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CAPITAL PREPARES TO FIGHT CHILDREN

Circular Letter Shows That Profit Takers Will Not Give Up Child Labor Easily

SENATOR KNOX, ET AL, POSE AS REFORMERS

Glass Manufacturers Hope to Scare Small Land Holders With Loss of Factories if Babies Are Protected

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 28.—The attempt to save two million child toilers in the mines, mills and factories of the country is running the gauntlet of the organized greed and cunning of capital everywhere.

Exploiters of the cradle seem to regard the movement as an affront to their vested right in child slaves.

The methods of fignish capital in the battle for the infant dollar are exemplified in the recent action of the American Association of F. & L. Glass Manufacturers in the domain of the "divine" Baer.

Big business has sent up the alarm to all of its kind by distributing a circular to all the glass manufacturers of the Keystone state.

The Great Circular  
This is the interesting and enlightening circular:

"Rooms of American Association of F. & L. Glass Mfrs., Inc., Stevenson Bldg.

"Gentlemen—We are desirous of obtaining reliable information from you, in the opening of your factory, as to the workings of the child labor law of this state that has been in operation for the past two years, which prohibits the employing of boys and girls under fourteen years of age.

"We request that you keep an accurate account of the losses you may sustain from October 15, 1906 to December 15, 1906, by reason of the scarcity of boys, showing in detail the shops idle, number of turns lost, wages lost to men, value of production lost, etc.

They Must Have Boys

"In your not being able to operate your factory in full, has it been on account of the scarcity of boys in your locality who are able and willing, or is it their inability to work, owing to the present child labor law of the state.

"Please make this statistical information complete and let us have any other information you can give, bearing on the child labor law as affecting you in the operation of your factory. It is necessary that you give us the information between December 15, 1906 and January 1, 1907, as on this latter date our lawmakers will assemble at Harrisburg, and this information is to be used in endeavoring to have an equitable bill passed fair to all parties.

"Your kind and serious attention is requested in this matter."

"AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF F. & L. GLASS MFRS., INC.  
"H. E. Murray, Actuary."

Capitalists Mask as Reformers

The facts sought by these manufacturers in the circular have been collected and are set forth in an imposing and persuasive appeal.

It will be sent to all the towns and villages in the state aspiring to be manufacturing centers, with the warning that their hope of factory salvation depends upon influencing their representatives in the legislature to vote against the proposed child labor law.

This circular and its significance has been impressed upon the child labor committee, but the friends of the law do not expect radical opposition to capitalist scheming from such men as Phillips C. Knox, Charles Emery Smith, Bishop Pons, Froyost Harrison, president of the University of Pennsylvania, and more of like spirit, who compose the executive committee of the National Child Labor association.

The child reform movement is thus shown to be in the hands of its enemies. Great is reform.

BRAVE WOMAN DIES AT DUTY'S POST

Francispoint, Miss., Jan. 29.—River men are deploring the death of Miss Lizzie Lanier, for years the faithful custodian of the government beacon light near Lake Providence which has guided the pilots in their course through treacherous channels of the Mississippi river.

Faithful for many years in placing the light nightly, Miss Lanier braved the current Saturday, but the ground around her had become submerged and she was swept away. Her sweetheart, Algernon Davis, with her at the time, is also missing. The last seen of both they were in a skiff rowing to the beacon light.

TOLSTOI IS ILL

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—The condition of Count Tolstoi, the novelist and social reformer, is believed to be critical. Many have addressed inquiries regarding the count to his residence at Yasnya Polyana.

STANDARD OIL DISMISSES EMPLOYEE AFTER 21 YEARS

Old Man Lived in Hope of Being Pensioned, but Was Fired to Save Expense

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 28.—An old man, an employe of the Standard Oil company for the past twenty-one years, was discharged here today, apparently for no other reason than that he had nearly reached the eligible list for pension from the Standard.

This is one of the supposed practices of the Standard Oil company, that of giving an employe a pension after long continued service, but in this case, and perhaps in many others, the company, divinely controlled by his "majesty," John D., thought more of profit than of being charitable to an old man who had given his life to oil and John.

(Comment.—Rockefeller has just given \$3,000,000 to pension professors that grow old in service of the University of Chicago.)

FILTHY BAKE SHOPS MAY CAUSE FEVER

New York Bakers Start Movement for Labor Union Inspection of Bread Factories

A movement has been started by Bakers and Confectioners' International Union to bring about more rigid inspection of the bakery shops and to secure clean and sanitary conditions in and for the bakery workers. The first city where this inspection of shops has already been put into effect is New York.

The Bakers' union in conjunction with the Central Federated Union of New York appointed voluntary inspectors to visit the various shops to report the conditions to the central body, by whom action in the matter will be taken. It is expected that the Bakers' union in Chicago will take up the matter before the Chicago Federation of Labor and request it to assist the bakers in this inspection movement.

Members of the Bakers' and Confectioners' union declare that the unclean and unsanitary conditions found in a large number of shops in Chicago is simply appalling. These unhealthy conditions, union members declare, are a menace not only to the workers in the shops, but to the buying public at large.

Scarlet Fever From Bread?

"In the present scarlet fever epidemic," said a baker, "we seem to lay all the blame upon one article, milk, and forget all the other products which may be far more effective agents of carrying and breeding disease than milk.

"Everyone knows that the largest number of bakershops in Chicago are sweatshops in the worst form. All the small bakeries have their living apartments and their bakershops together. "In most cases the shop is in the basement, while the store and living rooms are on the floor above. Workers sleep in the shops and children are not barred from these places."

This movement for the inspection of bakery shops just at a time when this city is having an epidemic is looked upon with disfavor by many bosses, especially non-union bosses.

The bakery workers, however, greet this new movement with joy and are eagerly awaiting the action which the local officials of the union and the Chicago Federation of Labor will take.

NEW YORK TAILORS WINNING A VICTORY

New York, Jan. 29.—The strike of the 3,000 garment workers, which was called here last week because of the low wages and bad conditions, will probably come to an end during the week. Scores of bosses are settling daily. They have not even made an attempt to get scabs as the horrible conditions of these sweat shops are too well known for any one to want to go scabbing there.

PRINTERS' VICTORY ALMOST COMPLETE

Assessment to Keep Strikers Has Been Reduced to Three Per Cent.

The International Typographical Union has reduced the strike assessment to three per cent. This makes a reduction of seven per cent in a little over three months. The assessment now is only three per cent. The strike for the eight-hour day was called eighteen months ago. The result of this strike has been that now the eight-hour day is universal in the typographical trade, with the exception of a few cities where contracts have not yet expired. There, however, the eight-hour day will be granted without opposition.

MISSISSIPPI LEVEE BREAKS

Plantations Flooded and Scores Are Driven From Home

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 29.—With breaks in the levees above and below Memphis bordering the Mississippi River, conditions in the submerged district are becoming more alarming. Monday the waves protesting hundreds of acres of cotton and general plantation lands at Blossing, Ark., below Memphis, broke. A big crevasse permitted a great volume of water to rush through, and scores were forced to abandon their homes, taking up their residences on mounds and the hills.



