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CONFESSES SHOCKING MURDER AND ASSAULT

Slayer of Dona Gillman Run to Earth by Newspaper Reporter.

Dayton, O., Dec. 7.—David Curtis, 27, is the self-confessed murderer of Dona Gillman. After the passage of nerve-racking hours behind locked doors in the office of Prosecutor Nevin of Montgomery county, Cur. gasped out the final words of his dreadful recital; then laughed in the blanched faces of five men who sat in the tiny room with the murderer—Coroner Walter L. Kline, County Detective Frank McBride, Pinkerton Detective E. C. Coleman, Assistant Prosecutor Gibbs and Donald Dunbar.

The arrest of Curtis and his confession resulted practically from the sole efforts of a Cincinnati Post reporter. The Post man first fastened the stain of suspicion upon the confessed strangler and ultimately opened the way for the fiend's confession, made direct to Coroner Kline, as a result of the consummate skill of the physician official and later in the presence of the company of officers and the reporter.

"I murdered and assaulted Dona Gillman." Frankly these words were uttered by David Curtis. "As she died I fell on my knees and cried.

"I knew I had done a dirty trick. I said I would never speak to another girl."

Here is the confession: "I first saw Dona Gillman on the night that I assaulted and murdered her, when she got on a Fifth avenue street car at Fifth and Brown streets. I sat next to her. She was reading a book.

The Beginning. "What's the matter with my going home with you, Dona?" I said. "Oh, I ain't afraid," she said.

"I used to work in the paint department at the cash register works, and I used to deliver papers to her home. I knew her.

"I had a package to deliver to Stuart's drug store at the Soldiers' Home. When the car stopped at the 'Point' she got off, so did I.

"It was then I got the idea to assault her. She opened up her umbrella. She had the book under her right arm. She took off her gloves when she got off of the car.

"I got off behind her and followed till she got to the commons. Then I came in front of her. I took her umbrella away and shut it up. She never said a word. Then I grabbed her by the throat. She never hollered a bit.

"I grabbed her, and she did not move," he went on. "I dragged her into the commons. Afterward I picked her up and carried her across the street and laid her down carefully. I'll swear I didn't take her pocketbook nor the book. I saw her pocketbook in her lap.

"It was a round one, with a chain. I didn't see her ring. Yes, I think I did. I think it was on her left hand. I didn't take it. I didn't throw the umbrella anywhere. I didn't throw the pocketbook.

"I came back down Groveland avenue, and I went into Rocky's grocery and bought a cigar.

Choked Her to Death. "Then I walked on up to Stuart's drug store at 'The Home' and left the package of calendars I had to deliver. Then I went home on Ingram street and left my long black rain coat.

THIS "SOUR GRAPES" OR IS FISH FINDING TRUTH?

Big Financier May Turn State's Evidence Against His Enemy, E. H. Harriman.

[Scripps-McRae Press Association.] New York, Dec. 7.—Stuyvesant Fish has exploded a bomb in Wall street. It was the talk of financiers and trust magnates today. The lately deposed president of the Illinois Central in a speech last night at a dinner made a severe attack on corporations and what he termed the "anarchistic rich."

Statements are made in the financial district today that Fish will aid President Roosevelt in his future investigations into trusts and railroads. Fish declared in his speech that dishonesty was the issue and President Roosevelt was the man to control it. Fish said:

"That there has been maladministration, not to say stealing, in many of our great corporations is a matter of common notoriety, in some cases of positive proof.

"District Attorney Jerome has the credit of coining the phrase, the 'criminal rich.' Would he have come nearer the fact if he had said the 'anarchistic rich,' for some men have gone to great lengths in ridding from the restraints of law, of equity, of ethics, and even of common decency, themselves and those who move with them in the higher circles of finance.

"The contest is no longer between those who have and those who have not; but between those on the one hand who have moderately, sufficiently and even abundantly, and on the other those who, through the use of trust funds and the power incident thereto, seek by questionable practices to have excessively. This is the issue which is daily brought into every home in America. Like taxation without representation, it involves moral and ethical questions and also strikes at the pocketbook, which has been called the sure road to the Anglo-Saxon's heart. It will not down."

RUSS REBEL ESCAPES FROM SIBERIA

New York, Dec. 7.—(Special)—A telegram announcing that Grigori Gershouni, the Russian revolutionary leader who escaped from Siberia, is in San Francisco, was received by Dr. Kaplan, secretary of the Socialist-Revolutionist branch of this city.

Gershouni arrived in San Francisco on the steamer China. He was on the way from Siberia to this country two months.

Grigori Gershouni is the founder of the Russian Socialist-Revolutionist party. He was arrested in May, 1903, and after a sensational trial was condemned to death in March, 1904.

A few weeks later the government commuted this sentence to imprisonment for life in the Schlusselburg fortress. A year ago when the fortress was abolished the government transported him to Siberia with a number of other revolutionists.

Gershouni managed to escape, and made his way to Japan and thence to San Francisco. He is expected to arrive in New York shortly.

Various revolutionary organizations are preparing to receive him, and, although the founder of a party which in its methods and tactics differs from the Social Democratic party, all Socialists of this city, regardless of party lines, are preparing to welcome him.

STRIKE-BREAKER BEATS HIS AGED MOTHER

One of the Men President Eliot of Harvard Called "Heroes" Does a Fine Job.

Thomas C. Griffin, 117 Orleans street, a strike-breaker, was arrested yesterday for beating his mother because she arrived home late and delayed his supper.

He knocked her down stairs and nearly tore one of her eyes out of its socket.

Griffin is one of the "heroes" who helped the State street merchants break the teamsters' strike. He was a highly esteemed employe of the Employers' Teaming Company.

MINERS INVEST LIVES IN INDUSTRY

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 7.—A serious explosion of gas occurred in the Kidney vein of the Buttonwood colliery at 11:35 o'clock this morning, and two are dead and several others injured.

Mexico City, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Durango, Mexico, says that the lower level of the Avino Mine in that state was suddenly flooded with water, drowning twelve miners.

MIX-UP EXPECTED IN MOROCCO

Tangier, Dec. 7.—A battle between the troops of the sultan and Bu Hamara, the pretender, is imminent. The troops have already crossed the Muluya river, and are steadily advancing. It is expected the insurgents will take the initiative, and a fight may occur at any time.



TEDDY'S "MESSAGE"

WHAT A NEW UNION DID FOR MEMBERS

"Candy Girls" at Hillman's Department Store Decide to Strike and Secure Over-time Pay.

What even a small labor organization can do is shown by a strike of candy girls at Hillman's this week.

Last week the clerks of the Hillman department store worked half a day overtime and when pay day came this week they found no extra pay for the overtime. None of them even dared inquire why they were not paid, except the candy girls.

