just the reverse. It is almost impossible for a union miner to obtain employment in the Coeur d'Alene region and from Wallace, Idaho, and the surrounding mining towns, which form the vital section of the Coeur d'Alene in respect to mining, says Mr. Largey, comes much of the sentiment which he believes will precipitate a great struggle for the supremacy between union and non-union mining labor in Montana and Idaho.

"In Wallace, Idaho, where everything is nonunion, there is also a great feeling of unrest and antiunion interests from that section are said to be working secretly in Butte. So are their antagonists said to be working secretly in Wallace.

"In the latter little mining metropolis, recently partially destroyed by fire, in the heart of every mining man, it is claimed, there is a great fear of an impending struggle. The union problem, however, is never discussed by even the most conservative men or among friends. The subject is avoided like poison. That the fight between the union and the nonunion forces in the Coeur d'Alene several years ago settled nothing, though it cost several lives, is acknowledged and miners and operators are plodding along day by day waiting for the clash to come.

"A few years ago a little newspaper published at Wallace, attempted to review the situation editorially and it is said to have nearly

resulted in the suspension of the publication of the paper on account of the attitude of the great majority which feared to touch the problem in any way.

"A woman visited Wallace shortly after the great conflict and after several months of study wrote a novel, based on the labor war. A small edition of the novel was published, but further editions were suppressed, and the woman left the city hurriedly.

"Largey tells an interesting story of the recent election in Montana, in which the victory of a laundryman candidate for the House of Representatives of that state over a banker and former political leader gave Silver Bow county, in which Butte is located, a Republican representative and Montana a Republican House of Representatives for the first time in several years. Harry Stevens, the laundryman, won out over John McGinnis, one of the best-known financial men of the state of Montana."

The above story from the Seattle Times, which is based on an interview with one of Butte's most prominent citizens, is but a repetition of the prediction that has been made by many who claim to be in a position to survey the industrial situation in Montana's famed mining camp.

If a labor war takes place, it will be due to the fact that mine operators are becoming hungry for larger dividends. The miners of Butte will not precipitate a conflict as long as there is a possibility of maintaining peace on an honorable basis. If the mine operators and other corporations declare war against unionism in Montana, then the Western Federation of Miners must meet the emergency, and it is safe to make another prediction that when the smoke of battle has disappeared the mine operators and the other corporations will discover that war against unionism in Montana is a costly affair, and that while unionism may carry the scars of the conflict, yet corporate power will be given some jolts from which it may never ultimately recover.

The editor of the official organ trusts that peace will continue to prevail in the greatest mining camp of America, but when a gigantic labor war is predicted by a man of such prominence as E. C. Largey, such a prediction cannot be ignored or treated with indifference.

Unionism and Socialism

ORGANIZATION is the hope of the working class. That means united action on every field where the interests of the toilers can be advanced.

These lines are addressed to the Socialist who stands outside his union. He is too numerous by far.

Unionism is Socialism in its most elementary form. It brings men face to face with the needs of today. It unites men in pursuit of interests that all can understand. It teaches social action under his own direction. Its field is here and now. It is fraternity in action.

Socialism teaches the principles of solidarity, but the impact of great masses of men is the chief agency in achieving it. Socialism points out the goal but the larger part of the work in constructing the highway to it will devolve upon unionism. Socialism has been most successful where it co-operated most closely with unionism. To satisfy the needs of today is to meet the wants of tomorrow with clearer vision.

It is a waste of time to claim precedence for either. They are the arms of the working class. They were born of the deepest need. They are a product of evolution. They are inseparably united in the struggles of the working class. Each must share in every victory and suffer in every defeat of the other.

Every union is at least a tacit recognition of the class-struggle. Each attempts to reduce the hours of toil and increase the wage of its members. Each would abolish exploitation, so far as they are individually concerned, if it were in their power to do so, and some would for all.

Among these are the Western Federation of Miners. No other organization has so many eight-hour laws to its credit. No more vital reform can be secured. No Socialist employed in the metal mining in-

dustry has a valid reason for remaining outside its ranks. To do so he must be lacking in information or devotion to the worker's cause.

Under capitalism, only the economic organization of the worker can compel the enforcement of laws beneficial to him.

The cost of living has advanced to all. The union man may offset it through an advance in wages. The non-union man has no resource except a lower standard of living.

Socialists speak with fine scorn of the man who is a union man three hundred and sixty-four days but casts a scab ballot on election day. Some Socialists would do well to remember that scabbing three hundred and sixty-four days out of the year is not atoned for by casting a union ballot on election day.

The contest between the workers and the shirkers is a two-handed fight. The man who is in earnest uses both.

Too many Socialists imagine that failure in the strike will hasten action at the ballot-box. The strike is the weapon of last resort, only used when all other means have failed.

There is nothing but strength and intelligence that can hasten the victory of the working class. Consciousness of power is the first requisite to great deeds. And power is born of numbers on both the political and industrial field.

Marx took his theory of the class-struggle from the battles of the workers. The theory is put in action in the union.

We should not think much of a man's fighting qualities, nor his intelligence, who sat reading a book on military tactics while the battle that was to decide whether he was to be a freeman or a slave was raging. He is at par with the vociferous, unfeathered biped who skulks to the rear in industrial conflicts and directs his jaw bone against his fellow toilers.

GUY E. MILLER.

Anarchy in Broadcloth

THE OFFICIALS of the city of Tampa, Florida, and the merchants, organized a combination that had for its object the assassination of prominent men connected with the Cigarmakers' strike. This respectable mob slaked its thirst on the blood of two men who were looked upon as leaders in the strike. These two men were lynched, and the fury and hatred of the respectable mob were visited upon others who took an active part in the struggle for living conditions. Though two men identified with the labor movement were hanged like dogs, yet the daily press has not clamored for the murderers to be brought before the bar of justice.

They were comparatively poor men, whose sense of right was in conflict with the sentiments of a murderous combination whose bank accounts gave them a license to defy and outrage the law.

Where were constitutional liberty and legal rights when these two men were seized by officials sworn to uphold the law and a mercenary aggregation of exploiters, and brutally hanged to satiate the wrath of bloodthirsty madmen who became frenzied when Cigarmakers dared to strike against the despotism of a master class?

What did the boasted protection of the Stars and Stripes mean to these impoverished victims, as they were strangled to death by officers

of the law in collusion with the commercial interests of Tampa, Florida? What did our boasted Declaration of Independence mean to the unfortunate men as they were brutally overpowered and taken out to be hanged by "Judge Lynch"?

Will the murderers pay the penalty for this infamous crime?

Will the murderers be arraigned in court and a jury of their peers bring in a verdict of murder in the first degree?

NO!

The mob that hanged these men and brutally assaulted others knew that they controlled the so-called Department of Justice, and that no official would raise his voice to demand that the law should reach out its hand and seize the anarchists in broadcloth who had taken human life.

The soil of every state has been wet with labor's blood, battling for those rights that are due to common humanity, but labor does not seem to have any standing in court.

Labor has been confiscating its political power for the election of the hirelings of capitalism to office, and as long as labor fails to use the ballot against the damnable system that murders for profit, just so long will labor be on its knees begging for mercy at the hands of the Cossacks of Capitalism.

Beg, and You Will Be Given

THE CAPITALISTIC MIND believes in classes. The bourgeois mind, always playing the monkey, also believes in classes, and emphasizes its belief by insisting upon class distinction whenever possible. Confess yourself "fallen" and houses of refuge open for you. Admit that you are helpless and "organized charity" comes to your aid. Beg in the approved manner, according to the code of the "better class" and your platter will be filled, at least once in a while. Be contented with your lot, and if you are humble enough, and lowly enough, "we" will do something for you.

The distinguishing feature of our political institutions is, in theory, that education shall be free; that no child shall be barred from the benefits of the public schools on account of the poverty of its parents. The state can better afford to educate its children than to pay for the consequences of ignorant viciousness.

Schoolhouses are cheaper, measured in dollars and cents, to say nothing of human lives, than jails. Books cost less than policemen. Schoolma'ams are more beneficial than Pinkertons. Teachers are more economical than armies. It is less expensive to educate a child than to hang him when he is old enough to stretch hemp.

The schoolmaster is the real master. "Give me the child and you may have the man," is a wise saying. The reactionary powers are afraid of education. That is why they shot Ferrer.

The school authorities of Chicago undertake to supply books to children—provided their parents will swear that they are papuers!

This is brutal. It debases and degrades. It destroys the self-respect of parents and exposes the child to the sneers and cuffs of the more fortunate children.

It instills the idea of class—and class distinction—of the "higher" and the "lower" classes. It means snobbery on one hand and truckling on the other. It vitiates the principle of public schools. It taints society with the virus slavery.

Let the people, irrespective of party, broaden the law in such a manner that every child will be supplied with the material means necessary to his education.

Let the state educate its children in a liberal, generous manner. The state of Illinois should provide school books throughout the state. That is the logical, the consistent attitude for people who believe in education.—Chicago Daily Socialist.