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U. S. BANKERS TRY TO HELP RUSS CZAR

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Boston, Kan., Jan. 29.—That millionaire bankers of the United States have brought pressure upon the federal government to have Gershuni deported appears certain.

The papers print long reports here to the effect that the authorities of Boston are searching for Gershuni with the view of deporting him to Russia.

It is claimed by them that the authorities at Washington have been asked to give up Gershuni to Russia in order to stop his agitation among the American people in behalf of Russia's freedom.

The most obnoxious part of Gershuni's speeches to the Russian government, it is claimed, is his assertion that the government is now counterfeiting its own bonds, and that it is on the verge of bankruptcy. Gershuni claims that he has good authority for making such charges against the Russian government, and that he has proofs that this counterfeiting of bonds is actually going on.

That the Russian government has been alarmed by utterances of Gershuni is equally well known. The best proof of it is that it sent General Spiridovitch, the chief of the black hundreds, to America to win Roosevelt, the bankers and citizens of this country.

Spy Force Doubled  
The news of the search for Gershuni by the federal authorities quickly spread through the Russian district of the country, and intense excitement reigned among them.

It also became known here that since Gershuni escaped from Siberia and came to the United States the Russian government has doubled the number of Russian spies in America. These spies are only looking for an opportunity to get Gershuni into a country where the government is friendly to the Russian government and will consent to his arrest and deportation.

The Russian population here is now eagerly watching the authorities at Washington to see whether it will play the part of a policeman for Russia.

Slight mystery was added to the case by the sudden secrecy with which the whereabouts of Gershuni are surrounded. Russian revolutionists, however, claim that this secrecy is merely due to the fact that Gershuni is soon to leave the United States, and that he therefore hides to avoid being followed by Russian spies.

Federal Officer "Alert"  
What is given as the chief reason for the belief that the United States government is assisting the Russian government in capturing Gershuni is the fact that Commissioner of Immigration Harley of this city attended a meeting at which Gershuni spoke and had two interpreters translate for him the substance of Gershuni's speech. He is then said to have stated that

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MILK FAMINE MAY GRIP CHICAGO

Dairyman Being Ruined by Attacks on Infected Food —Borden Plant Closed

Chicago may suffer a milk famine because of the fear of fever-infected milk. Dairymen in the country may be ruined by the raids now being made on infected milk.

The plant of the Borden Milk company at Geneva Junction has been closed, and reports to Dr. J. F. Bienn of development of fever cases at Bassett Station, Hebron and Lake Geneva, all points from which Borden milk is shipped, may close the milk stations at those places.

DAILY WRECK RECORD

Northampton, Mass., Jan. 29.—Two persons were killed and about twenty-five injured in a railway wreck on the Maine at South Deerfield this morning.

Kingston, Jan. 29.—The heaviest earthquake shock since the one which devastated Kingston on Jan. 14 occurred here at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning. No great damage is reported.

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Private Army of Packers Work to Suppress Facts While Men Writh in Agony

MANAGER'S DAUGHTER IS DESTITUTE

Portland, Me., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Steele, formerly Miss Jessamy Hart, daughter of Bret Hart, the author, is now ill and in the Portland poorhouse, absolutely destitute. Mrs. Steele gave a series of dramatic readings from her father's works here about a year ago. She stayed with various people until they no longer could keep her. She says her husband is somewhere in the west. Mrs. Steele says that she has plenty of money coming to her but that lawyers are withholding it.

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The managers withheld all information as to the cause of the accident, fearing suits of damages in case the cause should be properly established.

The accident, as far as it is now known, was caused by the bursting of a cylinder head in one of a group of four pumping machines which carried ammonia from the power house to the cold storage house across the street.

The twenty-four laborers, who were all members of a gang of bricklayers, were overcome by the fumes. Three of them died instantly, four were mortally injured, and the rest of the gang received serious injuries; several of them will die.

Those who survive their comrades and who gained strength enough to speak after the accident told a horrible story of the suffering and agony to which they were subjected. The ammonia fumes, they said, were suffocating, and never has death suffering come in more horrible manner.

The rescuers themselves were for a time threatened with death by suffocation, and work had to proceed slowly and cautiously.

Then, too, the company sought to prevent any stranger from entering the yards to assist in the rescue of the men, fearing to let the secrets of its hell-house leak out to the rest of the world. Laborers, however, who were working on the surrounding buildings rushed with covered heads to the rescue of their comrades, and the officials of the plant finally had to give up their attempt to hide the tragedy.

NIGHT GOWN DANCE ON EXPRESS TRAIN

Funeral Party Gets Drunk and Forces Preacher to Waltz in Naked Legs

CALIFORNIA SOLONS IN MAUDLIN GLEE AND GRIEF

All in State Take Corrupt Legislature as a Joke, and Thefts, as a Matter of Course

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"L" WORKER DIES FOR CORPORATION

Police Race With "L" Cars to Get Accident Victim

Police patrol wagon crews of the two stations today engaged in an eager race with the body of a man as the stake. The police lost. Their puffing and steaming horses drew their patrol wagons up at two stations of the elevated road a moment too late in each instance. Then they began a systematic search for the missing body and learned it was that of Joseph R. Harper, 48 years old, 1539 Mozart street. He had been almost instantly killed by the train which later ran away with his mangled corpse.

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[By Special Correspondent.] Sacramento, Jan. 29.—That the present California legislature is not different from its predecessor in the matter of graft; that these gentlemen are earnestly doing the work of their masters, the Southern, Pacific and other large interests, and that they have as a part of their duty to the "interests" the making of laws that will tend to relieve the criminal liability of the Rucel-Schmitz gang of San Francisco, are not denied by any one; but on the contrary, are matters of daily newspaper report. They furnish material for jesting among the "common people." The people who pay the bills actually think the legislative stealing a funny thing. They joke about it. They take it as a matter of so common occurrence that it is only worthy of consideration as food for facetious remarks. Bar Reporter Who Reports The movement is now, at this writing, on foot to exclude Edward J. Livenash, correspondent for the San Francisco Bulletin, from the state building, because he fails to throw bouquets at the legislators, but persists in writing up their doings in plain, unornamental English. A resolution has been introduced in senate and assembly to exclude Mr. Livenash and his facile pencil from the legislative halls during the rest of the session, and it will doubtless pass. The capitalist legislatures are composed of such honorable men, that their noble deeds will not bear exposition to the public eye, by even one of its own advocates and supporters. One ex-legislator of California finds it necessary to reside in South Africa to prevent his sojourning with another legislative comrade in state's prison in California. Such honorable men! Such noble supporters of incentive!! Further nobility of character and wonderful feats of mentality are shown by our legislative solons in a recent excursion by that body from Sacramento to Oakland to attend the funeral of Assemblyman John J. Burke, who died in Oakland. Funeral Picnic It requires peculiar talent to merge a funeral into a picnic. How it must have mitigated the grief of the Burke family, to see the whole state legislature arrive in time to take up their places in the funeral procession, and proceed to the last resting place of their late colleague, while the unanimous hiccough, like the click of musketry, gave a military air to the procession. The train bearing this noble body to the funeral of their dead comrade, left Sacramento for Oakland late at night with an abundant supply of liquor on board. It appears that a few of these upright gentlemen sought slumber in the Pullman sleepers, while the others sought the baggage car, to pay untiring devotion at the shrine of Bacchus. Here the inspiration grew, and when the heights of hilarity were reached, our noble legislators proceeded to the sleepers, dragged their somnolent brethren from their berths to the baggage car and forced them to drink and dance and sing to the edification of all. Preacher Dances in Night Gown Chaplain P. H. Willis was also brought upon the festive scene in his night gown to grace the occasion untrammelled by pantaloons. A midnight cotillon by the California legislature, in night gowns, on a railroad train, speeding to the funeral of a deceased member! What a magnificent picture! It should adorn the congressional halls at Washington! WHO SHOT DR. TOWNSEND? [Scripps-McRae Press Association.] New York, Jan. 29.—The police theory that John Bell, a street car conductor, murdered Dr. Charles William Townsend, the prominent Staten Island physician, in revenge for the fancied wrongs suffered through the death of his wife being treated by the physician a year ago, now hinges on the ability of Mrs. Townsend to identify the mild mannered prisoner as the masked intruder who in the small hours of Saturday morning shot Dr. Townsend to death as he lay in bed. If Bell killed the Staten Island physician for revenge, he planned the deed with an attention to dramatic detail that was remarkable. BIG SCHOOL BURNS Paris, Ky., Jan. 29.—Fire last night destroyed the Paris High School building, entailing a loss of \$50,000. The fire started from the furnace in the basement. This was the only school building in town used for white children.