They talked the matter over among themselves and demanded that they be paid for overtime. When the management refused they threatened to quit. This acted like magic and the pay came instantly.

A clerk of Hillman's, in discussing the victory of the candy girls, said that the other clerks in the store are trampled upon by the management because there are about fifty applicants ready to take the job of any girl that may be discharged.

BOOK OF WILLIAM MORRIS SELLS FOR \$3,150

Works of Famous Socialist Agitator Author and Craftsman Go to Collectors.

London, Dec. 7.—A library which is being sold at auction at Sotheby's contains many of the treasures of the late William Morris, which were sold at auction in 1898. They are now bringing two and three times the prices bid for them then.

The most notable instance of this is a manuscript Latin Bible of the fourteenth century, finely illuminated. This sold for \$1,510 at the Morris sale. An exciting struggle for it today resulted in Mr. Quaritch acquiring it for \$3,150.

RECALLS OLD SALEM DAYS.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 7.—A letter received here to-day reports the stoning to death of an Apache squaw by the tribesmen one mile from Fort Apache on Nov. 28. The natives charged her with being a witch.

JUDGE SCORES NEWSPAPERS THAT HELP FRAUDS

Sentencing a Quack Doctor, Federal Jurist Recommends Investigation of Advertising.

Newspapers which accept and print objectionable and suggestive advertisements came in for a severe arraignment yesterday from Judge Landis of the federal court when sentencing Dr. Henry Richards to the penitentiary for one year.

Richards, who pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal use of the mails, has practiced medicine in Chicago for some time and has done his advertising under the name of "Dr. Henry." It was the advertisements used by the physician that caused his arrest and subsequent conviction.

Doctor Silenced by Court.

After pleading guilty to the charge against him the physician attempted to explain that he did not intend to commit the operations, but he was stopped by Judge Landis.

Speaking of the advertisements of the kind in question, Judge Landis said: "In so far as the newspapers permit these suggestive and deceptive advertisements to be scattered broadcast among young boys and girls to their detriment and injury my limited vocabulary is bankrupt to express my contempt for them and whatever they may be or wherever published."

Urges Government to Act.

"I may say that the government officers will do well to consider and take action with reference to these papers, which are admitted to the mails and contain their demoralizing advertisements. The real offender is the publisher of the paper who sends these nasty sheets to homes all over the land."

(Comment: If the government agents investigate the "Mother's Friend" advertised in the Daily News they will uncover a crime against women at the most critical time in their lives.)

PLAY TRAGEDY ALMOST BECOMES A REAL ONE

Washington, Ind., Dec. 7.—During a production of "A Woman's Sacrifice" at Spinks' Opera House last night, John J. Kennedy was scheduled to kill the villain with a shotgun. Kennedy fired, and a paper wad struck the leading lady, Winifred Greenwood, in the thigh, badly injuring her. The fire from the gun ignited her dress, but was extinguished before serious damage resulted.

THE HOME JOURNAL A LABOR SKINNER

The Curtis Publishing Co., One of Wealthiest Concerns in the Business, Gets Work Cheap.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Trouble is brewing among the employes of the Curtis Publishing Company, publishers of the Ladies' Home Journal and the Saturday Evening Post.

The company began to practice economy by cutting down the wages of the workmen about three years ago, and seems to have lost all sense of limit or proportion in this line.

In addition to cutting down wages it recently introduced the piece-work system in several departments, so that men now have to work themselves to exhaustion if they wish to make half a poor living wage.

This is especially hard on those working in the mailing room. The mailing days of the Ladies' Home Journal are the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th to the 25th of each month. After these days the workers are laid off.

Another of its practices is using girls in places which, in other publishing houses, are filled by men.

SHIP SUBSIDY TO BE TRIED.

House Wants to Hand Out Millions, But Balks at a Billion.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The original ship subsidy bill has been put to rout. Instead of giving away billions a compromise has been made by which only a few millions will be given to particular friends, according to house plans.

The "Jim" Hill line from Puget Sound to the orient, the line from the Atlantic coast to South Africa, and from the United States coast on the Gulf of Mexico to the republic of Mexico have been "cut out."

EMPLOYERS HOSTS TO YOUNG AND KELLY

State's Witnesses in Conspiracy Trial Live at Expensive Hotels.

"Pipes" Kelley of the Coal Teamsters' Union continued his story of slugging and acid-throwing at the labor conspiracy trial to-day.

According to his story he was the leader of desperate onslaughts on the scab teamsters working here during the drivers' strike.

Young Kelley and Schultz, the men who "turned state's evidence," are living a high life these days. They are the objects of the most earnest solicitude of the Employers' Association and a crowd of detectives. They live at the best hotels, and Schultz is wearing a new overcoat bought by a detective for him. Of course, the detective took the money for the coat out of his own pocket.

According to Schultz, President Shea was the leading advisor in all acid-throwing exploits. Ink bottles were found to be too difficult to break, and Shea recommended "thin glass," according to Schultz's evidence.

The informers have been in almost daily conference with lawyers and officers of the Employers' Association.

Judge Ball refused to issue a bench warrant for Schultz for perjury when Attorney Cruick demanded it on the ground that Schultz had told a different story when a witness on a former occasion.

DIXON RAPS COLLECTIVISTS.

Preacher Delivers "Funny" Lecture for Individualism.

Rev. Frank Dixon, the "eloquent humorous" preacher, who demolishes socialism for \$50 per night in churches and Y. M. C. A. halls, lectured to a small audience, about half of which was Socialist party members, in Chicago last night.

Mr. Dixon is at times funny and at others pathetic, but seldom logical. He said that socialism is threatening the very foundations of society and was rapidly permeating all classes in society, even the Christian church.

He predicted that during the next ten years the great battle for supremacy between individualism and collectivism is to be fought to a finish.

The Chicago Daily Socialist suggested that Socialists hear Mr. Dixon's lecture. If it had not done so, the audience in Y. M. C. A. hall last night would have been less than 150 persons.

CHAUNCEY IS CHIPPER—CALLS AT WHITE HOUSE

Old Senator Recovers His Gall and Appears in Washington for Ship Subsidy.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator Depew was among the callers at the White House this week. He came out of the president's office after a brief call smiling and chipper.

"The session will be so short I do not look for a large amount of important legislation," he said, "but congress will be remiss in its duty if it fails to pass a Philippine tariff bill, a measure granting citizenship to the Porto Ricans and bill for ship subsidies."

Mr. Depew added that he was in favor of the president's scheme for an inheritance tax.

JAP EXCLUSION IN COURTS.

California and Federal Authorities Agree on Test Case.

The California law providing for separate schools for orientals will be tested in the courts.

At a conference between United States Attorney Devlin and the members of the school board an agreed statement of facts will be compiled, which will be the basis of the suit to be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The main questions to be settled are whether the state law providing for segregation of children of Japanese or Chinese parents is in violation of the constitution or the treaty rights of Japanese.