Solidarity Is Needed

IN A RECENT ISSUE of the Missouri Trades Unionist, published at Joplin, the following appeared:

"Nearly 3,000 men—boilermakers, blacksmiths, metal workers, helpers and sympathizers, came out on the Missouri Pacific railroad last week in sympathy with the striking machinists who have been on strike for several months.

"The union officials made every effort to bring about peace, but could get no settlement, and the strike by the other trades was only called after the road officials refused to make any effort to establish peace.

"But few men are interested here. The principal shops are in Sedalia and Little Rock. Smaller shops are maintained at a number of other points. The union men quietly laid down their tools and left the shops at all these points and went home. No doubt of the outcome is entertained for the other workmen on the road will not continue to work with incompetent men. The Missouri Pacific will lose many more men if peace is not established soon."

From the above it can be seen that the machinists had been striking for several months, ere "the boilermakers, blacksmiths, metal workers and other sympathizers" came out in support of the machinists. The fact that the boilermakers, blacksmiths, metal workers and helpers remained at work for several months after the machinists had declared a strike against the Missouri Pacific Railway Company was due to the

fact that the different trades were environed by craft jurisdiction and shackled, in all probability, by separate contracts. In the report given by the Missouri Trades Unionist, there is no evidence that the engineers, conductors, brakemen or telegraphers had refused to remain in the employ of the Missouri Pacific, while the machinists and the other trades are on a strike.

The engineer, the conductor and the trainman do not seem to have as yet grasped the class struggle, and do not seem to realize that as various trades and crafts connected with the railway service are defeated in their efforts to improve their condition that such defeats will ultimately affect the *Aristocracy of Labor* that is identified with the Brotherhoods connected with the transportation industry.

If the labor movement that covers the railway service was built on the right foundation, not a single man carrying a card in the employ of the Missouri Pacific would be in the employ of that company.

If the railway labor organizations were industrially united the employes of railway companies would be masters of the situation, for a strike of one craft meant complete paralysis until the railway corporation conceded every demand of the craft or trade affected.

But the railway organizations are divided into craft regiments, and when one regiment strikes, all the other regiments remain loyal to the corporation until the corporation forces the regiment on strike to capitulate. Some day labor will strike as an army, and when that day comes the corporate tyrant will be dragged from his throne of power by the solidarity of the working class.

Was Dynamiting a Plot to Discredit Unions?

IS THE RED REIGN of the corporations in Colorado to be repeated in California?

Is the malicious motive behind the revolting, fiendish destruction of the Los Angeles Times building the same as actuated the dastardly hand of the blood-hungry hirelings of the "Mine Owners' Association," who at Independence, Colo., blew thirteen men into eternity in order to fasten the crime on the Western Federation of Miners; the most class-conscious labor organization in the world? Does history repeat itself? Is a mob of hired murderers to be set loose in Sunny California, such as satiated the Colorado gold camps with barbarous brutality?

One who has studied the appalling war between capital and labor in the Centennial state; who has traced the red hand of the corporations from the deadly bomb at Independence to almost the very steps of the gallows in Idaho, is appalled by the diabolical similarity of conditions in Colorado and conditions in California.

The mine owners of the former state held aloft the banner of industrial freedom (their name for non-unionism), with one hand and lit the fuse that blew laboring men into eternity with the other; just as that human hyena, General Otis, representing the vile greed of soulless corporations, shouted for freedom while he bound his workers in slavery by the chains of disunion.

Like Colorado, California is a strong union state. Strong industrially and strong politically. Labor feels its strength on the political field—a little more knowledge and it will take over the full produce of its toil. It has nothing to gain by violence, it has everything to lose.

Capitalism, on the other hand, has been forced, step by step, from political power. Los Angeles is its last stand in the fight with organized labor.

The Manufacturers' and Merchants' Association has lost millions in this fight, and still unionism grows. The Los Angeles Times has poured its black editorial vomit all over Southern California: still organized labor advances. The time has come for more drastic action—the hour has arrived for violence—capital has everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Detective Burns, who worked up the case against the labor administration of Schmidt in San Francisco, is in the Southland, and ready to take up the trail at the proper time. The Times has a duplicate plant ready for action. The stage is set and the curtain arises on the most villainous drama ever enacted before a horrified nation.

Union labor is guilty, hisses General Otis as he crosses the line from blood-stained Mexico. It is the opportunity he has waited for, watched for, prayed for; organized labor must be blackened, and damned, and made loathsome in the eyes of the people. If the destruction of the Times building would mean the destruction of trades unionism, then indeed would Otis consider himself well paid for his loss.

Union labor is guilty, echoes every cringing capitalist in California. Union labor is guilty, repeats every cold-blooded Pinkerton thug on the Pacific coast.

Every line of deductive reasoning clears union labor if this charge. What possible motive could labor have for such a crime?

Why would labor bring about this holocaust at the very time when the State Federation was meeting in Los Angeles, and all the prominent labor leaders were in the city, and not in Mexico, as was General Otis. But the detectives in this case do not expect to win the stupendous reward by reasoning from deductions, but by reasoning from instructions—and union men will be arrested for the crime; they will be convicted, they will be hung, if perjured testimony and murderous desires can accomplish that end.

The hand of hate can only be stopped by the hand of justice. Look out for perjured testimony and manufactured incriminations. General Otis, the mouthpiece of every scab employing corporation in California, directly charges union labor with the outrage. It will be up to the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association to make good, and readily will they respond.

In the meantime we rest assured in the belief that the greed-cursed class who blew up the Maine, to bring about the Spanish war, would not hesitate to blow up the Los Angeles Times in order to win an industrial war.—Kansas City Socialist.

The Peace Conference

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes convened in Washington a short time ago, and a number of men of national repute addressed the conference. Among the number was Andrew Carnegie, who has donated the sum of \$11,500,000 in order that the sword may be relegated as the relic of a barbaric age. Carnegie in the course of his address contended that 70 per cent of taxation was now consumed on war and pensions. This taxation must be borne, to a great extent, by that favored class, who are not haunted by the fear of want. Carnegie, as well as other magnates in the world of finance and commerce, show a reluctance in bearing the burdens of war by taxation, and have launched a movement that has for its object the settlement of international disputes by arbitration. But Mr. Carnegie and the wise men who orated at the recent conference, do not seem to realize the magnitude of the work which it is hoped can be accomplished by their movement. Carnegie and his lieutenants who stand as advocates of peace instead of war, should know

that war will crimson the page of history as long as the profit system curses our civilization. Profit is the incentive which gives birth to a proclamation of war, and all the movements that may be launched to bring about international peace will be but a farce and failure, until the cause which breeds war shall be removed.

While Carnegie and his associates are clamoring for world-wide peace, the powerful nations of the earth are taking steps to make armies more formidable and are making greater appropriations of money to float machines of murder upon the seas. At this very time, many of the statesmen of America see a war-cloud in the Orient and are insisting that immediate steps shall be taken to place the nation upon a war footing, in order that the mercenary pirates of America may have markets in the "Flowery Kingdom." The signs of the times indicate that a war is coming that will practically cover the globe, and the slaughter of human beings that will take place will be brought about through greed for profit.

No Masters and No Slaves

GENERAL OTIS of Los Angeles, paid a visit to Seattle, Washington, a short time ago and the business men of that burg in the Northwest gave a banquet to the military-titled vilifier, whose callous soul is warped by his enmity for the working class, particularly that element of the working class whose intelligence has made them members of organized labor.

The prominent men of Seattle belong to the Arctic Club and the feast was tendered to Otis by the members of the Club as an appreciation of his ceaseless efforts against the only movement on the industrial field that is fighting a battle for human liberty. The Arctic Club that gave a banquet to Otis, and the members of that Club who listened to his tirade against the principles of unionism, are no better and no worse, than the conscienceless imp who has robbed the English language of every vile epithet to hurl against men who are officially identified with the labor organizations of this country. The men who gathered at the banquet are recognized as "pillars of society" and on Sunday sit in cushioned pews in fashionable churches, whose pulpits are occupied

by high-priced preachers. They were well groomed and well fed, and their external appearance indicated that they were strong and powerful in banking and commercial circles. The brimstone oratory of the volcanic eruption of Los Angeles, was cheered as the mercenary gluttons loaded their stomachs with the delicacies of the season and fired their brains with imported liquors that are above the reach of the common herd, whose labor make it possible for the class of privilege to meet at a banquet board.

But the gentlemen who applauded Otis and cheered his vitriolic eloquence as he maligned the labor movement, do not seem to realize that the class that is being slandered is doing some serious thinking, and that this class will in the near future come together in a mighty army to overthrow the hellish system that puts a few in magnificent palaces and a multitude in hovels of poverty. The laboring people of this nation will not always endure the pangs of suffering while they watch a master class gorge their stomachs at the banquet table. The hour is drawing near when the dawn of retribution will usher in a civilization that will know no masters and will know no slaves.

