

STEEL CO. GIVE IN TO WORKERS; WILL FIX WAGE SCALES SOON

Bosses Will Meet With Union Committees; Men Go Back to Work

TRIAL AGREEMENT MADE Men Hope for End of Abuses of Bribery and Corruption

The strike in the Standard Steel Car company, Hammond, Ind., is settled at least for the present, and the 1,500 strikers returned to work this morning. The agreement entered into between officers of the firm and the leaders of the workers is tentative, and the concessions asked for by the men are conceded by the company.

As the contract entered into is not in writing, the men will wait and see what the union crusher offspring of the big Pennsylvania trusts will do to live up to its promise. Following the tricky maneuvers of H. B. Douglas, manager of the plant, revealed last week, the workers are wary and will guard against other treacherous attacks.

The last votes on the proposition of returning to work were taken this morning at the headquarters of the organization in the Schuba hall, 725 Fields avenue. The men marched to work in a body, happy as an army returning from a victory.

Women who fought alongside of the men in the struggle which lasted two weeks followed the line of men from the hall to the shops in triumphal procession. They waved handkerchiefs, and clapped hands when the announcement came from the hall that the men would form in line to march to the shops.

Every man who struck was taken back, and no one of them will be discriminated against, it is said. The company agreed that the grievances against "back rent" would be redressed. No one will have to pay rent on company houses when not occupied by him. Bribery which had been extorted from the workers will be abolished, and all who try to maintain it will be summarily discharged from the services of the company. Grievances arising among the workers will be duly heard, and the working organization is recognized. There will be a raise in the wages of all the men working in the shops.

The agreement applies automatically to all the men that the company will employ. Plans are projected by the company to extend the shops for an additional force of 4,000 men. These say the union leaders will also be subject to the new terms. It is the hope of the workers to exact the terms of the agreement by virtue of the need for the men in the industry.

Officers of the Standard Steel Car company made their concessions late Saturday afternoon, after a long day of discussion with representatives of the workers. The concessions asked for by the workers had been outlined several days ago, when the company was informed of them. H. B. Douglas gave the leaders to understand on Friday that they would be acceptable to the firm, but repudiated the agreement the day after.

The question of recognizing the workers as a union was the stumbling block. Mayor Lawrence Becker of Hammond, who was instrumental in bringing about the settlement, asserted that the company would never accept it. It is well known to all who followed the history of the organization that its unionism is the greatest threat in its side. Mayor Becker has been in the executive position for six years, and knows the city thoroughly.

The company agreed to adjust the wages in a conference with a committee of the workers. The men were given to understand that a raise would be given for every department. The committee will consist of three men from the workers and three men representing the firm. If these will fail to agree on a scale, a seventh man will be selected by them. The majority vote of the final arbitration body will decide the scale finally.

Vote Began Saturday

Voting on the proposition to return to work on the rather indefinite agreement of the company was started Saturday afternoon. The men voted all afternoon and Sunday. Fifty riveters who were the first to go out on the strike refused to return until the firm definitely acknowledges the organization and accedes to an immediate increase in wages. The riveters are receiving \$2 a day and demanded \$2. Most of the others are paid 11 cents an hour. The demand was an increase of 10 to 20 per cent for these men. The riveters demanded that the company raise the 11 cent scale to 17 1/2 cents upon return of the men to the shops. They objected to an arbitration committee on the question, which they feared would protract the matter for months. All agreed to return this morning. Mayor Becker addressed the strikers Saturday afternoon. "The agreement offered you is the best that can be secured for the present," he said in part. "Go back to work. But don't count on

PINCHOT TAKES STAND TODAY AS TAFT WORRIES

President's Political Future Is Involved in Fate of Sec. Ballinger

TRIAL IS NOW GOING ON Glavis and Pinchot Tear Holes in Armor of Thieves' Defense

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—Louis R. Glavis will, it is expected, again be a central figure this afternoon when the congressional committee resumes its investigation of the facts in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. Glavis, in his testimony given at Saturday's session, made statements regarding Representative McClachlan of California and Kincaid of Nebraska, in connection with certain Alaska coal land claims, that those men, or their friends, will not permit to pass without challenge and questioning. It is expected that Glavis will be subjected to a steady fire of interrogatives when he resumes the stand.