POPE'S DOCTOR DIES.

Rome, Dec. 7.—Dr. Lapponi, the pope's personal physician, died this morning. Pius X is grief stricken because of the death of his friend and physician, and has invoked a special blessing for him.

Dr. Lapponi's last thought was for his distinguished patient. With his dying breath he predicted that the pontiff, despite his heart trouble and gout, will remain strong and well for years, and that he will attain to an even greater age than his predecessor, Leo XIII.

CITY LIFE KILLS 4,000 A YEAR

Consumption Increases and the Working Class Suffers.

CAN PREVENT DISEASE

Dr. Sachs, Student of Tuberculosis, Gives Facts—Anarchy in Distribution of Wealth Creates Deadly Conditions.

By MAY WOOD SIMONS.

"The problem of tuberculosis is a social problem," said Dr. Theodore Sachs, who, without pay, devotes two days every week to poor consumptives. "It can never be solved by medical men alone. It must be solved by the community, and a great social change is the only thing that will ever settle the problem."

Four thousand people died of tuberculosis in Chicago in 1905. This is twice as many as died from nine of the other most dreaded diseases combined. Ninety-five per cent of the people in Chicago, according to Dr. Sachs, are at some time in their life, infected with the terrible tuberculosis germ. The only reason that they all do not fall a victim to the scourge is because they have the means to resist it.

Tuberculosis is the disease of poverty. It rages in the crowded districts of the working class. It attacks those who live in crowded insanitary quarters with poor food and unhealthful work. Seventeen in 10,000 living, is the death rate from tuberculosis for professional classes. Thirty-eight in 10,000, is the rate for the laboring class. Dr. Sachs says of the nineteenth and ninth wards of the city, two working class wards:

"There are areas in these districts where every two years the tuberculosis germ knocks at the door of every house, and by knocking I mean that it enters and takes out its dead."

A Social Disease.

Dr. Alice Hamilton, of Hull House, proves that tuberculosis is a social disease. In her study she says, that the highest death rates from this disease are in the first and eighteenth wards, two lodging house wards. And in the ninth, nineteenth, twenty-second and twenty-ninth wards, all working class districts.

Of one block between Maxwell and O'Brien streets in the center of the Jewish district, about 2,000 people live. In a period of eighteen months there were found fifty-four tuberculous cases and eleven deaths from tuberculosis in the block.

Dr. Sachs has studied out the causes of this disease. "Tuberculosis," he says, "is due entirely to our social conditions. It comes to the poor who lack the means to live in proper surroundings. The conditions under which the workers must live are imposed upon them. One of the causes is over crowding in small rooms. This is unavoidable when wages are not high enough to pay more rent. Like the stock yards ward of the nineteenth ward is always polluted. It is constantly filled with dust and clouds of smoke from the factories, foundries and railroads of the river district. Hunger for pure air is the cry of the neighborhood. There is only one small play ground and no parks for a distance of three miles.

"Lack of sufficient and nourishing food among the poor is the next great cause of the spread of the disease. Every rise in the price of food is reflected in the increased number of deaths from tuberculosis."

Basement Workers Victims.

"The conditions," he continued, "under which men and women and children are compelled to work are increasing the throng of the diseased. No child or young girl or boy should ever be allowed to go into a basement to work. It means that the sunlight and air that are absolutely necessary for the life of the young is denied them. No device of forced ventilation can supply the air that they should have."

In 840 tuberculosis cases examined, 216 were factory and shop workers, 68 were clerks, 128 school children and 15 rag peddlers.

Through political negligence it is the working class districts that have the filthiest alleys and streets. Twelfth street residents often experience periods of six weeks when the garbage is not gathered. Decaying vegetables and refuse of all kinds accumulate. With Chicago's high winds the germ laden dust is a menace to every individual.

The conditions that produce this great white plague can only be removed through a Socialist administration.

TAKES LORD INTO HARDWARE BUSINESS

Merchant Makes Formal Trade Agreement With the Almighty and Keeps It.

Minneapolis, Min., Dec. 7.—H. O. Roberts, a hardware merchant at 103 Western avenue north, was distrustful of his fellow men as business partners, so he drew up a written agreement with the Lord. This was in May, 1893. The inscription he wrote on the flyleaf of his ledger of each succeeding year was this: "I promise, as the Lord shall prosper me, I will act as his steward and give to him as follows: If I make \$1,000 annually, \$100; \$1,500, \$250; \$2,000, \$400; \$2,500, \$625; \$3,000, \$1,000; \$3,500, \$2,500.

Reaches \$5,000 Mark.

Roberts claims that he has prospered by carrying out his agreement until he has reached the latest mentioned figure. He says he has no desire to go back to his old method of doing business before he made the agreement and, in fact, would be afraid to do so, for he is certain that his present business would never have grown to its proportions if he had continued along the old lines.

"I take an invoice the first of each year," said Mr. Roberts, "and I balance accounts with the Lord, keeping his account separate. I sometimes find it necessary to borrow his money, a small portion of it, but I always replace it with interest, just as I would were I dealing with a Nicolle avenue business man.

Misfortune Overtakes Him.

"I would have been by the first of the year able to give one-half of my income \$2,500 as I agreed had recent misfortunes not overtaken me. I made two trips to California for the benefit of my wife's health. She died last week.

"The only other misfortune I had was during the panic of '93. Other business men lost their all, but I told the Lord that half of my business was his and although I went broke I did not complain. I began to prosper again right away. Things came my way that I never dreamed about.

"No, I am not a religious fanatic. I am just a plain Methodist church worker, who believes in following the admonition of the Bible."

BEVERIDGE'S CHILD LABOR BILL

Drastic Reform Measure of Hoosier Senator—Who Will Kill It?

Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator Beveridge's child-labor bill is to go into effect six months after it is adopted.

The second section enacts that no products of any factory or mine shall be accepted for interstate transportation until the owner or agent of the factory or mine producing them shall file with said carrier an affidavit that the factory or mine has complied with the provisions of the act. The form of the affidavit is to be prescribed by the department of commerce and labor. The affidavit must be renewed every six months and each affidavit must state that no children under 14 have been employed for six months prior to the making of the affidavit.

ONLY A WORKER GONE.

Hastening to Work a Citizen is Killed by Passenger Train.

The blocking of the road by a cattle train at the Panhandle railroad crossing, West Twenty-third street, caused the death of a workman by the name of Olson who lived at California avenue and West Twenty-third street.

Olson, who was in a hurry to get to his work, and not knowing how long the blockade might continue, crawled over the car. Just as he landed on the other side he was hit by a fast passenger train.

Residents of that part of the city are indignant over the constant blockades which force men to resort to such dangerous means of getting across in order to reach the factory in time.