That Constitution

HATS OFF to you, Arizona. Initiative, referendum and recall extending to all elective offices including the judiciary; blacklisting of employes by employers a crime; employment of aliens on public work prohibited—the state constitutions of Oklahoma and Oregon are very conservative documents when compared to yours. But you're just in the stretch—not under the wire, yet. Wait till the abese one in the White House gets hold of that interesting document.—Seattle Labor Journal.

The above editorial paragraph in the Journal, practically predicts that the work of the constitutional convention of Arizona, will be nullified by "Injunction Bill." We have been told frequently by the salaried scribblers of subsidized sheets, that we are living under a representative form of government, but if one man at the nation's capitol can murder a constitution framed and adopted by the delegates se-

lected by the people of Arizona, then it is but a farce to boast of representative government.

The "fat man" in the White House may thrust his veto dagger into the Arizona document and that document may become lifeless, but the people of that territory will not fall upon their knees and plead for mercy from a man whose administration is guided by the magnates of organized wealth. Plutocracy may kill a constitution that demands liberty for the masses of the people, but assassinating the constitution as adopted by Arizona, will only inspire men and women to stand more firmly on their feet to demand that the people must be heard on the organic law which governs the people of a state.

If Taft can say that the people must draft a constitution that will meet his unqualified approval, then Taft is the czar of Arizona, and the people who are supposed to yield obedience to the constitution are but the subjects of an official despot, whose will is law.

The Cure for Strikes

JUSTICE will cure strikes. That is the only thing that will cure strikes. You may pettifog agreements; you may close the shop to scabs or to union men; you may legislate; you may have public opinion for you or against you; all avail nothing if there be not justice.

Justice, evenhanded. Justice that awards to all the primal essentials of life. Justice that succors the weak and gives the strong power to serve—to serve all—not himself alone, or his wife, or his children, or his class, or his nation, or his race, but all.

The earth is for all. It is sufficient for all. So is the air and the sunshine. There is enough grain to feed all; enough wool and cotton to clothe all; enough coal to warm all; enough stone and brick and wood to house all.

Man, the collective man, the race is strong. He masters the elements and bends them to his bidding. They drive his engines, his shops, his factories, his railroads. They are his tireless servants. Under his direction, his labor, the joyous, well-rewarded labor of all, he creates food and clothing and homes for all. Enough for all.

The class man is not just and, failing justice, he fails all. With the labor of all he creates wealth, makes money and then keeps for himself what all created.

This is not fair, nor just, nor decent.

There are two classes: One that owns the earth, the factories, the shops, the money, and a class that owns nothing but naked bodies.

That is unjust, bitterly unjust.

Justice, real, practical justice, that feeds, clothes, houses all; justice that walks among the workers and makes much of them; that does not sulk in libraries; does not sit in judgment; does not condemn; justice

that loves; human justice, not class justice, will open the treasures of the nature for all. It will care for all.

Not charity, but justice, will give to every man, every woman, every child the opportunity to live, to live without fear; to live joyously and happily.

To-day there is class war. It is unnecessary. There is enough for all. For capitalist and for worker.

Tomorrow we will realize this. We will work together—make goods for use—not for profit. Every one will get his share. That is just, no more, no less.

To-day we begin to feel the dawn of tomorrow. That is why we strike. That is why we fight.

Mankind is divided.

There is boss and worker. Back of the boss is the owner, the rich man, the millionaire. Back of the worker are children—boys, girls, babies, pregnant women.

It is unfair, inhuman, rotten, but it is the beginning of something better. Better for all. For the boss, the millionaire, for the worker and those who are back of him.

To-day justice is a noise, the noise of the hovel, the tenement, the street; the noise of hunger; the noise of shame; the noise of the out-cast.

It is a loud noise, raucous and bitter.

It will be heard, must be heard. It is the cry of the disinherited, of the mob.

Tomorrow it will be a voice, vibrant with consciousness. It will no longer appeal. It will act. It will rebuild the social structure. Will build on justice, equity, brotherhood.—Chicago Daily Socialist.



INFORMATION WANTED.

Information is wanted of the whereabouts of James B. Beard. Last heard from in Telluride, Colo., on or about August 15, 1910. Anyone knowing his present address will confer a great favor by notifying his brother, L. M. Beard, P. O. Box 231, Telluride, Colo. 4t.

THE RICH MAN DINES.

I see the broughams setting down
The gayest and the best in town.
Now, shine the lights! Sound, music sweet!
Go, gourmet, take your favorite seat!
I see the dandy-diner scan
The restaurateur's cunning plan
With quick, shrewd glance and critical.
Pull out his chair!
Here's tinkling glass and silverware!
Here waits a feast ambrosial!

Now, shine the lights! Sound, music sweet!
Go, gourmet, take your favorite seat.
On cloth of snow you break your bread—
With Beauty, waiting, to be fed!
The chef's your king! Let flow the wines!
The rich man dines!

Just o'er the flood, a garret bare
Doth boast a different bill of fare—
A scanty crust, some tainted fish—
As ill a meal as you could wish!
I see a woman, wan and white,
With but a single tallow light,
Sewing until the dawn appears—
Then to her bed,
To rest her poor, world-weary head
On pillow wet with children's tears.

And yonder shine the lights, and loud
I hear the laughter of the crowd.
These diners, rich and proud and gay,
What of a hungry child think they?
Then pass the dish, let flow the wines—
The rich man dines!

R. S. WARREN BELL.

THE LITTLE LORDS OF LOVE.

Eugene V. Debs.

The children are to me a perpetual source of wonder and delight. How keen they are, how alert, and how comprehending?

The sweet children of the Socialist movement—the little lords of light and love—keep my heart warm and my purpose true. The raggedest and dirtiest of them all is to me an angel of light. I have seen them, the proletarian little folks, swarming up out of the sub-cellars and down from the garrets of the tenements and I have watched them with my heart filled with pity and my eyes overflowing with tears. Their very glee seemed tragic beyond words.

Born within the roar of the ocean their tiny feet are never kissed by the eager surf, nor their wan cheeks made ruddy by the vitalizing breezes of the sea.

Not for them—the flotsman and jetsam upon the social tides—are the rosy hours of babyhood, the sweet, sweet joys of childhood. They are the heirs of the social filth and disease of capitalism and death marks them at what should be the dewy dawn of birth, and they wither and die—without having been born. Their cradle is their coffin and their birth robe their winding sheet.

The Socialist movement is the first in all history to come to the rescue of childhood and to set free the millions of little captives. And they realize it and incarnate the very spirit of the movement and shout aloud their joy as it marches on to victory.

The little revolutionists in Socialist parades know what they are there for, and in our audiences they are wide awake to the very last and the speaker who fails to enthuse them is surely lacking in some vital element of his speech.

At the close of a recent meeting in a western state the stage was crowded with eager comrades shaking hands and offering congratulations. My hand was suddenly gripped from below. I glanced down and a little comrade just about big enough to stand alone looked straight up into my eyes and said with all the frankness and sincerity of a child: "That was a great speech you made and I love you; keep this to remember me by." And he handed me a little nickel-plated whistle, his sole tangible possession, and with it all the wealth of his pure and unpolluted child-love, which filled my heart and moved me to tears.

In just that moment that tiny proletaire filled my measure to overflowing and consecrated me with increased strength and devotion to the great movement that is destined to rescue the countless millions of disinherited babes and give them the earth and all the fulness thereof as their patrimony forever.

The sweetest, tenderest, most pregnant words uttered by the proletaire of Galilee were: "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."—Progressive Woman.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Ever since the Socialist party has been organized it has met the bitter opposition of such men as Roosevelt, Taft, Cannon, Ballinger, etc., which would indicate that there must certainly be something wrong with the principles of the Socialist party or with those individuals. Now, which is it that is wrong? According to the highest authorities the principles of Socialism are identical with or in harmony with those of Christianity and with justice. Consequently those that oppose or fight Socialism are hostile to Christianity and its teachings. To call Socialists hard names, such as atheists, anarchists, free lovers and the like is childish and inconsistent. The genuine atheists and anarchists are found amongst the capitalistic class, to which the above named people belong. Roosevelt, Cannon and Taft are far more anarchists than Eugene V. Debs, Victor Berger and Edwin Markham, leading Socialists. It is

by such men as Taft, Roosevelt, Cleveland, Ballinger, that the people are let down or betrayed, and just so long as they keep electing such men to office the public interests will suffer.

The Socialist party is now on probation; while there are tremendous obstacles to overcome, it can make good if it will. The old political parties have been tried and proved failures. Insurgency cannot save them. All the reformers this side of Tophet will rot away. The brutal ruffians wearing the uniform of policemen in the recent Chicago strike were not powerful enough to overawe the working girls of that city. They could knock out their teeth, break their noses and abuse them in the most shameful manner, but the next morning they were out on the picket line again.

