

Did You Hear the Great Passage

from Jack London which Lewis recited at the close of his lecture on "What Is Truth?" You will have a chance to hear it, or hear it again Sunday morning at the close of the lecture. Doors open 10:15; meeting begins 10:30. Don't miss this Sunday.

Subject: THOMAS PAINE'S AGE OF REASON



ARTHUR M. LEWIS

Woman's Day at the Garrick

Sunday, February 27th, will be Woman's Day at the Garrick Theater. The Socialist women of Chicago will take charge of the meeting, which will begin promptly at 10:30 A. M.; doors open 10:15. The meaning of the Socialist movement to women and the need of the ballot for the working woman will be the subjects of the lectures.

Miss Alice Henry of Australia and Mrs. May Wood-Simons will be the speakers. Resolutions on suffrage and the Socialist party will be read by Mrs. Lida Parce. Mrs. Joseph Schoeninger has consented to favor the audience with one of her splendid solos. One of the features of the meeting will be a violin solo by Mr. Einar Hendrichsen, who will be accompanied by Miss Emma Pischel. Mrs. Laura Dainty Pelham will preside as chairman of the meeting. The best literature for women will be on sale at the Garrick.



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Orders for six copies, at 25 cents, of the Darrow-Lewis debate, are piling up, and there is a fair chance of our getting enough to convince the Postoffice of our right to publish an edition of 20,000. Some are taking twelve copies at 50 cents, and these count rapidly. If fifty readers of this paper would take twenty-five copies at \$1.00, and order now, the task would be accomplished. It seemed at first as if we should need two hundred, but the 25-cent orders are so heavy that a hundred one-dollar orders and about that number of 50-cent orders will see us through. Everybody who heard the debate agrees that it will be a permanent classic. Order now. "The Evolutionist," 180 Washington street, Chicago. The following six come into the dollar club:

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Lee W. Lang, Muscatine, Ia.
M. L. Anderson, Los Angeles, Cal.

LABOR MEN IN LEGAL BUREAU

Corporation Formed by Boston Unionists to Handle Cases for Workers

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Boston, Mass., Feb. 19.—A number of men prominent in labor circles have formed an organization under the benevolent corporation law of Massachusetts, to be known as the Legal Protective Federation, to act in a legal capacity for labor unions and members of labor unions.

Henry Sterling, of the Boston Typographical union, is the president; Secretary Henry Abrahams, of the Boston Central Labor union, the secretary, and E. Homer Marks, of the Somerville Carpenters' union, treasurer. The board of trustees are James Duncan, of Quincy, first vice president of the American Federation of Labor; President Niel MacDonald, of the Lynn Building Trades; Secretary Thomas P. Curtin, of Boston Typographical union; William J. Shields, general organizer of the Carpenters; John O. Battis, E. Gerry Brown, of Brockton; John F. Kennedy, agent of the Boston Sheet Metal Workers' union; John Golden, of Fall River, national president of the United Textile Workers' union, and Messrs. Sterling, Abrahams and Marks.

The new organization is formed, it is stated, because of the necessity for co-operation of some kind on the part of the wage earners for better legal protection, better legislation and better economic as well as industrial conditions. The affairs of the new company will always be, its organizers state, "under the management and control of wage earners and their friends."

The purposes of the company, its officers state, are: "To assist members of labor, trade and industrial organizations or associations with better educational facilities concerning the laws of the commonwealth and their rights and duties under the same. To furnish legal, medical or other necessary aid to members of said organizations except aid involving insurance."

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To act as attorney or trustee for any and all such labor, trade, industrial, charitable or benevolent organizations, incorporated or voluntary, and to do everything required or necessary to carry out the intent of the incorporators to educate, assist, elevate and benefit the members of the before mentioned organizations in a lawful and

THE BUYERS' NEWS IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Spring season of 1910 begins on March 1. Every stylish person in Chicago is supposed to buy summer toggery for Easter. Easter this year comes two weeks earlier than last year, as it falls on Sunday, March 27. This is written for the purpose of information only. You need not buy any summer goods until July if you feel so inclined. All that you ARE urged to do through this article is—**PATRONIZE ADVERTISERS IN THE CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST WHEN YOU DO ANY BUYING AT ALL. WHEN YOU DO PATRONIZE AN ADVERTISER, BE SURE TO HAVE A PURCHASING BOOK WITH YOU. WRITE FOR A PURCHASING BOOK NOW. IT COSTS YOU NOTHING AND BRINGS YOU A PREMIUM. FOR EVERY \$20.00 YOU SPEND WITH AN ADVERTISER YOU GET 75 CENTS. BUT THE \$20.00 MUST BE IN THE PURCHASING BOOK. WRITE FOR ONE NOW. DAILY SOCIALIST, 180 E. WASHINGTON ST. THE BEST PLAN AND OFFER EVER MADE AS YET.**