RADICAL LEGISLATION THREATENS WISCONSIN

Socialist Minority in House Commencing to Make Itself Felt; After Railroad and Telegraph Reforms

By OSCAR RADEMAKER. (Special Correspondence.)

Madison, Wis., Jan. 29.—The number of bills has been increased by the following: By Brookhausen: Providing for the compensation to employes for personal injuries received in the course of their employment.

By Brookhausen: Providing for compulsory arbitration of labor troubles. If arbitrators cannot be agreed on, court shall appoint referee.

By Aldridge: Relating to false pretenses to secure employment; employers advertising for help must say if strike exists or be subject to fine of \$2,000 or two years imprisonment in jail.

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Mileage Rate to Be Reduced. Another measure that is on the verge of conclusion is a bill that will reduce railroad fare on lines making 6 per cent on assessed valuation to 1 cent per mile, or not more than 1 1/2 cents per mile on those making no more than 5 per cent on their assessed valuation, or not more than 2 cents per mile under any conditions.

Socialists Going Forward. There is no other body that knows so well that these bills and others of like character cannot ameliorate the wage slavery of capitalism as the Socialist delegation itself.

But my attention was soon diverted from these rather landscapes. Suddenly there arose, as from the streets below, a burst of joyous music; then a winged form soared in the space; another, as in chase of the first, and another; others after others, till the crowd grew thick and the number countless.

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GANGS WAS GAME

Joe Gans, the negro champion, once walked up to the bar of a cafe in Waukegan and ordered a drink of whisky.

The bartender placed before him a glass of whisky. Gans pushed the bottle down in front of him and said: "Gimme a mild seagah."

BOOKBINDERS MAY BEGIN 8-HOUR STRIKE

A unanimous demand for an eight-hour day will be made by the Printed Bookbinders and Paper Cutters Association of America in October, 1907.

The local branch of that organization voted for an eight-hour day at their last meeting. The question will now go for referendum to the entire membership of the union.

No doubt, however, is entertained by members of the union here that the entire membership will vote the same way as the local members voted and that a demand for an eight-hour day will be made next fall.

This demand, said a member of the union, "if not granted will result in a strike similar to that which the Typographical union has been carrying on and won. Their strike lasted about eighteen months and affected every city in the country. We hope that no such struggle will be necessary to gain our demands. Should it, however, be necessary, our men are determined to hold out to the end."

Another resolution that will soon make its appearance will petition the federal government to acquire national ownership of all railroads.

SIX MONTHS' POSTALS

The Chicago Daily Socialist now has a full supply of six months' daily subscription cards. Same will be sold at \$5.00.

Don't forget the Chicago Daily Socialist has a full line of Socialist literature on sale. Send in your order.

THE COMING RACE

By BULWER LYTTON. The mistress of the house then seated me beside her, and heaped a golden platter before me from one of the dishes.

DAYTON FIREMEN WIN TWO PLATOON

Blue-Coated Fighters to Get a Chance to Live Somewhat Like Human Beings

Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 29.—Firemen of this city are elated at the great victory which they won over the merchants and business men's clubs.

The workers in blue have obtained the hard-fought-for two-platoon system—the same thing that their Chicago comrades are fighting for.

The new system will go into effect after the new elections to be held in April. There is no chance of defeating it now, as it has been definitely settled that the men are to get a little justice to make up for the ruthless way in the past exploited them.

The men here are eagerly looking forward to the time that this system will be adopted the country over. They see the brave fight that the Chicago and New York men are putting up and hope that victory will soon come to them.

Candidates for Aldermen

The following members of the Socialist Party have been nominated for aldermen in their respective wards by caucus conventions:

- Second Ward—A. E. Corking, 2358 Indiana avenue.
Third Ward—William Figola, Jr., 3251 Fifth avenue.
Fourth Ward—Robert Magison, 509 Melrose street.
Fifth Ward—August Miller, 431 North Lincoln street.
Sixth Ward—John Matthews, 363 West Ohio street.
Seventh Ward—William Zimmerman, 306 Jackson boulevard.
Eighth Ward—William Bross Lloyd, 460 Dearborn avenue.
Ninth Ward—Fred Foster, 258 Blackhawk street.
Tenth Ward—Charles Kuhn, 202 Vine street.
Eleventh Ward—Chas. H. Sands, 1700 North Clark street.
Twelfth Ward—Robert Magison, 509 Melrose street.
Thirteenth Ward—Carl Strover, northwest corner Fifty-fourth and Robert avenues.
Fourteenth Ward—Charles Murphy, 4529 Marshfield avenue.
Fifteenth Ward—Charles F. Woerner, 843 West Sixty-first place.
Sixteenth Ward—Albert Hoeldtke, 952 South Ridgeway avenue.
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LABOR UNION NEWS. Laundrymen of Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and the Dakotas have completed an organization with which they will combat the organized workers.

The Amalgamated Woodworkers' Council elected the following officers at its last meeting: Business agents, John Kibicki, A. Johansen and E. Smith; secretary, Thomas Cooney.

D. W. Hyde of the Stationary Engineers was elected president of the Building Material Trades Council. M. J. Deutsch was chosen secretary and N. C. Berkeley treasurer.

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BOMBS TO KILL RADICAL EDITORS

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—Leaders of the "union of the Russian people" are in their organs denying that they stand at the head of a movement to kill off every radical journalist or newspaper man working for the anti-government papers.