Even since the human race has been organized into societies or governments there has been one class of citizens seeking to control all others through one pretense or another. Some claimed that they were appointed or ordained by God to rule mankind while others were chosen by the people to administer public affairs. Generally the priesthood has favored a monarchical form of government as they were accorded special privileges and benefits. Sometimes the priesthood or church has been so powerful that they have sought to control the political affairs of nations as well as spiritual matters and the result has been a conflict between the church and state, as in France, Spain and Portugal at the present time. As the church crumbles away or loses its power in the Old World it will seek to strengthen itself in the New or on the American continent. President Taft deemed it necessary or politic to make a deal with the Roman hierarchy before he ran for the highest office under our so-called government, but the power of the Vatican is a hundred fold more than that of Injunction William in the administration of our public affairs. In fact, our entire government is run by capitalistic toadies. An honest and efficient public official will find it difficult to hold his job under the present administration. Finchet and Glavis both realize that fact. The man that takes the cake politically now-a-days must be of the Ballinger stripe. He must have a stand-in with the Morgans, Guggenheims and that class or he is down and out before he knows it.

That Glavis affair alone ought to demonstrate to any fair-minded individual that William Howard Taft is more than friendly to the corporations and capitalistic thieves that are looting the national resources on every hand. While he may not personally participate in the great wrongs that are being perpetrated upon the public at large he belongs to that class of exploiters or is in sympathy with them. Roosevelt, with all his faults and blunders, has the manhood to appreciate a faithful public official. If men are to be thrown out of office in disgrace for reporting corrupt practices by higher public or cabinet officials or doing their sworn duty, what can be expected in our public service?

If any public official deserves to be reinstated it is the man Glavis. If we had more Glavises in office and less Tafts, Ballingers and Roosevelts, we would have a better and cleaner government. X. Y. Z.

THE RED WIND COMES.

Too long mere words have thrall'd us. Let us think!
Oh, ponder, are we "free and equal" yet?
That July bombast, writ with blood for ink,
Is blurred with floods of unavailing sweat!

An empty sound we won from Royal George!
Yea, till the last great fight of all is won,
A sentimental show was Valley Forge,
A mawkish, tawdry farce was Lexington!

Oh, pious Nation, holding God in awe,
Where sacred human rights are duly priced!
Where men are beggared in the name of Law,
Where alms are given in the name of Christ!

The Country of the Free? O wretched lie!
The Country of the Brave? Yea, let it be!
One more good stand, O brothers, ere we die,
And this shall be the country of the Free!

What! Are we cowards, are we dotting fools?
Who built the cities, fructified the lands?
We make and use, but do not own the tools
Who robbed us of the product of our hands?

A tiger-hearted tyrant crowned with Law,
Whose flesh is custom and whose soul is greed!
Ubiquitous, a nothing clothed in awe,
We sweat for him and bleed!

Religion follows proudly in his train!
Daft Freedom raves her fealty at his side!
Surviving kingship, he eludes the vain
Misguided dagger of the regicide!

Yea, and we serve this insult to our God!
Gnawing our crusts, we render Caesar toll!
We labor with the back beneath his rod,
His shackles on the soul!

He is a system—wrought for human hogs!
So long as we shall hug the hoary lie,
And gulp the vocal swill of demagogues,
The fat shall rule the sty!

Behold the potential plenty for us all!
Behold the pauper and the plutocrat!
Behold the signs prophetic of thy fall,
O dynast of the fat!

Lo, even now the haunting spectral scrawl!
Lo, even now the beat of hidden wings!
The ghosts of millions throng thy banquet hall,
O guiltiest and last of all the kings!

Beware the furies stirring in the gloom!
They mutter from the farms, the mills, the slums!
No lies shall stay or mitigate thy doom—
THE RED WIND COMES!

JOHN G. NEIHARDT.

A PROPHECY.

There's a brighter day coming. There's a day coming when the fogs of superstition will rise, and the mists of error will roll away, and men will see the great white light of truth. The way will then be clear; crooked paths will be made straight; order will grow out of confusion; humanity will walk in pleasant places and the dismal swamps of ignorance will fade away in the vistas of the past.

When that day comes men will no longer crouch the knee to arrogant wealth, nor lick the feet of insolent power. The citadels of monopoly will be destroyed; the places of tyranny will be buried in the dust; and above

these sepulchers of human misery will rise lofty statues of liberty and majestic temples of equality. The breasts of nature will be bared to her children, and poverty will disappear. War will be no more, and despotism will perish from the earth. Virtue will be enthroned, while hideous vice withers and vanishes away. The beastly brothel will be closed forever, and there will reign loveliness and purity of the home. No longer enslaved by the sweat-shop nor haunted by the toll of the factory bell, the children will play in the green fields and listen to the twitter of the birds. Music and fragrance will fill the air. Happiness and prosperity will dwell in the land. The spiritual life of the people will be quickened, culture will rise and a magnificent civilization will come upon the earth.

Many will toil and suffer and die in the murky dawn that others may enjoy the blessings of the noonday. But halting for no promise, insisting on no reward, exacting no covenant, leaving all and trusting all to the Great Spirit that leads them, brave men and women struggle on towards a brighter day. And a brighter day is coming.—Henry S. Ford.

THE MASTER CLASS.

When you list your strength of gold and clod,
Be ye Saxon, Celt or Dane;
When you garner men that have cried to a God
By the graves where their dead are lain?

They have cried to a God that never spake
In the voice of wind and wave,
And you feel your power as you bend and break
The spirit of serf and slave.

Is the earth unjust, its strength untrue of bud and bloom
For those who toil and plead
In the nights of dusk and the days of gloom,
That you hear and yet unheed?

They have ta'en their ships through the calm and the gale
And conquered by land and sea;
And their legions sleep on the blood-bought trails
And this for such as ye.

You have reasoned for naught in your gilded halls,
In the temples, you bliss to see;
You have raised your banner on blood-stained walls
By the slaves in their slavery.

When you list your strength of gold and dross,
Be ye dusk, or dark, or light,
When you garner men to the foot of their cross
By the squadrons day and night.

You have reasoned for naught and cannot speak
To your brother by tongue or tone;
You have bent the strong and broke the weak;
Be they of you—blood and bone?

When you list your strength of surf and sod,
Be ye Saxon, Celt or Dane,
By the tasks they've done in the name of their God,
Have they taken that name in vain?

JAMES ALLAN McKECHNIE.

CHILD LABOR.

There are 1,700,000 child laborers in the United States. That is a huge army of children to be working in the vitiated atmosphere of mines, mills, factories and stores, instead of storing up knowledge in the schools and growing into healthy men and women through play in the open air.

Child labor is an unmitigated curse to the working class of this and every other country. It not only robs the children of their childhood, but it spells greater misery and degradation to all who toil.

There are now a large number of occupations in which a child can do almost as much in a day as a man. And the child is employed in preference to the man because it can be secured for considerably less money.

Now, where children are employed most freely, there the wages of adults are lowest.

Cause and effect are quite clear. Children are not put out to work because wages are low, but wages are low because children are allowed to work.

See the difference?

If in a community where child labor laws are rigidly enforced those laws would suddenly be relaxed or repealed and a large number of children induced to enter the workshops of Mammon at a tender age, then the labor market would be flooded with cheap labor, many grown-ups would lose their jobs and wages would sink to a lower level.

Conversely, where children are withdrawn from employment, the adults, freed from their competition, can command higher wages. In fact, the income of the average family will slightly increase, notwithstanding the loss of the children's earnings.

The workers, therefore, should never oppose the prohibition of child labor or the enactment of compulsory school laws. It is not they, but the employers, who lose.

The employers must pay higher wages to the parents when their children no longer help eke out the family existence. The parents will have more work, too, because the jobs are not taken by boys and girls.

Employers oppose child labor legislation because it will reduce their profits. Working people should seek it because it will raise their wages and give the child a fair start in life.—Political Action.

CRIME UNDER CAPITALISM.

The newer modes of thought are penetrating all the activities of civilized man. The shifting of the economic basis of production causes the shifting of the ideological superstructures. This is taking place with regard to the criminal as well as in regard to other classes of society.

It was not so very long ago that the criminal was looked upon as a morally perverted creature. He was regarded as a wild beast. He was to be killed on the slightest provocation. He was to be cast into loathsome dungeons. He was morally perverted and was to be punished for his crimes.

That idea has largely gone. It lingers still only in the minds of Canadian judges and other like persons who cultivate such thoughts in order to earn their large salaries. That is why Canadian judges are looked down upon to-day with contempt by people of intelligence.

The idea in criminology is that the criminal is victimized rather than victimizing. There are two kinds of criminals, born criminals and made criminals. The born criminals are those men who have bred back to a type of virtue that has long since passed from the earth. At one time in the tribal history of man it was considered virtuous to steal from the enemy, to be brutal and powerful physically, to cultivate the brute virtues. Because the tribes who had many such strong brutal people would overcome the tribes that had fewer such men.