Acted as Attorney

After being commissioner of the land office Mr. Ballinger, now secretary of the interior, acted as attorney for Kincaid, according to the testimony of Glavis. As to McClachlan, Glavis testified that Ballinger had suggested to him that the investigation against the California congressman be not pursued.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—The political future of President Taft hangs in the balance with the scales against him, because of his position in the Ballinger-Pinchot fight and the sensational disclosures made by Special Agent Glavis have placed the president in such a position that he has been either innocently or for the purpose of political policy the protector of powerful men who have plied the public domain. Taft, as well as Ballinger, is on trial. Glavis as a special agent is back on the government. He uncovered alleged frauds and he was removed from office, when Taft should have retained him. Pinchot with the confidence of people behind him stood up against the land thieves and Taft removed Pinchot and now Glavis has come back with proofs that call for the removal of Ballinger, whom Taft has defended.

Ballinger Directly Accused

The charges Glavis has made have been summarized:

1. Ballinger advised his clients in the Wilson Coal company case to defraud the government through perjury.
2. Ballinger, as commissioner of the land office, sought to help defraud the government by ordering the clear listing of the Cunningham claims upon an old report of Special Agent Love, who was prejudiced.
3. Ballinger acted improperly in accepting employment as counsel for the Cunningham claimants after retiring from the commissionership of the land office.

Behind Land Grab

4. Ballinger was behind the Pierce decision, which, if sustained, would have sent the Cunningham claims to patent, but which was overruled by the attorney general.
5. Ballinger was misleading in his published statements that he has had nothing to do with the Alaska claims since becoming secretary of the interior and in his declaration to President Taft in reference to his connection with the Alaska claims.
6. Ballinger asked Glavis to delay the examination of the Alaska claims that he might have a better chance to get campaign contributions.

The evidence presented consists of letters, of statements made to the government agents and of material of the general strength on which it is the custom of the government in other cases to prosecute.

Socialists Give Ball

Milwaukee, Feb. 1.—With floor and galleries of the great Hippodrome, the largest hall in the city, jammed to the limit and a happy, howling mob of several thousand outside trying to get in, the grand march of the Socialist masked ball was begun. The doors were open at seven, and a half hour later the streets were already packed with those who could not get in, while those within were congratulating themselves on coming early and getting into the rush.

A strong delegation from the Young People's Socialist League of Chicago was present, and its famous "Punkton band" carried off one of the group prizes.

The hall was held to raise funds for the spring campaign of the Social Democratic party and the sentiment of the hall was: "Milwaukee goes red this spring."

Urges the Jews to Heister

New York, Feb. 1.—"Distribute over the country, don't concentrate," is Jacob H. Schiff's advice to Jews, made public through the Young Men's Hebrew association of this city.

"It is true," continued the banker, "that this country yet has room and a profitable living for 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 more Jews, but we don't want them to settle where congestion will militate against their making a livelihood.

"We want to facilitate their going away from New York. In the west and the south there are boundless opportunities."

BIG TRENCH WILL HOLD MINE DEAD

Nameless, Rotted Bodies to Be Hauled Up From Cherry Mine

WIDOWS ARE IN FRENZY Slain Workmen Will Lie in Huge Grave Half a Mile Long

Cherry, Ill., Feb. 1.—With the prospect of the unearthing of the mine in view, the widows in Cherry are undergoing the torments of fiendish terror. Every one of them is drawing her heart strings tight, clinching her teeth to undergo the ordeal of the exhumation of bodies that is expected to take place following the unsealing of the shastly St. Paul mine. More than 300 coal miners have lain entombed in the hell pit, destroyed on Nov. 13, which brought death to more than 300 men.