At the same time, however, their organ, "Russian Banner," keeps on printing articles denouncing every radical. The assassination of General Pavloff, a few weeks ago, is taken by them to be as significant for Russia as that of Von Plehve, and they urge the people to unite against foes of the government and "avenge" the death of Pavloff and all other faithful servants of autocracy.

The fact that a plot exists to kill off all radical writers has only stirred the anti-government journals and writers to greater activity and to more bitter attacks upon despotism. All the liberal writers spurn the idea of taming their pens out of fear—a band of the "black hundreds."

SECULAR EDUCATION ANGRERS BISHOP

(By Special Correspondent.)

Montreal, Jan. 29.—There is nothing more pernicious and more apt to ruin the integrity of the faith and to turn young people from the paths of truth.

Quoting these words of Pope Leo XIII, Mgr. Bruchesi, archbishop of Quebec, declares that never in his Roman Catholic province will a school be established which should be non-sectarian and attended by both Roman Catholics and Protestants.

He acts the official veto on a scheme for the establishment at Rawdon of a school for the special teaching of English, where French-Canadian and English-Canadian, Protestants and Roman Catholics, should attend, without distinction of race or creed.

The people of Rawdon, the priests and Protestant clergy, the representatives of the county in the legislature, were united in declaring for the school. The premier of the province promised support. Then the representative of the hierarchy stepped in and said "No."

Not content with refusing sanction to such a school, Mgr. Bruchesi declares that never in his ecclesiastical province will such a school be established.

MILLIONAIRE CHICKEN MAN DRAWS A CITY PENSION

To the Editor: The Police Pension Board paid its widows, orphans and veterans Tuesday. In line with these widows, orphans and battle scarred veterans were a few men who seemed astounded to draw their pensions.

Among them there were two very poor (?) pensioners—Francis O'Neil, late chief of police, now millionaire farmer and chicken breeder, and owner of an Italian marble mausoleum at Mount Olivet, and "Paddy" Lavin of Clark and Barry safe-blowing fame.

Lavin, resigned to keep Chief Collins from filing over one hundred of the most sensational charges against him. He is a stockholder of Swift & Company. This stock he received after the teamsters' strike.

Both of these "poor" (?) pensioners sneaked into the back door, gave the "glad hand" to Mr. White, the pay clerk in Room 11, City Hall, and received their much-needed \$75 and departed by the same door.

"What the prospects, Paddy?" said a friend to Lavin. "If Harrison or Judge Prentiss is elected mayor, I'll be advisor to the administration on how to get the coin," and "Paddy" laughed a wee, sickly laugh.

Lavin probably was sorry that jewelry man Hagerman, who lost his all, could not also draw a pension; or maybe "Paddy" is worrying for fear the socialist party might elect a mayor this spring. If the latter is true, he cannot be blamed because he will never be able to get any more "stocks and bonds" from the Chicago packers.

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TO EMULATE DOWIE AT LIBERTYVILLE

"Professor" Sheldon to Found Colony on "Business Man" as a Cult

NOPES TO GROW FINEST KIND OF TRADERS

First of Community Builders to Base Society on Commercial Ethic—Era to Be Schemer's Utopia

Mr. O. C. Sheldon, president of the Sheldon School of Salesmanship, is at work on plans for a colony that will make Dowie, Biellhart of "Spirit Fruit" fame, and the "Holy Rollers" look like Wentworth avenue on a rainy day.

The Sheldon school started about four years ago and modestly threatened to take untraced high school boys and make "cracker-jack" salesmen out of them.

Matters were at a stand still, however, in the way of advertising material, until the doughty president conceived the idea of a colony.

Mr. Sheldon today emitted a "few remarks" about his project that took sixty-five minutes to deliver.

The reason I want to have a colony and be away from the hurry and rush of the city's noise, is because I want personal supervision of the "human plant" that I am growing, and with that end in view I must have room to swing my ideas.

There are two parts to every man's nature—the positive and the negative. I want to develop the positive and I intend to make this work my life work.

Here Mr. Sheldon struck a pose not unlike G. Washington crossing the Rubicon, was it the Delaware—and continued.

Of course, you understand, I could make tens of thousands of dollars out of this land down there, but I will not. No! I have an ideal and will build that ideal in spite of an.

MYSTERY IN DEATH OF WORKING GIRL

The Old, Old Story—Fellow Employees Assist in Investigation

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 29.—Coroner Edward Laval announced yesterday that he would hold over the case of Miss Saulman, a pretty telephone girl, who died here under peculiar circumstances, her last words being an accusation against one one, that she had been poisoned.

WAITERS' UNION NOT AT WHITE CITY

Management Makes Agreements With All Other Labor but Dining Room Men

While snow bills the air and outdoor amusement parks are the last thing that anyone is thinking of, union labor is making the fight of the year to compel these parks to give union conditions to labor during the coming summer.

White City authorities have refused to deal with the union waiters. All contracts for labor for amusement parks are signed now. Every other workman on the White City grounds will be union men, but the waiters will not.

This is not because the White City authorities love the other unions more, but because the other unions are strong enough to force the White City management to come to their terms.

CITY COUNCIL GETS AWFULLY BUSY

Dealing with righteous indignation against somebody or anybody, the city council last night decided that the "nutlet for their nervous energy should be expended on the "milk question."

It was the first intention to take one grand swipe at the referendum and order a wholesale investigation of the names, but at the last moment it lost its nerve in the face of the watching galleries and to-day are explaining to the Traction masters, "Why I didn't do it."

HERE IS A GOOD ONE

Springfield, O., Jan. 29.—An old blind man, who calls himself "Comrade" Flint, has been sending money to a Wilmington friend named Ballard.

A fire in the Laundale station of the Metropolitan Elevated R. R. company delayed many trains this morning and for a time threatened the lives of the passengers of two east-bound trains.

POOR, LITTLE, WRONGED EVELYN NESBIT THAW

Vulgar Mother and Sister of the Murderer Turn Against the Actress—Wife—Currency as a Creed

New York, Jan. 29.—Making mistakes seems to be a habit with the Thaw family—a fatal habit.

The big mistake of Harry Thaw's career cost Stanford White his life. A big mistake now being made by the entire Thaw family threatens to work equal disaster for the man now on trial for his life.

The error is in the attitude of those of the Thaw blood toward the little daughter by adoption—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw.

A widening chasm separates the Thaw from the former artist's model. Daily denials of the fact are merely part of the perfunctory duties of the attorneys for the defense.

Search for Women

LOS ANGELES LEADS IN ANTI-RED WAR

Arrest of Capt. Callahan, Civil War Veteran, Followed by Drastic Law

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 29.—The city council last night, backed by "vested interests" seeking the extermination of the Socialist party, passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale or gift of any printed literature on the streets of this city.

BARNUM PARTNER'S MONEY CAUSES FAMILY FEUD

Nieces and Nephews of Circus Man Hope to Get Some of Fortune.

J. C. and A. M. Stewart, of the firm of James C. Stewart & Co. of New York, comes to visit William J. Oliver at Washington to-day in regard to the details of Oliver's contract to build the Panama canal.

The Hustlers' Column Words From the Field At Home and Abroad

Wherever two or three are gathered together in the name of Socialism, somebody is sure to take up a collection for the benefit of the cause.