The born criminal is a man who has been bred to an antique type. He

is no more responsible for his crimes than is a tiger for acting according to its nature. This type of criminal is rare. And when he happens to come to the front, he should be treated as an insane person, rather than as a responsible mortal.

The second kind of a criminal is the made criminal. To this class belong the vast majority of the persons now shut up in our penitentiaries. These are men and women who are ordinary people, but who, through force of circumstances have been forced to commit crime. The unemployed who steals, the girl who sells her body because she cannot get a decent living, the thug, who develops naturally in the slums our labor skimmers prepare for the imperfect wage slaves, these are all criminals by circumstances and not criminals by nature.

The man who has wrapped his brains up in capitalist foolishness sees these things dimly. He realizes that our judges and criminal institutions and modes of punishment are unjust. But he cannot see any way out. He comes up against an insoluble problem. For he clings to the ideas that the rich must inherit the earth, the jobs must belong to the master class, rent, interest and profit must be protected. As long as these conditions exist, vast numbers of criminals will be produced. If these criminals are allowed to go free then rent, interest and profit will be endangered. The garnered titles of the plunderers will be stolen continually. To protect rent, interest and profit, the criminals must be shut up. This is unjust because society has produced the criminals.

So the capitalist apologists basing their whole system upon injustice, cannot escape the necessity of causing injustice to that special class of society known as the criminal class.—Cotton's Weekly.

AS IT OUGHT TO BE.

Billikin, "the god of things as they ought to be," is peculiarly the god of the small fry, the little capitalists, and the near capitalists, the so-called "middle class." With them nothing is as it ought to be. There ought to be more street cars and fewer millionaires. No one ought to make more than a "good living" out of his business. The Trusts ought to be broken up. The railroads ought to be owned by the government. "Graft" ought to be exterminated. "The social evil" ought not to be permitted. The mail-order houses ought to be denied the use of the mails. The city engineer ought to be fired. There ought to be good shopping weather at Christmas time. Everybody ought to pay cash. The wholesalers ought to give us more time. The labor unions ought to be abolished. The public ought to be protected from irresponsible firms who don't belong to our association.

Of course, "there are reasons." At one time the small capitalists were the big toads in the puddle. There were no big capitalists to speak of. When "times were good" they were all getting plenty to eat. But times are not always good, and then they had to eat one another, and there you are.

Plants grew larger, machinery more complex and expensive. Bigger capitals were required, and the bigger capitalists survived and got bigger. The smaller ones merged with the big ones, went out of business or became, what they mostly are now, agents for the big ones, or little, penurious, starveling concerns hanging on to the ragged edge and protesting that things ought not to be thus.

They can feel the pinch all over but they have no idea why they are pinched or what is really pinching them. Superficial in their outlook, they perceive and protest against only the superficial and apparently remediable ills that afflict them. Of their causes they know nothing.

Not that we care. Their troubles are none of our funeral. But they infect that wise bird the wage mule with their ideas and he goes to braying about how things ought to be. What is worse, he even brings that bray into the Socialist movement, where it most certainly does not belong. Not only are things generally not as they ought to be, but in many cases he finds that the movement is not as it ought to be, in one way or another.

For our part, we can see nothing else for it but that things are as they ought to be and ought to be as they are. Not that the present state of affairs suits our complexion worth a damn. But there it is. What are you going to do about it? Things are as they are because of chains of causation inter-linked to infinity. Present conditions are the effect of events which have happened and which cannot be "unhappened." Things are as they ought to be, even though they are not as we would have them.

However, we would have them no other than they are, for, just as they are the effects of things as they were, so, also, are they the causes of things as they will be. Only because this system is just as it is, is a new system possible.

One thing of which those who whine against things as they are completely lose sight, is the fact that things are changing. The capitalist system is growing every minute and it is growing toward Socialism.

At present the capitalist system is the only system possible, but it is changing ceaselessly towards a conditions where it will be impossible, then it will be no more, and only then. It is as it ought to be and it is changing as it ought to change. When the workers wake up it will be as it ought not to be and it might soon will not be.

Our efforts are therefore to be bent towards waking the workers to a realization of their enslaved position in society. Even in doing this we are acting upon the dictates of circumstances over which we have no control and in conformity to perfectly natural laws. The more thoroughly we realize this and the more clearly we understand these laws, the more smoothly, rapidly, and easily will be progress and the less frequently will we act in a manner which we will subsequently regret.—Western Clarion.

THE HOSPITAL.

By George Allan England.

Can these be men, that lie so still, so white?
Whose hopeless eyes yearn things they cannot say?
Who scarce can part the daytime from the night
Save that the night drags heavier than the day?
Have these a listening God, to whom they pray?
God hears not much, nor cares, right well know I,
For nameless things I learn through long delay,
On this strait bed where I perforce must lie.

I learn of life-in-death; I learn the blight
Of seeing my soul and body slow decay,
Hemmed in with white-walled nothingness. The flight
Of vagrant flies, the sunlight's sluggish way
Of crawling on—yes, even the shadows gay
Help tease the laggard moments loathly by,
Since great are none, small things my pain allay
On this strait bed where I perforce must lie.

I learn to see, nor shrink from any sight;
That deathmask yonder—carrion mass of clay—
Hath but a bleeding scrap of lung to fight
The ghastly death that knows nor truce nor stay.
The Polack, old through pains that tear and flay,
Will go next sennight—how these swart folk die!
Last week they found me, waxen-cold for aye,
On this strait bed where I perforce must lie.

ENVOY.

"This, too, will pass!" my comfort be alway,
Hell is forgot of them that chant on high;
Yet have I seen such things no man should say,
On this strait bed where I perforce must lie.

THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max S. Hayes.

This year's American Federation of Labor Convention was, if possible, more tame and listless than last year's gathering, or that of the year before. Nothing new developed. President Gompers made the same exhaustive address that he did at previous conventions, and the executive council's lengthened out over half a day's reading by Vice President Duncan. Reports and speeches from the stage helped to pad out the usual four day time before the delegates could get down to work.

Pretty much the same resolutions dealing with jurisdictional questions, demanding legislation from lawmaking bodies, to levy boycotts, endorse union labels, etc., were presented as were before the body in former years. Then, after some perfunctory discussion, the resolutions were adopted, rejected or referred to the executive council once more for adjudication, especially where jurisdictional claims were concerned.

About the only discussions that enlivened the proceedings were those relating to the Electrical Workers' troubles, and the chartering of the Western Federation of Miners, which, after some debate, were sent back to the executive council.

It should be mentioned in this connection that attempts were made throughout the early part of the convention by certain press agents to arouse the prejudice of the delegates by "doping" newspaper reporters with stories about the wicked Socialists framing plots to steal the American Federation of Labor. The fact that the Reid faction of the Electrical Workers controls a press agents. The Reidites were classified as "seceders" because the minority large majority of the organized men in the trade made no difference to the press agents. The Reidites were classified as "seceders" because the minority faction (the McNulty followers) said so, and, of course, the Reid people were dubbed as Socialists—and that was sufficient to condemn them.

The further fact that the Western Federation of Miners was invited during the last dozen years to join the American Federation of Labor made no difference, either. They, too, fell under the ban because they are Socialistic, and at the psychological moment enough craft unions trotted out claims of jurisdiction to make further procrastination possible in the matter of issuing a charter.

After the Electrical Workers' controversy was sent to the executive council the Reid faction gracefully and unselfishly accepted in toto the plan outlined by Vice President Duncan, to establish harmony in the trade, viz.: to call conventions of both factions to meet in the same city at the same time and appoint committees to work out an amalgamation plan, to withdraw all suits now pending in the courts and to turn over all funds to the executive council in trust until the unions are combined, and now it remains to be seen whether the tail will continue to wag the dog and whether McNulty still runs the executive council.

In the case of the Western Federation of Miners, the executive council considered that organization's claims after the convention and postponed further action until January, about the time that the coal miners meet. The latter insist that the Western Federation of Miners be admitted, and come in they will, no matter what obstacles may be thrown in the way by the reactionists. If the Western Federation of Miners is not granted a charter after all the invitations sent them to come in, it will merely hasten the merging of the coal and metalliferous miners, and then the latter cannot be kept out, no matter what the labor "trust busters" may say, or do.

Those delegates who are Socialists held a number of conferences during the convention, and it was decided that, on account of the deliberate misrepresentations to which they were subjected, no resolutions of a progressive character would be presented and no debates would be participated in, so that the conservatives could perform their same stunts of mediocrity that they did in previous years.

Another reason why the "Reds" decided to turn a deaf ear to the delegates who importuned them to "start something" and keep those brethren who were dozing in their chairs awake, was that their measures would have been defeated, and also would have furnished the capitalistic politicians of the country, who are being driven to distraction by the rampant dissatisfaction that confronts them on every hand, with a few crumbs of comfort and an opportunity to claim that the tide had turned against radicalism.