The Burial Trench

Twenty grave diggers have been engaged to dig a ditch half a mile in length just behind the little village for the burial of the exhumed victims. The funeral will be the most mournful scene developed in the state since the Iroquois theater horror. The physicians and nurses have made all preparation for a strenuous week. The clergy are planning to make the ceremonies brief, that the ordeal might be gone through within the briefest time possible. The wailing and the grief of the mourners that for a time had subsided is recommencing with terror.

To avoid much of the greyness of the situation it has been suggested that the bodies be destroyed by chemicals in the mine galleries. This proposition, though unofficially made, has met with the most grim opposition from the widows, children and relatives of the dead workers. They insist that they be allowed to look once more on the forms of their beloved relatives, to give them Christian burial and to recover, if possible, some personal token of the deceased, such as a ring, a watch, or at least a pocket knife.

Under Fall of Snow

Snow storms and prairie winds have intensified the mood of Cherry to grimness. The village is desolate. The mine shaft about to give up the dead rises more ghastly than it did when the volumes of smoke were belching forth. This time it will give up entombed bodies, mutilated, limb torn from body, decapitated, with skulls crushed in, and decomposed beyond recognition.

The mine will be entered first by men protected with oxygen helmets. It will be explored to ascertain if the fire is not smoldering in any place. If the conditions prove favorable, the fan will be started to suck in fresh air. Any smoldering fire will have to be extinguished and 2,000,000 gallons of water pumped from the third level.

It is thought that scores of bodies are floating on this water in the bottom of the mine. More than 200 corpses are heaped in various parts of the second level. Many of them are entangled in debris of the ruined structure. The conditions will present no little trouble to the workers that will be sent down to explore the galleries and to plan the operation of exhuming the bodies.

What to do with the women that will besiege the mine when the shaft is unsealed is also one of the grave problems. The women, while awaiting the sad event stoically, are expected to become beyond control under the strain of grief. A number of special sheriffs will probably be impressed into service, to keep the grief stricken from serious dangers.

W. W. Taylor, manager of the St. Paul Mine company, does not offer much hope that the mine will be emptied of its dead before the end of the week, as such preliminary work must be performed. It is even possible that the fire might break out afresh and force the resealing of the mine for another long period. Tests made last week for fire and gases, however, indicated that the work of clearing the mine could go forward.

TALL SPENDER WITH ANCIENT NAME IS DYING A PAUPER

New Orleans, Feb. 1.—Three days ago Lewis Tewksbury of New York proposed to promote the building of a \$2,000,000 hotel in New Orleans. Today he lies in what is believed to be a dying condition as a charity patient in a local hospital. He fell from a boot-black stand here Friday and sustained a fracture of the skull.

It is said that Tewksbury had a meteoric financial career in New York, where he is reputed to have spent nearly \$200,000 in less than two months.

Americans Safe in Paris

Indianapolis, Feb. 1.—That Americans are safer in Paris than they would be if they attempted to leave the city, is the advice given by Consul General Mason in response to many inquiries received by him through the state department. In a cablegram received by the secretary of state, Mr. Mason suggests that Americans should remain in Paris until conditions become settled. He has found no instance in which any American has suffered seriously from the effects of the flood.

CONVENTION TO MOVE ON TOLEDO TO MEET BOSSES?

THEORY VS. PRACTICE



M'CANN GIVEN ONE TO 5 YEARS STATE'S PRISON

Police Inspector, Found Guilty of Graft, Hears Sentence From Judge

WILL MAKE AN APPEAL

Col. Lewis Plans Effort to Set Aside Finding of the Court

Inspector Edward McCann was sentenced by Judge Barnes to an indeterminate term of from one to five years in the penitentiary for accepting bribes from resort keepers in the Desplaines street police district, of which he formerly was commanding officer.

McCann, seated in his chair, heard the sentence without any show of emotion. Contrary to the usual form, Judge Barnes did not call him before the court, but passed sentence simply by saying:

"Motion in arrest of judgment is overruled. Let an indeterminate sentence of one to five years be entered."