MORE BENEVOLENT ASSIMILATION IN ISLANDS

Manila, Dec. 7.—Four soldiers were killed and eight wounded. They were members of the Eighth infantry and a detachment of constabulary commanded by Captain Hamm. They encountered a band of Pulajanes between La Paz and Terragona on the Island of Leyte on Dec. 5.

Among the wounded was Lieutenant Ralph P. Yates, Jr.

Thirty of the natives were killed, and many more were wounded and captured. Details of the fight have not been received.

WHERE TO GO.

A meeting to organize a primary district club in the third primary district of the Twenty-seventh ward will be held at Dick Hadley's Hall, Kedzie street and Diversy boulevard tonight. All Socialists in the district are urged to attend.

REPORTS SUPPORT WALLING'S VIEW OF PROSPERITY

Revolutionists' "Political Economy" Shows Prosperity Here Depends Upon Short Crops in Russia.

In an address at Hull House Wednesday night, William English Walling said "American prosperity depends upon Russian misery."

"Our prosperity," he continued, "is based on the high price of farm products and these high prices are caused by a small crop in Russia.

This unusual political economy is confirmed by the following in the market reports yesterday:

Pillsbury-Washburn agent from Finland says: "Conditions in Russia and Finland are very bullish. They will have to import both wheat and flour. Russia will be short of supplies for next two years or more. The peasants are not even plowing their lands; fear being robbed of their crops if they raise any."

(Comment: Anarchy in distribution of labor's products always makes one man's loss another's gain.)

HOW TELEGRAPH CO. IS IN MINE DRAFT

One Decoy Message Goes Over Wire, But It Collects for Hundreds.

About 1,000 Chicago people receive every week "confidential" telegrams from Goldfields and other mining towns. They pretend to be "tips" that, followed up, will make the receiver rich.

The way these dispatches are sent is this. The mining faker files one telegram at Goldfields with a list of names. These are wired to the main office of the Western Union in Chicago. Until a few days ago the one telegram was copied by a machine 500 times and then sent by boy messengers.

This did not fool the intended victims. They saw through the game. While only one dispatch was sent over the wire the telegraph company collected 75 cents for each of the messages delivered. Thus this corporation got its part of the mine stock graft.

Since complaint was made the telegrams are copied on a typewriter and each given an individual character. This scheme may work in a more satisfactory manner.

U. S. AFTER HARRIMAN.

Growth of Railroad King's Power Alarms Little Traders and Schemers.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—(Special)—First steps have been taken by the government to investigate the giant Harriman railway merger in the west and southwest. The probe, it is believed, will result in bringing to the bar of justice many railway jobbers and land looters who have so far secured immunity through political influence.

The proposed investigation is considered the most important examination ever undertaken by the government along these lines and is to stop the wholesale robbery and high-handed pillage by the Harriman roads in the west and southwest.

The interstate commerce commission ordered the investigation and appointed Messrs. Frank B. Kellogg and C. A. Severance of St. Paul to take charge of it.

The search for evidence will extend from New York to San Francisco.

FILIPINO AGITATOR TASTES U. S. LIBERTY

Jailed for Six Months for "Stirring Up Trouble" in Manila.

Manila, Dec. 3.—The Supreme Court has denied a writ of error in the case of Dominador Gomez, the Filipino agitator, and has returned the record to the lower court for execution of the sentence.

Dr. Gomez will enter Bilibid prison to serve six months there. This will mark the end of protracted legal fencing over his case.

The Filipino newspapers and political parties are deeply interested in it, and are disposed to regard the arch agitator as a martyr, despite his culpable career.

MACHINISTS WILL MEET.

Machinists Progressive Lodge No. 126 will meet to-morrow evening at 206 La Salle street, Hall D, to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Machinists Gleicheit, Lodge No. 366, will meet to-morrow night at Center avenue and Sixty-third street. Officers will be elected.

Machinists Unity Lodge 134 meets tonight at Garzolo's Hall, Jefferson and Madison streets. Election of officers will be held and other important matters will come up at the meeting.

SOCIALIST NEWS.

All delegates to the German Daily Press conference are urged to be present at the meeting at 55 North Clark street, Saturday evening at 8 p. m. The meeting will be addressed by Seymour Stedman and C. L. Brecken.

SCHOOL LESSEES REFUSE TO PAY

Suits Pending by Which School Board Hopes to Secure Higher Rent.

Revaluation of downtown leases, given by "efficient business members of the school board" for half their value, will be fought for by the present board of education at all hazards.

Backed by the Chicago Tribune and other big newspapers holders of school land in Dearborn street refuse to pay their rent while certain suits are pending in the courts. They thus hope to close or cripple the schools and reflect discredit on the present board.

"The board of education cannot be stampeded by threats or by intimidation," said President Ritter last night. "Of course there is \$500,000 a year involved, and this would be tied up for two years, by which time a total of \$1,500,000 would be up for adjudication. Will Not Back Down.

"But we will not back-down in our fight for revaluation, even if we have to close some of the schools. We cannot afford to give way on this principle, even if it closes all of them. There is too much at stake.

"I do not say that the board will not compromise. But I do say we will not be intimidated. If this money is tied up we intend to place the odium of it on the lessees."

"In other words, to gain the small percentage resulting from the revaluation you will see the whole amount tied up?" Mr. Ritter was asked.

"It is not a small amount that we will gain from the revaluations. It is nearly half of the amount at stake," he replied.

GLUCOSE TRUST POISONS CHILDREN

Standard Oil Concern Admits Responsibility for Deaths of Scores.

New York, Dec. 7.—Fearing a wholesale poisoning of children by candy, the city authorities are trying to prevent the glucose trust from shipping here from Philadelphia tons of glucose which the trust virtually admits may have been responsible for the death of women and children from sulphites used in making glucose to lessen the cost.

The glucose trust is controlled by the Standard Oil combination, and has paid fines and costs amounting to half a million dollars in Philadelphia, where the state dairy and food commission has forced the trust to its knees.

In this city scores of people have been poisoned by sulphites in candy, and Sarah Oldheim, a young girl, is dead at her home here to-day from that cause. With the advent of Christmas the city authorities are trying to prevent tons of the poisoned glucose from being brought here.

ROMANCE RECALLS WARD McALLISTER

Sister of "400" Organizer Refuses to Marry Old Lover.

New York, Dec. 7.—Through the death of Barclay Ward in Huntington, L. I. on Wednesday, has come to light the romance of Miss Louise McAllister, daughter of Ward McAllister, the late society leader and founder of the famous "400."