Then, again, the "Reds" were not so certain that their agitation would not have encouraged further discussion favorable to the formation of a labor party, which is not now needed, if it ever was, and would only serve to confuse the workers. Besides, the Socialist party will have plenty of work to assimilate the new recruits who are coming into the fold this year and prevent itself from being hamstrung by some radical reform movement that may be launched by clever capitalistic politicians with the promise of "getting something now," week after next or thereabouts. Indeed, Gompers displayed his thinly veiled contempt for ephemeral and transitory "isms" at every opportunity, and quite likely the wish fathers the thought that the rising young Socialist movement will be swamped in the same manner that the Populist revolt was, over a dozen years ago.

The truth of the matter is that the Socialist movement doesn't need to pursue the same tactics that were necessary ten or fifteen years ago to gain attention. It is receiving plenty of publicity nowadays from all sides, and the problem of the future is to educate and organize the newcomers and maintain a class-conscious, militant organization.

Let us not forget that the resourceful capitalistic enemy will send its spies into the Socialist party just as those soulless scoundrels are sent into the trades unions, for the purpose of creating strife and disruption. The time has come to watch out in this respect. There are a number of states and cities in which some individuals have been and are acting as though they had the brand of the Manufacturers' Information Bureau or Corporations Auxiliary or the National Civic Federation on them. The persons that I refer to are never happier than when engaged in hair-splitting over tactics and starting factional rows, and raising Ned generally. These pinheads seem to take more delight in lambasting their own Comrades for some alleged shortcomings than giving their attention to the great, broad principles that form the basis of the working class movement, and keeping their guns trained upon the common enemy. These dogmatists and catmatists appear to think that their mission in life is to denounce somebody else for not being a "good Socialist," just as the old school of trade union leaders, so-called, imagined that it is up to them to charge others with whom they disagree as being anything but "good unionists."

I repeat that this holier-than-thou danger point should be avoided in the Socialist party as well as the trade unions. Let us rather aim to discover the general principles and tactics upon which we can agree; let us go along together as far as possible, for there is work ahead to keep everybody busy—in fact, we are entering an era, indeed are already in it, that will put the organized working class movement to the fiercest test that ever has been experienced by any modern human institution. Centralized capitalism and its multitudinous agencies have never been more powerful than now, and the predictions that the Socialist agitators made upon the floor of the American Federation of Labor conventions a decade ago are being fulfilled. The machinery of production has become trustified and monopolized and Labor is being mercilessly attacked on every side. The rank and file are beginning to appreciate that fact, even if their alleged leaders are not, and there is a widespread wave favorable to independent political action sweeping through the country. The thinking members of union labor are beginning to understand that the old methods of organization that obtained a quarter of a century ago are inadequate in this monopoly age.

Shall we take advantage of this opportunity to bring about a closer affili-

ation between the unions and the Socialist party, each to control its particular sphere of action? In my opinion, yes; and in my dual capacity I would advise all Socialists to join the trade unions and take an active interest in them, and all trade unionists ought to join the Socialist movement, and thus bring about a situation that will enable us to fight effectively with our industrial and political arms. And if it is necessary to unhorse a few reactionists on the one side and impossibilists on the other, let us do that. It is not a question of keeping leaders and spokesmen in positions of prominence, but rather the good of the whole American Labor Movement.—International Socialist Review.

HAMPTON'S AND LOS ANGELES.

By James M. Lynch.

That is a great story in the January Hampton's, the Los Angeles story. Great in its peculiar association of fact and fancy, of fiction and truth, of surmise and reality. Of course, a story must be made to "read." It is up to the author to supply that quality, otherwise the story will not sell, and Hampton's author sold his story. So much for merchandising in literature.

To those who know Los Angeles, who through long years of patient effort have assisted in building up the trade union movement in that city, who have accepted as incidents of the battle all of the Otis mud and slander, to those who have seen trade unionism grow and prosper in Los Angeles in spite of Otis, the Typographical Union, for instance, which is Otis' chief abomination, from 125 to 375 members, to those who realize and have felt the terrible power and utter ruthlessness of Otis and his satellites, such as these are able to separate the literary chaff from the literary wheat, and for them the Hampton's article makes good reading. They know the facts, and, knowing the facts, they can read, analyze and digest. It all spells again the fact that fair dealing with labor makes for industrial peace.

And they know that Otis and his profit-greedy, union-hating compatriots will open wide their purses in the attempt to find something, somebody, anything, to show that gas did not wreck the Times plant. Gas is the Otis nightmare.

HEALTH, COMMON SENSE AND SOCIALISM.

By Silas Hood.

Drugs have caused more deaths than cures. The proportion is a million to one.

The physical make-up of the human race is not vigorous enough to throw off the poisonous medicines prescribed by the doctors and the patent medicine vendors.

The capitalist press annually accepts millions of dollars from manufacturers of poisonous remedies. The government chemist has exposed many of these frauds but the list he issued is short by thousands of names. Peruna, an alleged catarrh remedy, is one of the most flagrant swindles advertised by the metropolitan and country newspapers. The principal ingredient in Peruna is cheap whiskey—popularly known as "rot-gut."

Throw your patent medicine drugs and pills into the garbage can, observe a little common sense and get well.

Hamamelis, tincture of arnica and a few other simple remedies are all that you need for external use.

Hot and cold water applications are beneficial; also massage.

The majority of scarlet and typhoid fever victims who recover find themselves afflicted with defective hearing or eyesight. It was not the fever that caused the affliction, but the drugs prescribed by the learned doctor.

Insanitary surroundings, impure and adulterated food, long hours of work and worry about the fear of want are the causes of ninety-nine per cent. of all the ailments which now inflict the human race.

Mankind can never hope to be in a healthful state until the economic revolution has been accomplished.

Crowded street cars and crowded workshops distribute more diseases than any other two agencies.

If you would retain or would regain your health never remain long or sleep in an unventilated room.

Take a bath in winter as well as in the summer time. Three times a week is none too much. Four or five times would be better. Perspiration is poison. If you permit it to be reabsorbed into your body it will weaken you, physically, mentally and morally. Keep it in mind that the bathtub is an institution 6,000 years old.

Never take a cold bath at night. Never take a bath at any time in very hot water. Don't be afraid to wash your head frequently when taking your bath. A little castile soap will not injure your hair.

Cold water is a remedy for cold feet. Plunge your feet into cold water, the colder the better—rubbing briskly with a towel after each plunge. A three-plunge treatment is sufficient. Try it for a week and you will begin to see the end of cold feet.

Sleep in any position that is comfortable, but always in a position to permit easy breathing and complete lung expansion.

Eat very little salt. Salt adds or deepens the wrinkles in your face. It also causes premature age. Don't eat any pepper at all. Also place all the spices on the relic shelves. They do worse things to you than salt.

Vinegar is another appetizer that was never meant for the stomach.

Lemon juice is an excellent substitute and health giver. "Pass up" the vinegar. Pickles and all of the "57 varieties" are manufactured to sell and not to eat. If there were no profit in them they would not be made. A chemical laboratory at all such places. The appetite you now have for such things is a false one. Give your tasting apparatus a chance to get back into shape and you will refuse to eat such things.

Change your socks more often than once a week. Yes, change them more often than twice a week. Change them at least every other day and every day if your feet are inclined to perspire much. Put on clean, dry socks when you put on your slippers to sit down to read the evening paper and you will feel less inclined to row with your wife.

Use two pairs of shoes. Wear one pair one day and the other pair the next. No use telling that to a workman for he has but one pair. Put the one pair on the sill of the open window at night anyhow. The shoes need the ventilation after the abuse they receive in the daytime.

Don't wear a stiff hat. A derby or silk tile is not conducive to a healthy circulation in the head. Baldness and headaches are many times the result of wearing stiff hats. The creature who introduced the stiff hat style was no benefactor of the human race.

Corsets are not health producers, either. Nature never intended to have the organs squeezed out of place or the form out of shape.

Don't wear rats in your hair, girls. Just as bad for your head as the stiff hats for the men and worse for the hair nature provided. Hair grows better without rats.

White bread! It isn't fit to eat. Eat whole wheat, rye, graham or any black bread. And the less salt you have in the butter the better for you. Flour was first made white to coax the buyer, and every other manufacturer had to follow suit or go out of business.

Eat less meat. No use telling you that. The beef trust will attend to that, but try a diet of meat twice a week; then once a week; then cut it down to once a month and finally omit it entirely. Substitute nuts and dates and fruit salad. A vegetable and fruit diet is more sustaining and better for your health than meat. It is a mistaken idea that meat contains more strength

than vegetables, fruit and nuts. Peanuts should be on the table twice a day. Satisfy your meat craving, though, as long as the desire lasts. If you must have meat eat a lamb chop—broiled—a little roast of lamb and occasionally eat a little well-cooked bacon. Try this diet for a while and you will be surprised at the good sleeps you will get and the refreshed feeling you will have. With the right kind of a diet you can work without getting tired—brain work as well as manual labor.