McCann was taken into the custody of Deputy Sheriff Bissell immediately, who accompanied him and his attorney, Colonel James Hamilton Lewis, to the county building, where Judge Orrin N. Carter of Supreme court of Illinois was waiting by prearrangement to hear a motion for a certificate of reasonable doubt and the issuance of a writ of habeas corpus, permitting McCann his liberty on bond.

Lewis Tried Coup

Colonel Lewis sprang a surprise at the last moment when he made a motion before Judge Barnes to have McCann fined instead of sent to the penitentiary. The statute governing bribery prescribes a penitentiary term of one to five years, but the cities and villages act contains a provision for the alternative of a \$5,000 fine for bribery of an official of a city or village.

As the verdict of the jury failed to specify the punishment Colonel Lewis argued that the defendant should be given the minimum sentence, a fine rather than imprisonment. Judge Barnes did not agree with him and overruled the motion.

Sentence was then imposed and McCann and his attorney left the court with the deputy.

GENTRY GUILTY; IS SENT TO PEN

Pandering Proved Against Man; Other Charges to Follow Soon

Clarence Gentry of Memphis, Tenn., who induced sixteen year old Mildred Clark to come from Nashville, Tenn., to this city, and then put her in a house of ill fame at 2117 Armour avenue, known as Maude Wood's place, was sentenced to six months in the house of correction and fined \$300 and costs before Judge Goring of the Municipal court late Saturday.

The charge was pandering.

The prosecutors were Clifford Roe and James P. Harold, former assistant state's attorneys of Cook county. The grand jury now in session is expected to vote indictments against Gentry on the charge of inducing a girl under age from another state into this for immoral purposes.

Similar indictments are looked for against Maude Wood, the keeper of the resort on Armour avenue. If convicted the maximum penalty is five years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$5,000.

LEWIS' THEME IS 'AGE OF REASON'

A large and enthusiastic audience gathered at the Garrick yesterday morning to do honor to the memory of Thomas Paine. Lewis in his lecture told the story of his early life and the part he played in the American revolution. The "Age of Reason" was laid over for a special lecture to be delivered two weeks from next Sunday. The tickets for the Darrow-Lewis debate next Sunday are on sale at the box office of the theater every day and evening. Box seats 75 cents. Main floor and first balcony 50 cents. Second balcony, 25 cents.

Waging War on Steel Trust

New York, Feb. 1.—In a circular which is being sent out today from the national headquarters of several labor organizations the 5,000,000 members of labor unions and farmers' granges throughout the United States are formally asked by Samuel Gompers to be drilled near McCracken, Kan., this night. The engines, smoking car and chair car left the track. It is reported that the passengers and crew escaped with a shaking up.

STAY AWAY FROM LEAD, SAY MINERS

Socialists Join Fight Against Homestake Lockout and Warn Workers

HEARST IS TO BLAME?

"Labor Friend" Owns Mine Now Fighting Western Federation of Miners

Lead, S. D., Jan. 26th, 1910.

The lockout of the Homestake Mining Co. is still on in the Black Hills and men in search of employment should not come to this place. There are now some 2,500 former employes of this company who are standing out for the right to maintain their different labor organizations against the company's mandate, that hereafter the Homestake Mining company will not employ any union men. Do not be deceived by the company's agents, who are circulating in all parts of the country trying to induce men under misrepresentation to come to the Black Hills to work. Many of these men who have been deceived into coming here have returned to their homes.

THERE IS A FIGHT ON HERE BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOR. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

Fraternally yours,
J. E. BALLINGER,
National Committeeman Socialist Party of South Dakota.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED; ENGINE AND 2 CARS DERAILED

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 1.—Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 2 eastbound from Pueblo to St. Louis, was derailed near McCracken, Kan., this night. The engine, smoking car and chair car left the track. It is reported that the passengers and crew escaped with a shaking up.