It looks now as though the new printing plant would be installed in time for the spring elections, and as if it would be needed before that time.

TEAMING IS ALMOST A DECENT SITUATION

Skilled Men, Through Organization, Force Wage Increases Toward Living Point

A new wage scale signed by the employers and the local unions of the excavating teamsters and tea and coffee drivers gives the men a substantial increase in wages.

BIG CAPITAL FINED FOR LAW BREAKING

A verdict finding the Allis-Chalmers company guilty of violating the alien contract labor law was returned by a jury yesterday and the company was fined \$4,000 by Judge K. M. Landis.

BAN ON OPIUM IN CHINA

Imperial Rescript Covering Regulation for Suppressing Culture

Washington, Jan. 29.—Through Thos. Ewing Moore, the American charge at Peking, the state department is in receipt of the Chinese imperial rescript covering regulations for the suppression of opium growing and smoking in China.

SMALL CAPITAL BUILT TUNNEL BUT IT FAILS TO WORK

Big Schemers Fooled Little Comrades in Stock Deal

Small capitalists who bought the "one-cent and conservative" stock of the Illinois Tunnel company, are becoming the fact that this pet scheme of big capital is going on the rocks.

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COMRADES SUFFER TO RESCUE THEIR DEAD

Buffalo Firemen, Heartlessly Exploited, Die to Save Property of Their Masters

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 29.—The body of Fireman Stephen Meehan, burned in the ruins of the Seneca building, was found early to-day.

Comrades of the dead men worked all last night searching the debris for the corpses. Several of the rescuers are working with hands and feet frost bitten and have had nothing to eat except the sandwiches and hot coffee furnished by the Salvation Army.

WHERE TO GO

Grand Opera House—Ezra Kendall in "Swell Elegant Jones."

Richard Carle probably could keep the Colonial full of laughing people all winter if he chose. While he, of course, occupies the center of the stage, he by no means depends entirely on himself to give pleasure to the audience.

U. S. TRADERS CHEAT EUROPEAN COMRADES

The deceptive methods of American manufacturers is looked upon with general distaste in European countries, and grain dealers in northern and western Europe have been holding meetings, the principal purpose of which seems to be to take united action with regard to a change in the methods of transacting business with this country.

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NEWS AND COMMENT

Charles W. Shulte, 63 years old, a wealthy banker of Memphis, Tenn., committed suicide at a Battle Creek, Mich., sanitarium.

The Chicago automobile show, which will probably be the largest exhibition of the kind ever held in America, will open next Saturday night at the Coliseum.

A parade with cornets, drums, and a stereopticon exhibition, will be the feature of the meeting at the Church of the Government, Belden avenue and North Halsted street, which will be held to-night.

Northwestern University celebrated its fifty-sixth anniversary yesterday. All departments of the university held an informal reunion at the university building, Lake and Dearborn streets.

Persons afflicted with heart disease suffered greatly from the sudden transition from springlike weather to real winter. Four deaths are reported as a result.

The house and senate of Texas are investigating the source of the charges made by a New York newspaper that Senator Bailey secured his re-election by corrupting members of the legislature. The legislature is "so careless," but that is all.

A mild sensation was created at Washington by the announcement of the secret wedding of Reed Knox, son of Senator Knox from Pennsylvania, to Miss Bessie McCook, granddaughter of Captain McCook of the navy.

Four checks, amounting to \$3,170,444, were delivered to Controlled Metz of New York, as taxes from the Manhattan railway company for the years 1900 to 1905.

Governor Hughes of New York was the guest of the American Institute of Social Service last night at a banquet in New York city. In his address to the members he said: "It is a shocking thought that the wage earners of the country, who make possible the industrial prestige of which you boast, should be subjected through ignorance or indifference to unnecessary peril."

A joint resolution is to be presented to the Illinois legislature and also in the Missouri legislature, calling upon the government to resist with heavy appropriations for the improved waterway on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers.

The United States secret service department raided the office of Martin Oppenheim, Room 315, 84 La Salle street, and discovered an alleged lottery list and tickets. Oppenheim, who was sitting in a chair, suddenly dropped to the floor unconscious. Service men say that there are any number of lottery offices in Chicago.

Union printers are to try a novel scheme of winning over the Methodist book house to unionism. One or two of the men will attend church services, and by prayer and exhortation they expect to win the victory.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Fola M. La Follette, daughter of Senator La Follette, to Alfred T. Rogers, right hand man and prospective law partner of the senator, is expected shortly.

The mystery surrounding the death of William Whiteley of London is too deep for the police, but one theory advanced is that the man who shot him was an illegitimate child of the great merchant.

A mouse caused a panic in the Royal theater of Josefstadt, Austria. Some of the women present jumped upon their seats and screamed, causing the panic. The mouse escaped.

Eighty-four prisoners at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., most of them army deserters, were released yesterday because of good behavior. This is the largest number of prisoners ever released at one time.

BEVERIDGE DISCOVERS BIG BUSINESS ENEMIES

Hoosier Senator Finds That Economic Interests of Factory and Mine Owners Determine Morals

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Senator Beveridge occupied the attention of the senate throughout the day with a continuation of his argument in behalf of his child labor bill. He had but reached the legal and constitutional phases of the question, after speaking for more than four hours, and arrangement was made whereby he will conclude to-morrow.

Senator Tillman acknowledged the great evil of child labor in his state and asked Mr. Beveridge to submit all the evidence possible that it might be used in a crusade for state legislation.

OAKLAND SURE TO HAVE A SOCIALIST DAILY

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 29.—The 16,000 Socialists of this state are to establish a Socialist daily that will make its first appearance May 1, 1907. It will be called the "Daily World," and will be built on the money subscribed by the dues-paying members who at present number 2,000.

The idea of establishing a daily paper was first mentioned by J. B. Osborne and was presented in the form of a proposition at the Oakland Branch Saturday night. The enthusiasm aroused was a wonderful demonstration of what earnest, brainy thinkers are capable of doing for the great work. The decision to go ahead was reached after only one vote was taken and Comrade Osborne was asked to respond to the toast "Our Daily Press." He did so amid scenes of wild enthusiasm, ending with signed pledges for nearly a thousand dollars from those present.

Malcolm B. Parkin, son of one of the "iron millionaires" and bitter opponent of Socialism, through fear of "breaking up the family," also an anti-mate friend of Harry K. Thaw, was sent to the navy because of his wild ways. He deserted and was captured and returned. He was to have been court-martialed, but these charges are to be made lighter, because of the position the Parkin family hold. He was married to a Pittsburgh beauty whom he had wronged, but left her and joined the navy.

Jake Kesner has won the victory. Every attempt on the part of the municipality to set aside the lease of the Kesner municipal court building has resulted in defeat for the city. The last case, before Judge Honore, sustained the lease. Jake not only works girls heartlessly, but works the entire city. Jake looks out for Jake. If other folks were

A last case in soldier life will be tried in the United States arsenal near Pittsburg, Pa. Under the order of Lieut. Ripley W. Drury, Private Doran of the Ninth United States Infantry, shot and killed William Crowley for alleged thefts from the arsenal. Now is this summary execution murder?