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To Deepen Rock River
Rockford, Ill., Feb. 19.—Resolutions passed at the meeting of the Rock River Improvement association here will be sent to the United States senators from Illinois and Wisconsin and to four congressmen in each state whose districts are contiguous to Rock River territory. They are asked to use their influence in getting governmental aid for a survey of Rock River, giving especial

attention to the making of the river navigable to boats of light draught from Sterling to Janesville, Wis.; report upon making a reservoir of the Horicon marsh; report on the land along the river which may be reclaimed; water power and other benefits.

Isaham Randolph of Chicago suggested that the work be not delayed until such time as the federal aid is offered. He believed delay was being asked for solely that there might be a change in state administrations, so there would be new hands to handle the expenditures.

A resolution indorsing the deep water way bill now before the legislature was unanimously adopted.

Women Plan No-Tax League
Encouraged by the attitude of Miss Belle Squire, 4020 Perry street, who refused to pay a tax of \$5.41 because she had no voice in the government, Chicago women will start a "No Taxation Without Representation" society. A meeting will be held tomorrow in room 218, 52 Dearborn street. The announcement reads: "A new declaration of independence will be proclaimed. All women taxpayers should be present to learn of the wrong and injustice done a government by financial contributions from disfranchised citizens."

ASKS \$200 TO AID KNOWLES

National Office of Socialist Party Rallies to Miners' Friend

Immediate action to have the national executive committee of the Socialist party appropriate \$200 to aid the Lantern, the Socialist newspaper of Deadwood, S. D., fight the three libel suits which it now faces, because it espoused the cause of the locked out miners at Lead, has been taken by National Secretary J. Mahlon Barnes.

Asks for \$200.

The committee is asked to vote on the proposition of appropriating the \$200 and it is expected that the answers of the various members will have been received in a few days. The national executive committee offered to come to the aid of Freeman Knowles, editor of the Lantern, when he became the victim of the postal authorities on his return home from the national Socialist convention in May, 1908. At that time, however, the proffered aid was not needed. Editor Knowles has been a member of the national committee continuously since 1906 until the first of this year.

To Aid Miners

All that Editor Knowles asks Socialists to do in order to aid him fight the battle of the Western Federation of Miners in the Black Hills of South Dakota is to subscribe for the Lantern. The subscription price is \$1.50 a year. Address all mail to Freeman Knowles, Deadwood, S. D.

MARKETS

WINTER WHEAT—Futures, sales 1,500 bushels local and trans-Mississippi billing; No. 2 red, \$1.24-48 1/2-1-2; No. 2 hard, \$1.14-25 1/2-1-2.
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CORN—Standard, sales 100,000 bu. local and trans-Mississippi billing; No. 2 yellow, \$1.14-15 1/2-1-2; No. 2 white, \$1.13-14 1/2-1-2; No. 1 yellow, \$1.15-16 1/2-1-2; No. 1 white, \$1.14-15 1/2-1-2.
OATS—Up 1-4c. Sales 85,000 bu. Standard in store closed at 48 1/4-48 1/2-1-2. Sales local and trans-Mississippi billing; No. 2 white, \$1.00; standard, \$1.01-48 1/2-1-2; No. 2 white, \$1.02-48 1/2-1-2.
CATTLE—Supply of 5,000 cattle met an active packer and shipping demand and prices were firm to 10c higher than Wednesday. The top carried few lots of strictly good steers, best at hand making \$7.10, but all grades showed the price appreciation, demand being relatively firm; for medium to good, killers selling at \$5.50-6.40.
HOGS—Another new top of \$9.45 was established in the hog market, being highest point since 1907, when \$10 was reached. In 1905 sales were made as high as \$12.25. Prices advanced 10c, the general average at \$9.24 standing 7/8c higher than Wednesday, 5/8c higher than a week ago, and 1/2c higher than last week. About three weeks ago.
SHEEP—There was a light run at sheep and lambs, and offerings were quickly bought up. Bulk of sheep showed 10c ad-