The dying wish of Barclay Ward that he be married to Miss McAllister was not gratified, as she could not find it possible to accede. Mr. Ward became suddenly ill and on Wednesday summoned Miss McAllister. He asked that a wedding contract be signed. Miss McAllister, who is fifty years old, hesitated. She asked that a paper be prepared for her signature, yielding her dower rights to Ward's estate. After this had been prepared Miss McAllister still hesitated and Ward withdrew his request. Soon after Miss McAllister left Ward's bedside he died.

ECHO ZOLA'S STORMY CAREER

Children of His Mistress Adopted by His Wife, Who Will Educate Them.

Paris, Dec. 7.—(Special).—A strange romance in the life of Emile Zola, the famous author, came to light when Mme. Zola yesterday applied to the courts for permission to confer her late husband's name on three children born to Zola as a result of his intimacy with Mms. Rosereau.

The strangest part of the affair is that Mme. Zola knew of her husband's relations with Mme. Rosereau, and in spite of that was his best friend and on several occasions invited her to her house.

Mme. Zola is now rearing the children and is especially delighted with the older son's determination to adopt a technical profession, instead of a literary career.

In Germany trade unionism has increased from 1,466,625 in December, 1905, to 1,822,349 in December last. There were, therefore, an increase of 355,724, or nearly 25 per cent in twelve months. The large majority of the German unions are social democratic. Last year they had a total income of \$6,900,000, and spent \$2,400,000 on strikes and unemployed allowances. The accumulated funds amount to nearly \$1,000,000.

News and Comment

One of the readers of this paper objects to the statement that "fake" advertising will be published in these columns. If all questionable "ads." are excluded, The Chicago Daily Socialist cannot live in a system to which it objects but it cannot escape until the working class wakes. This awakening must be done under the capitalist system and by means of capitalistic methods.

Count Boni de Castellane must have caught cold yesterday if the Chicago Tribune is correct in its statement that Boni appeared in public "dressed in a lavender waistcoat and a red necktie."

Funeral services in the Methodist church of Wilmot, Wis., were discontinued through a panic caused by the apparent sinking of the church floor. The services were then held at the side of the grave.

Congressmen introduced 413 bills on Monday. The majority of the measures were for appropriations for public buildings. Working people always vote for a congressman that gets a "federal building for their town. It does them so much good. The remainder of the bills propose petty reforms or money for monuments. It's a wise crowd, that congress of ours.

Uncle Sam must "dig up" \$25,000,000 for the Panama canal.

This is a great week for the "near-society" folks that have a silk petticoat and ambitions to associate with the rich. All the notable parvenues of Oak Park, Hyde Park, and from many side streets between, are "talking in" the "Streets of Paris" at the Coliseum, where traders, who have millions, and their wives and daughters are showing themselves to the populace for charity. For a half dollar anyone can break into the "400" for a night and forever after talk familiarly of the rich traders with "social position."

Senator Bailey of Texas says that he simply borrowed that \$15,000 he received from the Waters Pierce and Standard Oil companies.

Michael O'Connor, a conductor on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, has entered suit against the Palmer estate for \$5,000. O'Connor was badly scalded last summer in a bath tub in the Palmer house by a sudden outpour of water from one of the faucets.

Count Boni de Castellane spoke in the house of deputies yesterday and received another snub. As he stepped on the platform, wearing a lavender waistcoat and red necktie, at least two hundred of the members left the chamber. After he had finished nothing but silence pervaded the room.

Indictments have been returned against E. J. O'Hara, for carrying a white man away with him with intent to hold him as a slave. The government has only to prove that the man was held for labor against his will. The case is being tried in Jacksonville, Fla.

Socialists of Boston, Mass., elected five aldermen. Their candidate for mayor was only defeated by 177 votes. This gives the Socialists a gain of two aldermen and a largely increased vote in the city.

At a meeting of the truancy committee of the board of education last night some of the causes of truancy were given. Among the causes were these: The desire of the child, after it reaches a certain stage of development, to become a part of the world and for the concrete things of life; irksome study; lack of proper surroundings in the school room and on the playgrounds.

The body of a child a day old was found by the Deering street police at 3090 Lyman street. Sophia Segerbrekt, 19 years old, said she was the mother of the child, but denied that she had seen it since its birth.

According to reports circulated around Harvard campus, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is engaged to be married to Elsie Janis, the seventeen-year-old actress. Friends of both deny the truth of this report, but students of Harvard assert that it is true. Miss Janis made her first appearance on the stage two years ago, and won fame as a mimic.

William Jennings Bryan, does and does not like Roosevelt's message to congress. He deprecates reference to war, but admires the president's position in regard to child labor.

Johann Waage, 2642 Lowell avenue, was arrested last night for throwing a glass through a \$500 bar mirror and then attacking a policeman. Waage is a former law partner of Theodore Stensland, son of one of the bankers now at Joliet prison.

William Henkel, United States marshal in New York, served notice on John D. Rockefeller, Henry M. Flagler and others to appear as witnesses in the Standard Oil case in Missouri. He says he never met a finer "bunch" in his life. He went prepared for trouble and got just the opposite.

Mrs. Leslie Payne, the actress, has sued her former chum, Norma L. Munro, for \$46,652. She secured the attachments, which were handed to a deputy sheriff to serve on any property of Miss Munro's which he may be able to find. Her beautiful gowns may be attached.

Every man who brings a certificate from his wife stating that he has never told her a lie, and to every woman who brings a certificate stating that she never disbelieved anything that her husband said, is to get a seat free in the Lincoln Square theatre, New York, Monday night.

J. S. Lincoln and E. B. Caldwell of Chicago, after sixteen days of struggle with the snow and cold in northern territories, arrived in an exhausted condition. They kept a diary of their experiences which are terrible to hear.

It is a matter of the most depressing regret that the "400" giving the "Streets of Paris" is so hopelessly bourgeois. Vulgar trade has placed its mark upon even the third generation of Chicago's "upper class." Every firm that gave anything for charity is using its generosity for advertising purposes, and the "society women" have handed a part of the revenues to the capitalistic newspapers for a special

advertisement. It is a thank-you the bourgeois publishers can appreciate for the pleasing way in which they have pictured the "society women." The old British aristocracy was right in the opinion that trade is degrading. Only a producer can live up to his possibilities as a "gentleman."

Jean Jaures, Socialist leader in the French chamber of deputies, made a strenuous attack on the Algeiras treaty ratification. He contended that France was embarking on a dangerous adventure in order to suppress anarchy, and might be drawn into a military expedition which would mean nothing less than a masked conquest of Morocco.

The Union Mill and Lumber company's yards at San Francisco were entirely destroyed by fire. It was one of the few mills left after the earthquake and its destruction will hamper rebuilding.

Jacob H. Schiff attacked J. Pierpont Morgan in a speech before the chamber of commerce, charging that the Morgou bank manipulated the money market to its own interest. Wonder what Mr. Schiff thinks Morgan is in the banking business for?