Cigarettes? Don't smoke them. All kinds of paper is made with arsenic, and arsenic is not good for the lungs. Any kind of a paper smoke only tends to weaken your moral, mental and physical make-up. Don't smoke a pipe if you can afford cigars, as the pipe is not a sanitary equipment. Smoke good cigars, too—not cheap, unsavory things. Not much use telling you this, as I know in advance you can't afford good cigars. This advice is to let you know what you should do, not what you can do. But a pipe is preferable to cigarettes.

In conclusion the writer wishes to say that the people of the earth do not yet know how to eat, breathe, sleep, drink or what to wear to prolong life, health and happiness. Nature intended that man should be perfect, physically, morally and mentally. But he is none of these. And he will not be until he is given a chance to be all that nature intended. Today when he comes into the world he is given insufficient nourishment from his mother's breast, or milk that will not stand the tuberculin test. And if he grows up in a city he is forced to drink water from a sewer, for the lakes and rivers furnishing the water supply of the cities are the dumping grounds of the sewage from many different directions. In addition to this he is forced to eat adulterated food and he is educated to invest in patent medicines and to pour down poisonous drugs prescribed by doctors who are in business to make a living instead of to keep people well.

But the doctors are not to blame. They are educated to write prescriptions to keep up the drug trade and incidentally to keep the people sick. I knew a doctor once who was the father of six children and they were all healthy children. "You evidently know how to keep your own children well," I said to him one day. "I certainly do," was his reply. "I never give them any medicine."

So there you are. This doctor knew too much about the dangerous effects of drugs to give such poison to any of his own flesh and blood, but he prescribed generously for any other patients who called on him for medical advice. And this doctor was just as good as any other professional man who had been educated to do things under a capitalist system. Every man in business is equally as good or as bad as this physician. The baker is in business to make bread to sell—not to make bread that is fit to eat; the contractor is in business to build houses to sell—he is concerned in making profits more than he is in building houses fit to live in; the manufacturer of anything is in business for profits and if the things he turns out to sell are injurious that is of secondary consideration to him. And so it is with everything carried on under the present system of savagery, and none of us can hope to be permitted to live anything like normal lives until a new system of life is permitted to be inaugurated.

Capitalism is the cause of all the diseases, immorality, corruption, injustice, insanity, etc., etc., which now inflicts the earth, and you who are reading this are in part to blame if you are either passive or active in the use of your franchise in longer upholding such a system of wrong.

Socialism is a mighty protest of the outraged soul of mankind against the denial of its natural birthright, and when you have learned this lesson you will no longer be active or passive in maintaining the present savage order, but will come out into the open and aid in the task of awakening the world.

THE COUNTY PROGRAM OF THE SOCIALISTS.

By Carl D. Thompson.

On the first of the coming January the Socialists will assume control of the county government of Milwaukee County.

Having charge of all of the county offices, together with a majority of the County Board, they will be in complete control. The only limitation then will be the state laws and constitutional provisions. It is understood, of course, that within these limitations there is a considerable latitude in which the Socialist reforms may be carried forward. The program has been pretty thoroughly outlined by Wilfred Zabel, the Socialist District Attorney elect.

Among the measures proposed the following are some of the most important ones:

- (1) Immediate action to be taken towards the unification of city and county governments.
- (2) The calling of a grand jury to investigate alleged cases of graft in the county and city administrations.
- (3) A law uniting the police department and the sheriff's office with a single constabulary throughout the entire county.
- (4) Joint county jail and police station in one building.
- (5) A law making it a penal offense to use county stationery for political purposes; it being alleged that candidates for re-election use county stamps, paper and envelopes.
- (6) Civil service for assistants in county offices.
- (7) Reduction of the county treasurer's salary from \$7,000 to \$5,000 a year, the county board to legislate the number of assistants and their salaries.
- (8) Establishment of a separate and distinct Juvenile Court.
- (9) Outdoor bodily exercise daily for county jail prisoners.
- (10) Abolition of the system whereby the sheriff contracts with the county for furnishing board for county jail prisoners.
- (11) The establishment of a public printery. This is to be done in co-operation with the city.
- (12) Abolition of fees in the coroner's office and the substitution of a salary therefor.
- (13) Abolition of fees in connection with the register of deeds' office.
- (14) Changes in abandonment laws whereby convicted husbands may be made to work and their wages turned over to their families.

With the city and county governments both in control of the Socialists, it is certain that both bodies will co-operate as far as state laws will permit in carrying out the general program of public ownership. Many of the measures will require state legislation, and to that end strong committees will be sent to the State Legislature this fall to secure the rights required by the city and county to carry forward the various Socialist reforms outlined by the administration.

SYSTEMATIC SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN AMONG WOMEN.

Woman's National Committee, 180 Washington Street, Chicago.

The Woman's National Committee of the Socialist Party is preparing for an active campaign among the women throughout the United States.

They have prepared a series of twelve monthly programs, which will serve either as a lesson for home study, or for a public propaganda entertainment.

These programs consist primarily of a brief lecture, especially prepared for this work by Anna A. Maley, woman's national organizer. About this lecture as a center are grouped songs, recitations and readings, selected from the best Socialist literature. Each month leading Socialist writers will con-

tribute articles upon the subject under discussion, and these will be printed in Socialist papers.

To assist in this educational work among the women, the Woman's National Committee has prepared special leaflets for free distribution, not only these public entertainments, but from house to house. Each of these leaflets appeals to a distinct portion of the working-class women. One leaflet is directed to the girl in the workshop and factory; another to the housewife; another to the housewife, the domestic servant, the woman on the street and so on. In this way, hundreds of thousands of women will be reached during the next year.

The subject of the January program is universal peace. The leaflet for this month's distribution is entitled, "To the Working Woman." All of the programs will be printed in the Progressive Woman, the official organ of the Woman's National Committee.

Every Socialist local is vitally interested in this special campaign among the women. The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party is sending out thousands of notices to the party membership, calling their attention to this activity among the women, and urging their hearty support.

"YOU CAN JAIL MEN—BUT YOU CANNOT JAIL PRINCIPLES!"

Resolutions by National Executive Committee, Socialist Party, in Session December 11, 1910.

"In the year 1906 three workmen, leaders of a great labor union, were kidnaped and illegally and violently taken from the State of Colorado to the State of Idaho and placed on trial, charged with the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg. (After trial all three were found not guilty of the crime and acquitted. The application for a writ of habeas corpus which would restore their elemental rights was denied by the United States Supreme Court, Justice McKenna only dissenting. The Supreme Court decided that the law provided no relief for kidnaped workmen.

"Thereupon Fred D. Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, sent through the mails an offer of \$1,000 for the 'kidnaping' of ex-Governor Taylor of Kentucky, who was at the time admittedly a fugitive from justice.

"The obvious intention of this offer, frankly stated by Warren at the time, was to provide the workers with a concrete proof of the class bias of the Supreme Court, his belief being that in the case of a rich and powerful man the Supreme Court would decide differently than it had done in the case of the three workmen.

"For this Warren was convicted by the United States District Court and sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor and a fine of \$1,500, notwithstanding that it was proved that before sending the matter complained of through the mails he had consulted the local postmaster, who informed him that the matter was admissible to the mails, and that similar offers are commonly circulated through the mails.

"This sentence has now been affirmed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and Fred D. Warren must go to jail.

"Now, this case does not stand alone. It is but one of a multitude of decisions rendered by our courts in recent years, characterized by a spirit of bitter hostility toward the working class, of which the numerous injunctions in strike and boycott cases are glaring examples.

"In view of these facts, be it

"Resolved, That the National Executive Committee of the Socialist party of America hereby expresses its emphatic protest against the growing abuse of the judicial power in the interest of the capitalist class, and against this latest severe, unjust and vindictive sentence, which is in marked contradiction to the democratic institutions of the country.

"That we call upon the Comrades everywhere to arrange for mass meetings all over the country to protest against the growing menace to the working class through the subservience of the courts to the capitalist class, and against this latest despotic outbreak of capitalist venom and revenge."

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.



THE CASE OF LORIMER.

William Lorimer was elected United States Senator from Illinois because the special interests bribed members of the Illinois Legislature to vote for him.

The facts are notorious.

Members of the Legislature that elected Lorimer confessed their bribetaking.

They gave names, dates and places.

The incident of his election as United States senator by bribery was quite consistent with Lorimer's career as a public service corporation political agent, or boss. He was known as the "Blond Boss of the Stockyards."

The decent people of Illinois naturally protested against Lorimer's taking his seat as a Senator from Illinois.

A committee with Senator Burrows at its head was appointed to investigate. At the investigation members of the Illinois Legislature told the shameful story of their bribery. No sensible man questions the truth of their statements. On the evidence the Burrows committee finds "that in its opinion the title of Mr. Lorimer to a seat in the Senate has not been shown to be invalid by the use or employment of corrupt methods or practices."