vanca, while most lambs showed 10c to 15c gain, with some transactions 25c higher. Compared with last Friday sheep were up 25c to 50c, while yearlings gained 10c to 25c and lambs looked 10c to 15c higher.
PRODUCE—Egg prices gained another 1c per dozen Thursday, extras selling at 18 1/2c per dozen. Dealers reported a good all-around demand. Receipts were 5,122 cases, against 11,212 cases the same day last year. The rest of the list was unchanged.
POULTRY—Live, per lb: Turkeys, 16c; geese, 14 1/2c; chickens, 10 1/2c; spring chickens, 10 1/2c; ducks, 10c; geese, 20c to 25c.
DAIRY PRODUCTS—Eggs, fresh gathered, extras, 58 1/2c; prime flats, at mark, cases included, 55c; butter, extra creamery, 28c.
METAL MARKETS.
New York, Feb. 19.—Standard copper, spot and all deliveries up to end of May, \$12.87 1/2-29 1/2; in London, spot, 95 pounds; futures, 50 pounds 11s 4d; locally, lake copper, \$13.63 1/2-13.87 1/2; electrolytic, \$13.37 1/2-13.67 1/2; casting, \$12.12 1/2-20 1/2-1-2.
Tin—Spot, \$1.25-22.50; February, \$22.50-23.50; March, \$22.50-23.50; April, \$22.50-23.50; May, \$22.50-23.50; in London, spot, 125 pounds 18s; futures, 125 pounds 18s.
Rubber—Spot, \$1.40-4.40; New York, and 4.20-4.40 in East St. Louis; in London, 12 pounds 5s.
Spices—Spot, \$1.40-2.55 in New York and \$1.50-2.50 in East St. Louis; in London, 25 pounds 2s.



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BUDGET TANGLE AT CRISIS NOW

Laborites and Liberals Reach Serious Clash and Irish Members Oppose

London, Feb. 19.—Latest developments in the British election situation point to the probability of another general election within three months.

More Friction Negotiations between the government and the Irish Nationalists are in an unpropitious state as the situation between the laborites and the liberals.

To Smooth Matters It is expected that the government will do the utmost to prevent complications in the situation.

Iceberg Sinks Steel Steamer Juneau, Alaska, Feb. 19.—The steel steamship Yucatan of the Alaska Steamship company, bound from Valdez to Seattle with 65 passengers, struck an iceberg in icy strait and sank eight minutes later in six fathoms of water.

POWDER BLAST KILLS ONE, MAIMS MANY; "FIREBUG?"

Death to one person, injury to four—ten others and twelve families made homeless through the partial demolition of three buildings was the harvest of an explosion of twenty pounds of flashlight powder yesterday afternoon in the storeroom of James H. Smith & Sons, photographic supply factory, 725 East Thirty-ninth street.

The force of the detonation shattered glass in windows within a radius of four blocks, throwing to the ground passers by and occupants of twelve flats in adjoining buildings.

SOCIALISTS ACT IN WISCONSIN

The Milwaukee Socialists will hold their platform convention February 23 at Exhibition hall. The city and ward tickets of the Social Democratic party have already been chosen by referendum vote of the party membership.

A non-partisan, anti-high-price mass meeting was called for February 15 by the Milwaukee Federated Trades Council. Among the speakers who addressed the meeting were A. M. Simons, editor of the Chicago Daily Socialist, and Mother Jones.

Hamilton, O., Feb. 18.—The Hamilton Gas and Electric Light company has cut the price for artificial gas to 30 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, meeting the city's price for natural gas now being furnished by the Ohio Fuel Supply company.

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MURDER BRINGS "VAG" ARRESTS

Futile Police Search for Wiltshire Slayer Brings War on Homeless

The Wiltshire murder has resulted in an effort on the part of the police to rid the district of men who are unable to give a good account of themselves.

Among them were several former convicts. They have no occupation, and the police say they must go to work or go to the hollidwell as vagrants.

Inspector Healy today put on citizens' clothes, resolved to be his own detective, instead of depending on his subordinates, and went out to solve the mystery of the murder of Wiltshire.

Inspector Healy is not satisfied with the work of his detectives, who have failed after a week of effort to shed any real light on the case, and resolved to go to work himself on some clues which he had obtained personally.

Inspector Healy was one of the best detectives in Chicago when he worked in plain clothes out of the Desplaines street station, and with his partner, Detective Larkin, now at lieutenant, once made the unique record of arresting more men than the entire force of the detective bureau in the same space of time.