Non-union wage workers of Chicago should fill the auditorium of Hull House to-night. Clarence Darrow will lecture on the "Open Shop." Of all public lecturers touching upon "labor" topics, Mr. Darrow is probably best fitted to speak upon this question.

COILS TIGHTEN AROUND BILLICK

Accused Fortune Teller May Be Charged with Murder of Five.

Herman Billick, suspect in the mysterious Vrzal case, admits having talked with Mrs. Vrzal regarding poison.

He says that Mrs. Neuman, who said he poisoned her father, was in love with him and so was her mother.

He said: "Mrs. Vrzal kept pressing money on me. I was poor and in ill-health, and I borrowed money when I was away. I was a friend of the family and gave them medicine that I thought would cure them. There was inherited disease in the family. That accounts for all the deaths except that of Mrs. Vrzal, and she was a suicide."

Mrs. Neuman said that Billick had profited by the deaths by borrowing nearly all of the insurance which her mother received. In all Billick owed her mother more than \$3,000.

Billick exercised hypnotic power over her mother, and was in the house half an hour before her mother committed suicide.

The bodies of two of the girls are to be exhumed. Inspector Shippy has taken out permit to do so.

MODERN "PORTIA" GOES TO THE SWIFT

Rival Lovers in Race, But They Don't Know It Until All Is Over.

Greenboro, N. C., Dec. 7.—Because he reached her first in a race with a jealous rival to claim Bessie Saunders of this city as his bride, J. F. Laughlers of Durham is the happy man and Clarence P. Lynn of Augusta, Ga., has returned to his home disgusted.

Miss Saunders did not know which of the two men she loved. So she accepted both and wrote to them to come for her. Stopping only to get marriage licenses the rivals started for Greensboro. Laughlers won the race. Lynn arrived half an hour after the ceremony had been performed.

Chinese furniture trade workers in Victoria, Australia, outnumber the Europeans by 688 to 140.



This is 100% Tom! Meet me face to face Jackson Clark, Milwaukee & Ashland, and 156 Adams St. Adam and Eve!

HOW I WAS TEMPTED I had offered to me ninety ODD overcoats—no three alike—coats made to retail at 30.00 to 50.00—the price, MY TEMPTATION; MY PRICE, your temptation. I will sell them at 18.00 to 25.00—HALF what they are worth. Don't you fail to see these overcoats if you need one; look at them, you might buy even if you do not need an overcoat. The price FORCED me to buy—it may FORCE you.

I Make Clothes to Order at 25.00 to 37.00, and I make them to PLEASE you. When I make a suit or overcoat for you I can save you money and I DON'T WANT YOU to keep it if YOU ARE NOT PLEASED. Don't be afraid to reason. You can afford to make a suit or overcoat at far less than any tailor! My money can hire cutters and tailors. I have the room! I have the customers who like to trade with me; they like the way I deal—fair and square. If you buy a pair of Patent 4.00 shoes of me and they hurt your feelings, bring them back. TOM MURRAY.

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Roosevelt's "Mob"

Whom does Roosevelt mean by the "mob" that he tells us in his message is threatening to "plunder the rich?"

Not once, but again and again in his published writing we meet this same sneering, insulting reference to "the mob."

WHO MAKE UP THE ROOSEVELTIAN "MOB?"

They must be a majority of the population or there would be no danger of their capturing the government.

They must be an overwhelming majority of the population or else there would be no danger of their "plundering the rich," who are now entrenched behind every form of political, judicial, legislative and military bulwark.

Since the "mob" includes the majority we can perhaps find out better who compose it by examining the minority.

We may be fairly sure that Rockefeller and Rogers and Harriman and Hill are not in it. They are already "plundering the poor." They have at their disposal for that purpose all the machinery of government and do not need to organize a "mob."

The directors of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, the Guggenheimers, the Clarks and the other land, timber and coal thieves who are attempting to judicially lynch the officials of the Western Federation of Miners do not belong to the mob. When they wish to steal or murder or plunder they do not need to organize a mob. They use the regular governmental machinery.

The "mob" cannot include Paul Morton, who plundered shippers with rebates, or Platt and Depew, who plundered the stockholders of the life insurance companies, for they, too, have the government at their disposal and do not need to join a mob.

NO! ROOSEVELT'S "MOB" CONSISTS OF THE GREAT MASS OF WORKERS WHO ARE ASKING AND DEMANDING THAT THE PLUNDER WHICH HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THEM BY THE "MOB" OF WHICH ROOSEVELT IS NOW THE HEAD, BE RETURNED TO THOSE WHO PRODUCED IT.

It is just because this "mob" is not ignorant and disorganized and confused that it is feared.

It is because this "mob" is becoming a trained, disciplined army that Roosevelt is calling it a "mob."

So long as the workers of this country were willing to follow in a blind, unreasoning mass at the heels of the capitalist politicians, they were "intelligent, law abiding citizens." Now that they are proposing to organize, educate and train themselves for the purpose of controlling the government under which they live and the industries whereby they live, they become a "mob."

Just in proportion as the Socialists shall succeed in educating and organizing the workers of the United States for the work of freeing themselves from the "mob" of legalized plunderers that now control our political and industrial life, will Roosevelt's "mob" grow and flourish.

HERE'S TO THE GROWTH AND VICTORY OF THE ROOSEVELT MOB.

Shopping Early

The coming of the holiday season is bringing with it the usual crushing pressure of work upon many classes of workers.

For clerks, messengers, express and postal employes the Christmas season is simply one long drawn-out torture.

The only method of relief which suggests itself to the kindly-disposed at this time is to "shop early." A national organization has even been formed to further this movement, with Jacob Riis and a number of other prominent professional philanthropists at its head.

Such a movement is typical of a profit making age.

Its principal result can only be to take away the little period of relaxation that he clerks and other employes now enjoy in the early morning hours, and permit exploitation and profit making to continue at high speed throughout the entire day.

Perhaps if it were practiced generally enough it might enable the merchants to discharge a few of their present force without diminishing the amount of goods sold and profits made.

It never seems to occur to these charitable individuals that the proper solution is to be found in hiring sufficient employes to make possible decent hours for all employes.

This real benefit can only come about by the action of the workers themselves. When they are organized strongly enough to take the hours and wages which will enable them to live and work like human beings, then they need not be looking for assistance from philanthropic shoppers.

For the Cause

I heard men saying: "Leave hope and praying, All days shall be as all have been; Today and tomorrow bring fear and sorrow The never-ending toil between." When earth was younger, 'midst toil and hunger, In hope we strove and our hands were strong; Then great men led us, with words they fed us, And bade us right an earthly wrong.

Go, read in story their deeds and glory, Their names amidst the nameless dead; Turn then from lying to us slow dying, In that good world to which they led: Where fast and faster our iron master, The thing we made, forever drives, Bids us grind treasure and fashion pleasure For other hopes and other lives.