Miners Consider Huge Demonstration to Force Wage Increase; Act Soon

MAY AID FREE SPEECH

Resolution to Help Workmen at Spokane Sent to Executive Board

BY J. L. ENDAHL
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Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 1.—Demands for a 15 per cent raise in wages are to be presented to the bituminous coal operators of the country by the scale committee of the United Mine Workers of America. This was practically the decision reached by the committee after an all-Sunday session at the English hotel, during which a wage scale for the ensuing two years, to be agreed upon with the mine owners, was up for discussion.

The report of the committee will be submitted to the convention some time today (Monday), as a special order of business. It is expected that the report will precipitate an enthusiastic discussion over the advanced cost in living which makes the wage increase at this time an absolute necessity.

Report on Explosives

In addition to the wage controversy the committee will also make its report on the question of the explosives forced upon the Pennsylvania miners by the government authorities and mine owners. The question of the entire convention going to Toledo, O., to attend the joint conference to be held with the operators opening Tuesday, will also be settled before the day is over.

That the scale committee has decided upon recommending a fifteen per cent raise in wages shows that it has followed closely the demand made by the rank and file of the miners, who are now trying to get along with the same wages they received four, six and eight years ago, while food prices during the time have gone up anywhere from 25 to 50 per cent.

Some of the members of the scale committee believe that the demands will be granted by the operators without any trouble. There are others, however, who believe that the operators will put up the most stubborn kind of a fight, and that a general strike will have to be declared before the matter is finally settled.

Operators Are Weak

"The weakness of the mine operators' position is shown in all of the statements made by them in the public press," said a member of the scale committee, who does not think that a strike is imminent. "With only one exception they declare that they cannot give us a raise at this time. By all the rules of diplomacy that means they are willing to give us some kind of a raise.

"If they really believed we were not entitled to a raise they would come out and advocate a reduction in wages in order to have at least something to give us on when presenting their case to us. I have no definite information, however, as to just what their proposition will be. The miners are out for a 15 per cent increase and they will not give in on the smallest particle thereof. The committee even decided going as high as 20 per cent, but we made the smaller demand with the intention of fighting for it until it is secured."

If the routine business of the convention is completed before the day is over the delegates from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa will make the trip to Toledo, the delegates from the southwest and the far west leaving for their homes. If the routine business is not completed they will go to Toledo.

Has 400 Resolutions

The convention is now in the midst of an effort to act adversely on the four hundred resolutions that have been submitted to it for consideration. Among the resolutions already passed is the one denouncing William Randolph Hearst for the stand taken with regard to the Homestake mine at Lead, S. D., owned by the Hearst interests. These resolutions have already been published in the Daily Socialist. In speaking on the resolution several delegates further referred to Hearst as a "character assassin" and a "political mountebank." President T. L. Lewis tried to have the resolution referred to the international executive committee, in order to give Hearst "one more chance" to square himself with organized labor. The convention wouldn't listen to Lewis' suggestion.

"I want action now, and I want it clean cut and direct from the delegates of this convention," said Adolph F. Germer, who introduced the resolution at the suggestion of President Charles H. Moyer of the Western Federation of Labor. "This man has been carrying on his political masquerading long enough. It is time we put him where he belongs."

The resolutions refer the matter to the executive board of the American Federation of Labor, asking it to send circulars to every labor organization in the country, notifying them of the action taken by the United Mine Workers.

Referred to Executive Board
Considerable discussion was aroused

WILTON LACKAYE AND FRAENCKEL

HAVE A DEBATE

Leading Man of "The Battle" and Socialist County Secretary Clash

The survival of the unfit versus the survival of the fittest was discussed by Wilton Lackaye, leading man of the "Battle," and G. T. Fraenckel, Cook county secretary of the Socialist party.

"The man who is a great scoundrel," said Mr. Fraenckel, "is often the man who controls the machinery of government."

DELAY ON LOOP BRINGS PERIL

Car on Metropolitan "L" Derailed; Many Workers Made Late; Protest

Several hundred persons bound downtown to work had a narrow escape from injury or death early this morning when a Metropolitan "L" train headed toward the loop jumped the track just east of the LaSalle street station.

Thousands Are Late Twenty-five thousand people due at 8 a. m. were forced to be fifteen minutes to half an hour late on account of the delay following the accident.