J. H. Rogers to-day refused to make any statement in regards to the report of the interstate commerce commission.

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The Interstate Commerce Commission has just finished an investigation of Standard Oil. It would be a rash act to try to guess how many investigations have been made of this same institution.

There have been investigations by nearly every state legislature, by most of the State railroad commissions, by almost innumerable grand juries, by Congress, as often as a committee could be found that wished to take a junket during the congressional vacation, by the Industrial Commission, and several previous ones by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

This does not include the even larger number of investigations by individual students, magazine writers, "muck rakers," etc. All of these investigations have unearthed the same horrible facts. All have discovered that Standard Oil has received rebates, crushed competitors with legal or illegal means as the occasion seemed to demand, has bribed legislators, arbitrarily fixed prices, organized an elaborate spy system capable of use in as multifarious and nefarious ways as the similar one maintained by the Sultan of Turkey.

Investigating Standard Oil has come to rival automobiling and golf as the great national legislative recreation. These investigations have now been going for over twenty years. NO ONE CLAIMS THAT ANY OF THEM HAS EVER AFFECTED THE STANDARD OIL IN ANY WAY.

IS IT NOT ABOUT TIME TO STOP INVESTIGATING AND GO TO ACTION? There will never be anything done so long as those who are investigating and exposing and resoluting and denouncing and muck-raking are themselves in favor of the SYSTEM WHICH PRODUCED STANDARD OIL.

So long as the powers of government are controlled by those who believe in profits Standard Oil may rest assured that it will not be injured. It was once said that Napoleon was only possible because France was filled with little would-be Napoleons.

Standard Oil and Rockefeller are only possible because the government of this country is controlled by thousands of would-be Rockefellers. Those who are howling about Standard Oil today do not wish to abolish exploitation. THEY ONLY WISH A CHANCE TO BECOME EXPLOITERS.

Only when a class comes into power that cannot rise into control upon the backs of another class—only when the workers rule and all shall be workers, will the evils complained of in Standard Oil investigations end. Those evils will end not by the ABOLITION but by the UTILIZATION of the power of Standard Oil.

Because boiling water sometimes scalds is no reason why we should never permit a fluid to be heated. Let us rather confine and regulate and direct it until it shall prepare our food in the kitchen and turn the wheels in the factory.

Because the trust sometimes crushes a little exploiter is no reason for abolishing the trust. LET US RATHER USE THAT POWER TO DO THE WORK OF THE WORLD IN THE MOST ECONOMIC MANNER POSSIBLE.

Instead of shrieking curses at the present owners of the trust let us all become owners, by making this gigantic power the common property of the workers.

THAT WOULD BE SOCIALISM.

Old Age Pensions in Australia

For some years organized labor in Australia has paid considerable attention to the question of providing for aged workmen. Because through their political organization some weight could be put on the demands of the laboring class to provide ample funds in a legislative way, the governor-general of the commonwealth in 1905 appointed a commission which was instructed to consider legislation already in force in New South Wales, Victoria and New Zealand to all other states of the Australian Union.

The commission in its report recommended this extension and proposed a uniform law for all states of the Union, which provides a pension of \$2.50 per week for laboring men of over 65 years of age. Should the persons benefited by this law have some income from other sources, the amount of the pensions will be smaller accordingly; the income from pension and other sources shall not be more than \$260 per year. Only white English citizens who lived in Australia over twenty years shall be entitled to pension. Pension for notorious drunkards shall be paid to a guardian, and the sale of intoxicants to pensioners shall be prohibited. In New Zealand 12,000 pensioners now receive \$1,650,000, and New South Wales pays \$2,400,000 to 22,000, and Victoria \$1,250,000 to 11,450 pensioners.—Brauer Zeitung.

CHICAGO

Three is no other place in all the world so absorbingly interesting to an American Socialist as Chicago. Working class consciousness is developing there at a rate that exalts the hope for the future of the enslaved mass to a high pitch. The working class of Chicago seems filled with a virile revolutionary spirit not yet manifest elsewhere in the United States. The power of capitalistic dominance is so threateningly menaced, and the new-born independence of labor exhibiting such swift growth, as to make the head swim. It is intoxicating, and I feel the impulse to throw up my hat and yell madly, like a drunken sailor ashore after a long voyage. Organized greed is quaking. It is merely active in its efforts to head off the stamped, but its heart—its CRAVEN heart—is fear-stricken. It too well knows that its power rests upon deceit and cajolery and it is painfully, desperately aware of the rickety state of that power. Labor can be MASTER just when

it chooses. It is all-powerful: Its destiny rests in its own hands. It must be WISE in its strength. With grim, set lips it must press on, turning neither to right nor left. Its goal is the CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH, and the road—straight as a plumb line, ballots, not bullets, are its weapons. "We know what we want, and we're going after it" is its quiet notice served on the beast Capitalism. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness have been taken from us by your mad pursuit of WEALTH" it says to Baron Plutocracy. "You look big and strong" it remarks, as it gazes, clear-eyed, at burly Capitalism, "but your strength is a sham; it is built upon your power to deceive and you are rapidly losing that." "Truth is our watchword, our sword and buckler, and its irresistibility is going to be proved." "When your coward eyes, you depauper of helpless men, women and little children, see emblazoned on the pale face of a treason press 'SOCIALISM GAINS ENORMOUSLY' panic will clutch your poltroon heart. WAIT!"—From a Cincinnati Socialist.