Let dead hearts tarry and trade and marry, And trembling nurse their dream of mirth, While we, the living, our lives are giving To bring the bright new world to birth. Come, shoulder to shoulder, ere earth grows older! The Cause spreads over land and sea; Now the world shaketh and fear awaketh, And joy at last for thee and me.

-WILLIAM MORRIS.



A PROBLEM SOLVED AT LAST Mr. Farmer, after reading all the holiday announcements of new books and new plays, understands now why farm labor is so scarce.

A Laugh or A Smile By P. B.

Benefits to Come.

"But why is it that you show such extraordinary friendship for the Japs?" we ask of the Old Fogie.

"Because I read in the paper the other day that the Japs intend to steal the Philippine islands."

After the nice manner in which the Panamanians treated him, this rude behavior of the Californian naturally comes as a severe shock to the president.

Congress would confer a great favor by passing that currency reform scheme and getting it over with. The subject is getting to be a dreadful bore.

A minister at Marseilles, Ill., was expelled by his fellow pastors because he was a fool. If he should start a Holy Jumper brotherhood or something like that he ought to make a big success of it.

The last of Mme. Patti's "positively last appearances" was made in London. Hasn't she just one more left for America?

Mr. Taft praises Mr. Root and Mr. Root praises Mr. Taft. They are such good friends that it really doesn't matter to them which gets that presidential nomination.

Malapropos. "Who is that skinny, dyspeptic looking fellow on the other side of the street?"

"That is Jonathan Hardcash. He has money to burn. Invented some sort of system for making thin people fat."

This life is full of vexations. After the first of the year everybody will have to get busy and memorize the names of the new cabinet.

The most melancholy season of the year is winter time, when it forgets to snow.

Spain, it is said, is slowly waking up and the people show signs of becoming as they were several centuries ago. This should be a warning to those obstreperous Japs.

J. Pierpont Morgan says he can do more work in nine months than he can by working every month in the year. It is suggested then that he give all his employes a three months' vacation.

Getting Fixed Up. "I hear your husband is in the hospital," we said to Mrs. Malaprop. "What is the matter with him?" "Oh, he is getting his appendicitis cut out."

Japan is not able to make up its mind since the president's message, whether it loves Uncle Sam more or California less.

The body of a baby was found in front of a saloon in New York. This incident will give temperance orators a text for the next three years.

During the hunting season in the northern woods 2,500 deer were killed while only 79 men were shot.

Two grand opera companies are now

playing in New York. Only one, however, is blessed with such an attraction as Caruso.

Something, Anyway.

"So you played hookie and went fishing, did you? What did you catch?" "A lickin'."

Sir Thomas Lipton says Americans are lavish with their money. Does he find the country an extraordinarily good customer for his teas?

It is said a plot is under way to shelve Bryan. The plotters can't silence him, however.

San Francisco may be afflicted with grafters, but it hasn't got a congress on its hands, anyway.

The coming visit of those Japanese warships ought to exercise an influence for peace on the Pacific coast.

DO YOU REALIZE

That the beef trust is still doing business at the same old stand, apparently in the same old way, prices of live stock uncertain, as usual, and meat products as high or higher than ever, while the government is paying three million dollars to see them do it?

That the railroads are charging higher freights and are having more "car famines" since the rate bill became law, than ever they did before?

That denatured alcohol will cost more than Standard Oil products, and that nobody but the big distilleries are allowed to make it?

That adulterated drugs and food articles are just about as conspicuous and as harmful as ever?

That even the department of agriculture of Pennsylvania, speaking of the oleomargarine law, declares that "such laws are not so framed as to give to the dairy interests of the country the protection they were intended to secure?"

That if the masses, especially the farmers, get relief from the evils that confront them everywhere, they must organize so as to carry a "bigger stick" than the other fellow?—Up-to-Date Farming.

TOLSTOI ON FREEDOM

The "Strana," a St. Petersburg daily, prints the following statement from Tolstoi relative to the various promises of freedom and reform recently made by the Czar:

"I have no faith in the promises of freedom which the Czar makes until all religious beliefs are tolerated in Russia and men of all creeds enjoy equal rights. I know what the promises of freedom made by the government amount to. Today freedom is granted and the next day censorship is strengthened. Today personal freedom is guaranteed and the next day Cossacks are sent to murder right and left without discrimination.

"As soon, however, as all citizens of this country will be granted equal rights, the government will have shown that it is sincere in its talk of reforms and its promises can be relied upon. Along with this discrimination on account of race or creed, the old passport system will also have to be abolished if Russia should be a free country."

HARRIMAN'S POWER

Mr. Harriman and his co-workers have it within their power to a certain extent to bring prosperity or ruin to hundreds of thousands of people. And what warrant have we that at some future date the whole railroad business of the country may not pass into the hands of one clique? The steady tendency is in that direction. Twenty years ago there were scores of distinct railroad systems. Now five or six sets of capitalists control them all. Consolidation is still going on, and the time may very well come when one set of capitalists will be in complete control.—Atlanta Journal.

HE EXPECTS MINISTERS TO SEE THE LIGHT

To the Editor: Rejoice and take courage! The Rev. John R. Crosser, pastor of the Kenwood Evangelical Church, in preaching at the union Thanksgiving services of the Kenwood churches at St. James' Methodist Episcopal Church, stirred his hearers by practically endorsing Socialism, and denouncing many features of the present day social and economic conditions.

Prof. James Hayden Tufts, head of the department of philosophy in the University of Chicago, in a sermon at the South Congregational Church Sunday morning took the same views, the keynote of his discourse being the privilege of democracy to do what it wills with its own. How fast they are seeing the light! The writer knows of more than a score of protestant ministers in the city who are Socialists. No great reform has ever leaped forward with such marvelous strides as the cause of Socialism. Truly, we are beholding the dawn of the fourth great epoch of the social and economic evolution of man. It is dark in the west, and the east is red with the blood of six thousand years of violence, degradation and oppression, of king and slave, of lord and duke and serf, of master and servant, to be dispelled with the white light of partnership. EUGENE STEERE.

ON THE FIRING LINE.

To the Editor: Comrades, I am glad to learn that you intend to continue your paper as a daily. Send immediately 25 a day for a starter; it will be a splendid companion to sell with the Appeal to Reason, which I have been selling on the Pacific coast for seven years, and in that time I have been arrested, mobbed, dragged by the hair on the street, and in San Diego last spring took part in a lynching held by the old veterans of the G. A. R., but the rope did not materialize, and the old veteran still lives—a few teeth gone and a shorter crop of hair. Comrades, I wish I was forty years younger. O, young man, work! work! for the greatest cause that ever came to man. Send on the ammunition and the old veteran will fire it.