The committee further finds that "those who confessed receiving bribes should not be believed, and that the votes of those who were charged with paying bribes should be counted."

The committee then proceeds to administer a roast to the members of the Legislature who confessed taking bribes. There is no roast for those who paid bribes.

As one reads the report of the Burrows committee he cannot but think of the adage of honor among thieves. That other members of the United States Senate have been elected through bribery is a matter of common belief if not knowledge. The expulsion of Lorimer because he secured his seat through the corruption of a Legislature, might prove a precedent disastrous to even members of the committee that heard his case.

And in this connection it is interesting to note that the very political forces which commend the whitewashing of Lorimer are scandalized at the Oregon plan by which Legislatures are placed under moral obligation to abide by the choice of the people for United States Senator.—San Francisco Star.

JUSTICE OF THE BOOKS.

Under capitalism, justice is a farce. Court decisions, from the Police Court to the Supreme Bench, show the influence of money. In most cases

this influence is indirect, but none the less real. In some cases it is direct. It is the indirect, subtle influence that is more dangerous than the direct.

It makes and unmakes law by interpretations. It creates precedents, and thus establishes a foundation for the rights of property unwarranted by state or federal law.

The courts are the bulwark of capitalism. The people are powerless against them by any ordinary process. To undo the vicious principle injected into the constitution of the United States by Alexander Hamilton and his aristocratic followers, it will be necessary to amend it and the constitution of the various states.

This is difficult. It means a great struggle. But it is the only way in which the courts can be made subject to the will of the people.

Judge Tawney in the famous Dred Scott case carried the implications of the constitution far beyond what its authors had intended. Tawney was influenced. His mind was poisoned with the virus of chattel slavery. His justice was class justice. He ignored humanity. He was blind to the rising tide of anti-slavery sentiment in the north, which swept him and chattel slavery into infamy.

The judges of today, appointed by one man, in Washington, are necessarily biased in favor of the system that gives them place and power.

Their minds are saturated with the virus of wage slavery. They approve of the wage system. To them it is right and normal that some men should work for others; that some should own property to the exclusion of others. They admit the abuses of the system and are quick (where direct bribery is not brought to bear) to abate them.

They send the laborer back to his task as Tawney sent Scott back to his task.

They award Shylock the "pound of flesh as nominated in the bond," because that, to them, appears just.

Is it justice? It is the justice of the past; the justice of books and codes; the justice of dead institutions.

To the living, thinking, feeling man of today, it is not justice. He sees a higher, better justice. It is based upon the equal rights of all—not property rights, but human rights.

This new justice (it is as old as the human heart) makes property a means to the welfare of all—not of a few or a class, but of all.

It is the justice of the Declaration of Independence which Hamilton so ruthlessly swept aside.—Chicago Daily Socialist.

INSANITY AND CAPITALISM.

Dr. Ferris places worry, work and strain as the fourth leading cause of insanity. The first he gives as alcoholic indulgence and as the third the excessive use of drugs. Drinking and drug-taking can both be classed as one, for they are variations of the same disease and their result is practically the same.

But the use of both drink and drugs can have their basis in the work, strain and worry which Dr. Ferris places fourth on the list of causes.

There is comparatively less drinking than there was a few generations ago, when practically the whole population used strong drink without much restraint. But insanity has increased disproportionately. There are at present 32,658 acknowledged insane in this state, or one insane person to each 279 inhabitants. Besides this number there are many who are being cared for at home. Some of them are stricken physically as well as mentally. Some of the cases are mild, but still incapacitate the stricken ones, and make of them a burden and care for the family.

There has of late years been a great increase in knowledge concerning insanity. There has been improvement in its treatment. Insane persons are no longer looked upon as wild beasts who must be restrained and abused. Real attempts are being made to cure them, and scientific measures are being applied. But all the increase in knowledge cannot cope with the increase in insanity.

In the districts where drink is not sold there is as much insanity as in the cities where drink can easily be procured. It is possible to attribute some of the country insanity to the alcohol or drugs contained in patent medicines, but these probably play little part, though they do play some part.

The really great cause of insanity, the ground on which it is built, is usually worry or overwork. An overworked man or woman may resort to stimulants, either in the form of alcohol or drugs, and the end of this may be the complete overthrow of the mind. But the beginning was overwork.

Under capitalism no wage worker can call his job his own. He does not know at what moment he may be thrown onto the streets to begin a weary search for another job. Even when working, owing to the tension at which a man must work, owing to the fact that most workers are paced and speeded by machines, there is always a danger of the workers being mentally broken.

That is where insanity begins. It is bred in the factories and the stores. It is intensified by the merciless competition that exists in society.

There is another cause of insanity and that is want and the numbing fear of want. When many persons live in a state of semi-starvation there is always danger of their minds as well as their bodies giving way. A man who is hungry all the time, who does not obtain sufficient food to nourish him, and who is never certain that he is going to get even the inadequate supply of food, is a good subject for insanity. There comes a point where he is going to break.

People are no longer driven insane by scourging or by being tortured, or by being thrown into dark, unventilated dungeons. We make our insane peo-

ple in the open and most of them are made through the system of modern industry. There will be more and ever more made. The figures given out are already appalling. But they will be increased unless there is a complete change in the system.

Men must be economically free, otherwise they become tyrants or imbeciles. The cunning strangle the strong. Often, through unjust possession, the unfit survive and those who are really the fittest are crushed. That makes insane people, and because of the way insanity is increasing it may unhesitatingly be put down as a disease of capitalism.—New York Call.

DONATIONS TO BLACK HILLS CHRISTMAS FUND.

Valdez, Alaska, Dec. 6, 1910.

Mr. Ernest Mills, Denver, Colo.:

Dear Sir and Brother—Enclosed please find draft for \$41 to provide Xmas entertainment for the children of our locked-out brothers in South Dakota, by request of Ida M. Roberts, Secretary, Ladies' Auxiliary No. 1, W. F. M., Rossland, B. C. Fraternally yours,
CHAS. F. McCALLUM,
Sec'y Valdez Miners' Union No. 188, W. F. M.

Contact, Nev., Dec. 18, 1910.

Mr. Ernest Mills, Denver, Colo.:

Dear Sir and Brother—I herewith enclose \$5 as a donation to the Christmas fund for the children of our locked-out brothers in the Black Hills, upon the suggestion of Ida M. Roberts, of the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 1, W. F. M., Rossland, B. C. Fraternally yours,
PERRY BLACKBURN,
Sec'y Contact Miners' Union No. 239, W. F. M.

Round Mountain, Nev., Dec. 19, 1910.

Mr. Ernest Mills, Denver, Colo.:

Dear Sir and Brother—Please find herewith enclosed \$7 for the benefit of the Children's Xmas fund in South Dakota, as suggested by the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 1, W. F. M., of Rossland, B. C. Fraternally yours,
D. L. SULLIVAN,
Sec'y Round Mountain M. U. No. 247, W. F. M.

Greenwood, B. C., Dec. 19, 1910.

Mr. Ernest Mills, Denver, Colo.:

Dear Sir and Brother—Having received a letter from Ida M. Roberts, Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 1, W. F. M., of Rossland, B. C., wishing that something be done in regard to giving the children of our locked out brothers in South Dakota a Christmas cheer, also make brighter the hearts of all those connected with the same, our members donated \$25 from our treasury and also subscribed \$38.25, making a total of \$63.25, which we are sending forward for that purpose. Fraternally yours,
LESTER MACKENZIE,
Sec'y Greenwood M. U. No. 22, W. F. M.

Porcupine, Ont., Dec. 19, 1910.

Mr. Ernest Mills, Denver, Colo.:

Dear Sir and Brother—I herewith enclose \$2 as a Christmas donation to the children of our locked-out brothers in South Dakota from Brothers John McIsaac and John Worthington. Fraternally yours,
E. P. McCURRY,
Sec'y Porcupine M. U. No. 145, W. F. M.

In Memoriam.

Radersburg, Mont., Dec. 7, 1910.

Whereas, We are again called upon to record the loss of two brothers and to proffer our sympathy and condolence to those bereft of loved ones whose chairs are left vacant in the home circle, as well as our union, and

Whereas, In the bonds of friendship they were firm, faithful friends and brothers, ever ready to rejoice in times of prosperity, to cheer and comfort in adversity, therefore be it

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Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the families and friends of the deceased brothers in this their hour of sad bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That as a mark of esteem to our brothers in this their hour of sad bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That as a mark of esteem to our brothers our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our union, copies sent to the families of the deceased and a copy sent to the Miners' Magazine for publication.

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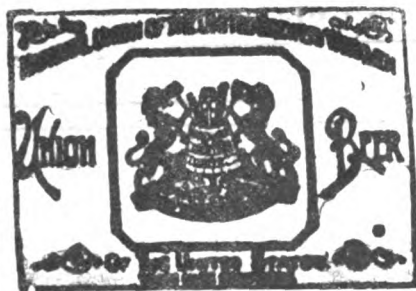
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