DEATH IN BREAD

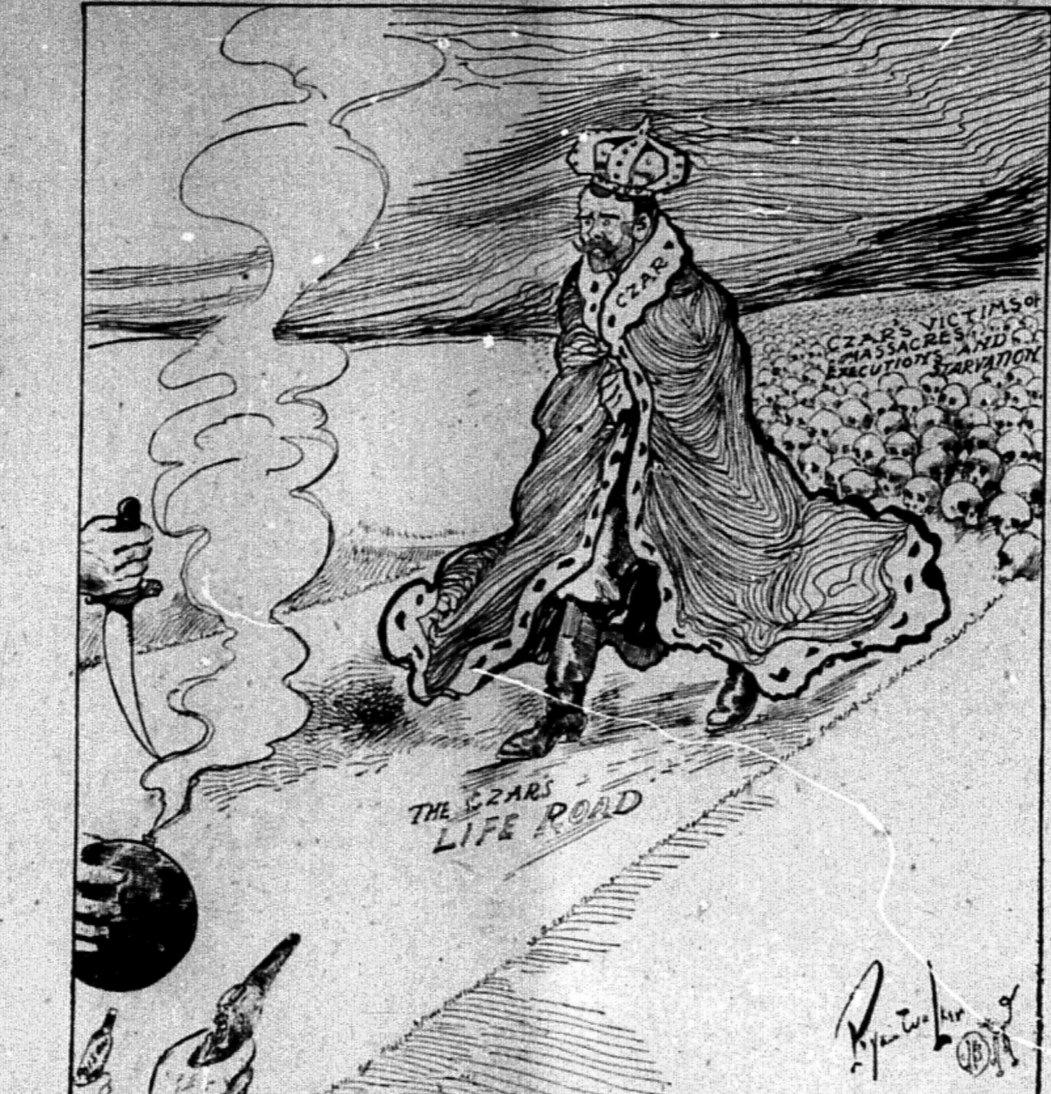
The baker working all night in a hot, badly ventilated shop, his body sweated, and tired for want of sleep, is very susceptible to colds, lung trouble of some sort, and rheumatism. Rheumatism and the different complications are very frequent among bakers.

A majority of the bakers are anaemic, pale-faced, thin and stunted in their growth. It is a demonstrated fact that sunshine has an influence on bacterial development, the germs growing more abundantly in dark, warm places than in sun-lit rooms. A baker shop may be considered a germ incubator.

A majority of the bakeshops are located in damp basements with poor ventilation, the atmosphere being loaded with bacteria and very minute particles of flour. These minute particles of flour irritate the mucous membrane of the respiratory tract, causing chronic coughs and increasing the liability to disease invasion. The flour particles cluster in the lung tissues as gray indurated patches or masses, which are often the nuclei for the development of consumption, pneumonia, etc.

These conditions could be modified, or even overcome, if the bakers were employed in the day time in shops ventilated and cleansed during the night. Various skin diseases manifest themselves in bakers, principally scabies, due to filth, warmth and dampness. A standing posture over long periods with hard, heavy work causes ruptures, varicose veins, ulcers, etc.—Bakers' Journal.

Now that there has been a spell of real winter, the ice trust will have no excuse for its own carelessness.



What is the joy of "Ruling" when you have such a road as this to travel?

LEGALIZING A TRUST

There have been many and diverse kinds of legislation on trusts by the various state legislatures. It remains for Kentucky to add a new one. That state has recently passed an act, and its Supreme court has affirmed its constitutionality definitely and clearly legalizing and encouraging the formation of a trust.

The law is in itself intended to fight the tobacco trust, and proceeds on the well-known principle of fighting fire with fire.

For years that state has been as absolutely at the mercy of the tobacco trust as some of the Populist states beneath the heel of the elevators and railroads.

The result of this fight in Kentucky is to place an absolutely original piece of legislation upon the statute books. Here is the exact law, and it will repay a careful study.

"1. It is hereby declared lawful for any number of persons to combine, unite or pool, any or all of the crops of wheat, tobacco, corn, oats, hay or other farm products raised by them, for the purpose of classifying, grading, storing, holding, selling or disposing of same, either in parcels or as a whole, for the purpose of obtaining a greater or higher price therefor than they might or could obtain or receive by selling said crops separately or individually.

"2. That contracts or agreements made or entered into by persons with each other, the object or intent of which is to unite, pool or combine all or any of the crops of tobacco, wheat, corn, oats, hay or other farm products raised by such persons, for the purpose of classifying, grading, storing, holding, selling or disposing of said crops, or any of them, either in part or as a whole, in order, or for the purpose of obtaining a better or higher price therefor

than could or might be obtained by selling said crops separately or individually, are hereby permitted, and shall not, because of any such combination of purpose of said persons be declared illegal and invalid.

"3. Such persons so entering into such agreement or contract as is set out in the foregoing sections, are hereby permitted to select an agent or agents thereof or by or with whom said parties so entering into such agreements may classify, grade, store, hold, sell or dispose of such crops or any of them, and said agent or agents shall have the right to take, receive, hold, store, classify, grade, sell or dispose of said crops so placed in such agreement so directed or authorized by their principal, for the purpose of accomplishing the object of such combination or agreement between such principals and contracts and agreements entered into by such agent or agents for the purpose of classifying, grading, storing, holding, selling or disposing of said crops so combined, united or pooled, either in parcels or as a whole, are hereby permitted and shall not, because of any such combination or purpose of such original agreement of such principals, so entering into said combination, or of such agent or agents, be declared illegal or invalid."

Behind this law is the American Society of Equity, the new farmers' organization, that by its affiliation with the trade unions and its proposal to co-operate directly with the organized laborers of the city is introducing some new phases into the industrial and political life of this country.

When a farmer who had entered into one of the trusts provided for in the law broke his contract and sold his product by individual bargain, the society proceeded to prosecute him and carried the case to the highest court, which has just rendered a decision affirming the constitutionality of the law and ordering the enforcement of the contract.

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Commercialized Engineering

"Talk about commercialized politics," said a civil engineer the other night, "or the commercialized theater, or press—why, none of them can hold a candle to commercialized engineering." In explanation, he averred that his profession is suffering from the evils of monopoly. A few great corporations—in electrical engineering there are practically but two—not only control nearly all the work done, but dictate the technical methods to be followed. The result is the raising of almost insuperable barriers to new men and new ideas; the practice becomes routine and stodgy; the absence of real competition works the same harm to engineering that it does to any other pursuit.

Increasing the Military Forces

The passage by the senate of the bill increasing the artillery by over 6,000 officers and men, and its favorable report in the house, is another example of the way our military forces are gradually being increased. Prior to the war with Spain, our artillery consisted of five regiments, comprising about 3,500 men; now we have 63 officers and 18,166 soldiers. With the additional strength about to be authorized, the artillery alone will be as large as our entire army on January 1, 1888. The war department has found that any large

A Laugh or A Smile

By P. B.