J. CALLAHAN, Los Angeles, Cal.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

To the Editor: My, how it did upset me! When I walked into the Central Y. M. C. A. building last night to hear Frank Dixon shatter the hopes of millions of Socialists I was told by the "man at the desk" that the tickets were "fifty cents." I bought a ticket at the door to the auditorium for a "quarter." But the "Y. M. C. A." is just a "chip off the old block" (capitalism). MAURICE E. ELDRIDGE.

RULING CLASS DEFENDERS

By F. DUNDAS TODD

Professor Laughlin attacked Socialism in his address at the Citizens' Industrial banquet on December 4th. We do not for one moment hint that he was dishonest from his point of view, because after all honesty is entirely a matter of one's point of view.

Professor Laughlin is a non-producer, dependent upon a parasitic class, and unless he be an exceptional man can have only the point of view that is natural to a non-producer.

The function of the non-producer is to defend the structure of society as it exists, in fact he is the humbugger of the poor for the benefit of the rich.

In the twentieth century his name is legion, but it will be interesting if we start with the first and trace the evolution of the breed through history.

The first non-producer was the weakling of the tribe who was appointed to take care of man's first fire. Gazing into the flames he dreamt dreams, evolved a philosophy of the beginning and purpose of things, magnified his office and became a priest. He led people to believe he was the medium through whom the gods communicated their desires to his fellow creatures—all this for a price.

He defended the structure of society as he found it whether in the communistic condition of things at the beginning of society, or as it was after the institution of private property, during the pastoral period, or the institution of slavery, as he found it in the nineteenth century in this country. His revelations were invariably for the benefit of those who paid him his money, and he is today as he always was, no matter the religious denomination with which he was associated.

As society became more complex and the rich promulgated laws for their protection against the poor, the lawyer evolved. He was, and is, paid by the rich, and whether he sits on the bench or practices before the bar he is unconsciously working for the rich against the poor.

Until the Protestant reformation God was blamed for the wretched condition of the miserable poor. It was His will that they should be sunk in poverty and it was therefore their duty to be contented.

The glimmerings of science that pierced the darkness at the end of the dark ages shed a new light upon the universe. The majesty of absolute natural law began to be understood and the human race ceased to insult God by blaming Him for all their troubles. The priest lost his job—curiously enough he is still ignorant of the fact. He was succeeded by the political economist who created out of nothing what Thomas Carlyle has defined as the dismal science of political economy. He promulgated the theory of supply and demand, and told the common people the things were not responsible for their poverty. They were simply the victims of merciless natural law.

Professor Laughlin is true to his type and tells the proletarians they are poor because they are unfit. He does not stop to explain why the sons, sons-in-law, nephews and other relations of corporation presidents are so uniformly fit for handsomely-paid positions at an early age, while old, experienced, brainy men, who do the actual work, are worthy of only moderate salaries. He is simply humbugging, but being a non-producer he does not know it.

In the last two centuries the army of non-producers has multiplied so rapidly that the civilized world is poverty struck endeavoring to maintain them. Our standing armies and our policemen exist primarily to attain by force what the priest, lawyer and politician economist endeavor to secure by a cloud of words. The word-spinners have been reinforced by hundreds of thousands of politicians and journalists, all of whom are paid directly by the rich to humbug the poor for the benefit of their paymasters.

Little wonder the worker of today finds it a desperate struggle to live, even with the marvelous producing power of machinery which the worker invented and runs. His condition cannot be improved until practically every non-producing humbugger of society is set to work as useful labor and this is what Socialism proposes to do. No wonder the preachers, lawyers, political economists, soldiers, policemen, politicians and journalists object to Socialism because when the new era is introduced every last one of them will be invited to perform some useful labor or starve.

A Peculiar Paper

The Daily Socialist is the only daily in America all of whose readers are assistant editors.

It is the only daily whose readers are active canvassers for new subscribers and readers.

It is the only daily owned by its readers. If you do not own a share it is your own fault.

It is the only daily that is not run for profit.

It is the only daily that dares to tell the truth.

It is the only daily that represents the interests of the working class.

See if you can see any connection between the above facts.

WHAT IS SOCIALISM?

Industrial Instead of Political Government.

Socialism is a correct science and recognizes work to be a necessity of life. Teaching equal opportunities to ALL the human family.

A distribution to each worker according to needs.

The collective ownership of all serious production.

The recognition that the earth and its contents belong to the whole human family, individuals only being entitled to as much as they can personally use.

Industrial instead of political government.

Perfect individual freedom, based on the consideration of the freedom of our neighbor.

The result of Socialism is the establishment of co-operation, local, national and international.

Science of Human Progress.

Socialism is the science of human progress.

The text of the movement is the world's history, from which its advocates argue the early and inevitable downfall of the present system of production for wages and profit, and the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth, which shall mark the beginning of the Socialist regime, in which all means of production shall be collectively owned and democratically managed by the workers.

A Discovery.

It is a discovery which was made possible by invention and industry, and is an inevitable climax of capitalism. It is something that all honest men would endorse and it was.

It is a democratic, co-operative commonwealth which will insure equal justice and equal opportunities to all in procuring the necessities and comforts of life. It not only insures justice to the workers, but insures an opportunity to the present masters to produce as honest living.

It means the abolition of wars and consequently of standing armies. It means

the abolition of child labor and consequently of ignorance. It means the abolition of capitalism and consequently of exploitation. Brotherly love is not necessary to bring it about, but it will more than likely bring about brotherly love. It means that a man will not be able to take advantage of you owing to either physical or mental superiority.

It means that there will be no incentive to buy up state legislatures and own United States congressmen and senators. It means to do away with present competitive methods and trust-bustling systems and establish a co-operative commonwealth.

L. THOMAS.

O'Fallon, Ill.

Scientific Organization of People.

Socialism.—A philosophy advocating a thoroughly scientific and economic organization of the whole people in a systematic and orderly co-operative commonwealth, wherein the earth, the means of production, distribution, and the administration thereof shall be collectively owned and co-operatively used and enjoyed by all, without favor to individuals or classes.

Industrial majority rules of instruction will guide and govern the executives instead of laws and minority dictatorship; and wherein class and caste distinctions will be few and opportunities many; wherein natural laws will faithfully serve, instead of impractical statutes that fall through administrative prosecution. Certitude versus chance in life.

L. W. HARDY.

Chicago.

Co-Operation and Equity.

Co-operation in production, equity in distribution.

Co-operation in production we have, and the working class is organizing the world over for the common use of the public powers to put an end to the present inhuman system which imposes upon the working class poverty, misery and degradation.

R. B.

System of Wealth Production.

Socialism is that system of wealth production under which the wealth producers will own and control collectively the necessary equipments and natural resources through which wealth is produced, rewarding each according to his ability.

J. W. WILSON.

St. Louis, Mo.