"No report has been received," it was said at the main office of the Metropolitan "L" road at 8:45 a. m., "but we understand that only the second car of one train went off the track and that nobody was injured."

Shake-Up on Madison Street Another lot of passengers received a bad scare when a West Madison street car at 8:45 this morning ran into a wagon belonging to the Arthur Dixon Transfer company at Madison and Franklin streets.

WORKMEN LOVE THE POOR RAILEGADS, ADVISES MELLEIN New Haven, Conn., Feb. 1.—Mutual co-operation and information as to the work of his company for its employees were the theme of a brief speech last night of President Mellein of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company at the union convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

8850 Least Living Cost in N. Y. New York, Feb. 1.—The lowest amount on which a family can live in slummiest New York is \$850 a year, according to the estimate of a special committee from the Federated Labor unions, which have been investigating the increased cost of living.

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Many have already answered the roll call. Others are on the way. And still others are preparing to join the forces, so that our purpose will be assured.

Some of you think we want to go too fast. Others think we are going too slow. YOU who read this and are not a member of this fighting crew—YOU are the one we ask to pitch in and give a lift, for "every little bit helps."

Denver, Colorado, subscribers who did not receive the issue of Jan. 21st, covering that part of the Pinkerton series disclosing the attack on Perry by a spotter, are herewith notified that the soft pedal act to suppress that issue has been discovered.

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SEIDEL TO RUN FOR MAYOR IN MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Man Who Almost Won in Cream City Election Is Ready Again

Emil Seidel has been chosen by referendum vote to head the Social Democratic party of Milwaukee, Wis., as its candidate for mayor for the second time.

The result was announced by Ald. Edmund T. Melms, county organizer.

The remainder of the city ticket is: Controller—Carl P. Dietz; Treasurer—Charles B. Whittall; City Attorney—Daniel W. Hoan.

Victor L. Berger heads the list of candidates for the office of alderman at large, with four of the remaining candidates known and two to be decided by the remainder of the count.

Berger Heads List The candidates for alderman at large in the order as they stand, are: Victor L. Berger, William A. Aldridge, Albert J. Welch, William Coleman, Joseph Sultaire, Carl D. Thompson, Martin Gorecki, Benjamin P. Churchill.

Among the candidates for supervisor is Frederick Heath, who recently resigned as member of the school board.

Candidates for Aldermen While candidates for the office of ward aldermen have been chosen in all wards they not announced Sunday night.

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COST OF LIVING PROBED TODAY

Congress Opens Quiz Into High Prices of Necessities; Partisans Fear

Washington, Feb. 1.—Congress commenced today to fight out the question whether it will have an investigation of the high cost of living.

It is the intention of both Senator Elkins of West Virginia and Senator McCumber of North Dakota to press to a decision their resolutions calling for such an investigation.

Senator McCumber is on the agricultural committee, which will meet tomorrow, while Senator Keen of New Jersey is carefully and solidly sitting upon the Elkins measure in the committee on contingent expenses.

So far as the congress is concerned the problem of high prices has now become one of politics rather than of economics.

To Clear Party Senator McCumber openly states that the purpose of his resolution is to take the blame for the exorbitant prices of the farmer, and further to show that the Aldrich-Payne tariff law is not responsible.

Senator Elkins also expects his investigation to clear the skirts of the party from any charge of responsibility, but his resolution has butted up against that other faction of the party which is unwilling to take chances on the results of an inquiry, namely, Senator Aldrich and his followers.

Paris Thanks Boston for Bay State Relief Boston, Feb. 1.—A cablegram was received from Paris today thanking Massachusetts people for 250,000 francs forwarded Saturday for the relief of the flood sufferers in Paris.

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ELEVATOR FALLS; HOTEL PANIC

Revere House Guests Terrorized as Elevator Falls to Basement

Four hundred guests were thrown into excitement and many rushed panic-stricken from their rooms when fire broke out in the Revere House, Illinois and Clark streets, today.