Naturally So "But while you were breaking into the house what was the watchdog doing?" asked Holdip Henry of Burglar Bill. "Oh, he was watching."

Life wouldn't be worth living in Minnesota if they hadn't an Uncle Jim Hill to jump on now and then.

A New Orleans man killed himself because he lost all his money playing the races. This was a genuine, bona fide case of race suicide.

Now that France has what it calls an "automatic divorce law," that country ought to become as popular a resort for society as is Sioux Falls, S. D.

As small as Rhode Island is, it is having almost as much difficulty on the senatorship question as is Texas, the largest state in the union.

Connubial Bliss "Is Jiggerby wedded to his profession?" "No, but he'd like to be. His profession just now is making love to that Gotrox girl. She is worth a million."

The lowest bidder for the Panama canal contract is all right, but he will have to find a Roland for his Oliver.

It is asserted that periodicals of fiction will be denied second class mail rates, but when they get their lobby to work at Washington they may cause said assertion to look like fiction.

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Who Is Employing Fisher and Whalen?

We know who is supposed to be paying their salaries. There is an item on the payroll of the City of Chicago that covers funds given to these men in payment for work done.

According to the accepted theory of government Walter Fisher was retained as special counsel to defend the interests of the city against the traction companies.

It was well recognized that J. P. Morgan was able to obtain the best legal talent in the market. In order to meet him on something of an equality, Mayor Dunne secured Mr. Fisher as a special traction attorney.

Mr. Fisher went down to New York, out to Atlantic City and met the genial traction magnates and their attorneys. Then was the time when there should have been news of fierce discussion, of keen bargaining, of Homeric battles of brains. But the only sound that escaped from the parlors at Atlantic City was much more like the popping of champagne corks.

When Mr. Fisher returned the legal lion of Chicago's traction department was tamed. It was ready to eat out of the hand of the traction magnate.

Indeed, from that time to the present Mr. Fisher has apparently found himself upon the other side of the case. In discussions upon the traction question he is always located close to the elbow of Mr. Mitten, the street car President, and receives instructions from him.

Whenever he rushes into the arena with his faithful typewriter it is always to defend the interests of the street car company, never that of the city.

Now he even has the audacity to tell the voters of the city of Chicago that they have no right to even vote upon the adoption of the bargain which he has made with the traction companies. He is one of the most strenuous opponents of the referendum.

WHAT BUSINESS IS IT OF MR. FISHER'S WHETHER THE PEOPLE TAKE A REFERENDUM OR NOT?

WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE WOULD HAPPEN TO HIM IF HE WERE OPENLY EMPLOYED BY MR. MORGAN AND DARED TO TREAT THE TRACTION KING AS HE IS TREATING THOSE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PAYING HIS SALARY AT PRESENT?

How hard would he hit the pavement in front of Morgan's Wall Street offices?

Dr. Charles J. Whalen also draws a salary from the treasury of the city of Chicago. The theory upon which this salary is paid is that Dr. Whalen is protecting the health of the citizens of Chicago.

The greatest enemies of that health here, as in every other city, are the private interests who make profits by slow murder.

It is profitable to have tenements unsanitary, to sell adulterated and decayed food, etc. Therefore a health commissioner is hired, presumably to protect the people against the attacks of private greed.

But we find Dr. Whalen defending, excusing, shielding the milk companies which infect a city with scarlet fever. We find him suppressing the facts concerning the few condemnations of food by his bureau, lest private interests suffer,—and these the very little interests which he is supposed to be paid to make suffer.

In short, Whalen and Fisher seem today to be in the employ OF THE VERY PERSONS WHOM THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FIGHTING.

IS IT NOT ABOUT TIME THAT THE VOTERS OF CHICAGO DISCHARGED THESE MEN AND PUT IN OFFICIALS WHO CONSIDER PROFITS OF LESS IMPORTANCE THAN HUMAN LIFE?

To be sure of such men a party must stand behind them that does not consider the making of profits the supreme goal.

The only party that stands on that platform is the Socialist Party. CAN YOU FIND THE MORAL?

The New Dawn

SUNRISE IN LOWER NEW YORK. Down the grey streets they wind their listless way. The weary throngs whose souls are dead with toil. Sick with endless hours of pain and moil, Hating the dawn that brings another day; So long beneath its grim and iron sway Of greedy Commerce they have been the spoil Their aching bondage wakens no recoil, And hearts that once were fire are turned to clay. But lo, far up amid the sunrise beams, Climbing the solemn heaven blue and far, The city smoke is turned to golden dreams,— Pillars of fire, that touch at Heaven's bar; Lift up your hearts, ye dead and sullen stragglers! Even now the gates to freedom sverve a jar.

ESPERANTO

There are forty journals published exclusively in Esperanto. Many others have Esperanto columns and departments.

Many manufacturers are printing advertisements, circulars and catalogues in Esperanto. They can then circulate anywhere in the world with certainty of finding persons who can read them and competent translators to change them into the local tongue.

Think of a language, in which: The entire grammar can be printed on a postal card!

Every word is self-pronouncing and more than half are self-defining!

Every letter has one sound and every sound one letter!

All nouns end in the same form! All verbs have uniform endings and uniform conjugation!

All adjectives have a uniform ending! All derived adverbs have a uniform ending!

This simplicity of grammar, phonetic spelling, orthographic pronunciation and distinguishing forms of the parts of speech enable a person of even less than average intelligence to learn the language readily and correctly, and in fact many persons can master Esperanto who have never been able to write or speak their own language according to the grammar.

Put me down on your list of esperanto scholars. I have no education; know nothing about grammar. Be "kinder tuff" for me. J. BRON, Toledo, Ohio.

Not at all, comrade. You are just the sort of a man Socialism and Esperanto were made for. CLARA L. TUDSON.

A small number of people here, among them several Socialists, have for some time been talking of organizing an esperanto class, and your suggestion of a series of lessons in the Daily Socialist is a pleasing one to us. This world language idea is a grand one. Looking forward to the study, by the aid of your paper, I am, CLARA L. TUDSON.

Please put me down as favoring a course in esperanto, as per your copy of a day of two ago. Yours very truly, A. H. EYCHAUER, Omaha, Neb.

I see by the Socialist of the 22nd Inst. that you propose to run a series of lessons on esperanto. I am very glad to know that you have so decided. My wife and I are interested in the study of esperanto, and we shall be glad to get into communication with other students of the language. Also to see your series of lessons. I have been taking your weekly for about a year, but only last week commenced to take the daily. I am very well pleased with your start. Fraternally, A. W. BEACH, Sheldon, Iowa.

Your comment on esperanto in the Daily of Jan. 22nd, under the caption of "The New World Language," has interested me and another comrade here. I began prof. Esperanto in 1890, but I had not learned much spelling when I got into communication with other students of the language. Also to see your series of lessons. I have been taking your weekly for about a year, but only last week commenced to take the daily. I am very well pleased with your start. Fraternally, A. W. BEACH, Sheldon, Iowa.