The fire started at the top of the elevator shaft, Clarence Rotterbach, the elevator boy, discovered the flames and after giving the alarm operated his car until the cable gave way.

Rotterbach had just taken a load of frightened women down from the top floor and all had made their exit to the lobby when a sheet of flame spurted up from the top of the elevator.

The crash of the falling elevator added to the excitement, as it was supposed by many that passengers were in it at the time, and a rumor that several had been killed was spread.

The fire is believed to have started from crossed electric wires. The majority of the guests belonged to the theatrical profession.

Justice of the Peace Futs Law "UP IN THE AIR" Cedar Grove, N. J., Feb. 1.—Justice of the Peace Kammelholtz believes he holds title to his property here from the center of the earth to the center of the solar system.

Hearing that a neighbor had built an aeroplane, the "squire" today posted this notice: "All aviators are hereby warned not to fly their machines over this property under penalty of imprisonment."

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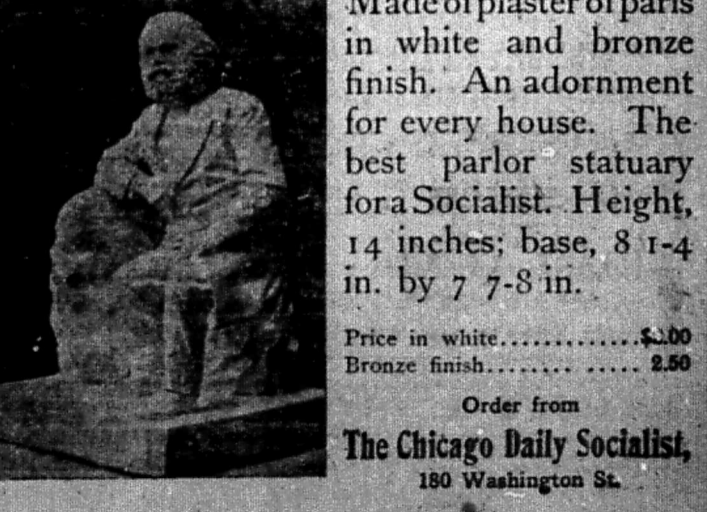
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On the Firing Line

BY MONORABIO. And now we have a dancing president, and the trusts furnish the music. Dr. Edward A. Spitzka, the noted brain specialist, is reported as saying that murder is right at times.

LABOR IN POLITICS

BY ROBERT HUNTER. I like to read the journals of the various Trade Unions, especially the correspondence. Here one has a chance to learn the views each month of thousands of thoughtful workmen.

OPEN FORUM

Where is the Socialist? Why did you publish Hunter's article, "How to Unite the Workers"? It looks to me like dropping a bomb in the midst of a crowd that had been in a wrangle and had let their passions cool.

The Conquest of Poverty

BY ROBERT W. BRUERE. I have a vivid recollection of my first lesson in Socialism, which still seems to me to offer a simple illustration of the Socialist theory and practice.

The Second-Class Postage Question

President Taft reads a lecture to the "muck-raking" magazines warning them to be good, while at the same time he holds the threat of increased postage over their heads. This is only one more straw of evidence to add to the ever-growing mass showing that this whole postage movement is but an effort to muzzle the only independent press left.

LONG RANGE WIRELESS

The Cunarder Caronia, in port recently from Liverpool and Queenstown, was equipped just before sailing from Liverpool with the finest and most powerful wireless apparatus ever put aboard ship.

WONDERFUL LAKE IS FOUND BY EXPLORER

Mr. Shelford of London has just concluded a journey he undertook in connection with the projected railway to be constructed from the Uganda railway to Lake Magadi. Referring to the wonderful lake, which is only reached after a long journey over an uninhabited and waterless country, Mr. Shelford gave the following details:

BOTH SIDES

BY JESSIE S. HAWTHORNE. He was a collector for X. I noted his helpless condition and asked: "Are you an old soldier?" "No," (I had won his confidence), "I am a railroad wreck. I lost my arm while working down in Indiana."