This has been a week of mystery in the Wiltshire case. Clew after clew has failed. Suspect after suspect has proved that he has no connection with the actual murder. Day after day has gone by, and still the mystery is unsolved and still the murderer is at large.

HOG PRICE NOW REACHES CLIMAX

Hog prices yesterday increased their gain over figures prevailing since the days of the civil war and sold up to \$3.40-5 cents higher than in 1882. The average cost during the day was \$3.24. It was \$3.11 on Wednesday, when packers said they paid higher for supplies than at any time since 1865.

U. S. JOINS IN GAMBLING WAR

Federal officers came to the assistance of the police yesterday in Chicago campaign against race track gambling and arrested the head of an alleged fake turf information bureau.

Walter A. Woolf of New York, the man under arrest, is believed to be the manager of a syndicate which operates in a number of cities and has defrauded persons in all parts of the country out of thousands of dollars.

Gen. James E. Stuart, chief postoffice inspector, believes that Woolf is only one of a number of men concerned in the alleged swindle, and his opinion was strengthened when Postmaster Campbell received two identical telegrams during the day to forward mail received for Woolf at two hotels in Chicago to New York addresses. The telegrams were each signed by a different name, those under which Woolf registered here.

Woolf declared that he knew nothing about any one else being concerned in his scheme, and called the telegrams part of a "frame-up" by some one. Woolf came to Chicago less than a week ago and rented rooms at the La Salle, the Great Northern and the Wellington hotels. By offering "sure things" it is known he has received several hundred dollars since his arrival in the city.

\$250,000 "OVERLOOKED BY THE HOCKING POOL STOCK PIRATES" New York, Feb. 19.—There were intimations of bad faith among members of the pool, regrets for a "moment of weakness" in which profits of \$250,000 were overlooked, and many courtesies, but little information, from James R. Keene, yesterday, when he took the stand again to explain his management of the collapsed Columbus and Hocking pool.

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Work Progresses for Selection of One Day for All Contracts Efforts to establish a wage scale day are to be made in earnest immediately with the opening of the wage question between the employers and employees in numerous trades.

PACKERS DENY BEEF TRUST

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 19. Competition rather than combination or agreement among packers fixes the prices of meats, according to testimony of the packing company officials before Special Examiner Dillon here today in the investigation of the methods of the nine companies doing business in Missouri.

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but the time clause in the contract is objected to by the men, and as a result the agreement probably will be voted down.

Padena Pulpit for Hills Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 19.—Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of the Plymouth church in Brooklyn, will be extended a call to the Pasadena Presbyterian pulpit vacated by Rev. Malcolm J. McLeod, who has taken the pulpit of the Collegiate Reform Presbyterian church of New York.

Roofers have taken action to set more money. A notice was sent to the employers asking for a wage conference. No scale was formulated. The present one is 65 cents an hour for foremen and 55 cents for journeymen. The union has about 200 members.

May Reject Offer An increase in pay has been offered to members of the Independent Stone Cutters' union. The joint arbitration board of the union and the employers raised the scale from \$4.50 a day to \$5 on the basis of a two years' agreement.

packing department of Swift & Co., were the three witnesses examined. Mr. Swift said that Swift & Co. of Illinois has stock in the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger company, and also owns, through the estate of G. F. Swift, \$1,000,000 in the stock of the National Packing company of New Jersey.

Mr. Armour declared the Armour company had no financial interest in the National Packing company of New Jersey. He denied having any knowledge of its business except as a competitor.

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OPEN FORUM

"Must Civilization Mean Heartless Selfishness and Race Deterioration?"

The above question, with comment on Commander Peary's view of the Eskimos, by Milla Tupper Maynard in the Daily Socialist (Feb. 2), demands serious consideration...

No one could reasonably object to the conclusion of our gifted comrade that civilization on the basis of Socialism would be a blessing and not a curse to the Eskimos...

It always happens that the commercialism of "civilization" follows in the wake, like the upas tree, blighting everything with its deadly influence...

The teachings of Jesus first found a home in the trades unions, where, obedient to the Master, the apostles followed the course outlined in his sermon to the poor oppressed working class in Nazareth...

What Is Co-Operation? A profound interest is taken by Socialists everywhere...

Two years ago it was decided at the Stuttgart international congress that Socialists everywhere should not cooperate with organizations of non-Socialists...

In Finland again we are told the attainment of woman suffrage was due entirely to the Socialist party working independently of the national party...

RED RILEY

BY NATHAN BARLOW.

Red Riley was a scrapper, with a vengeance. From the earliest hours of his ill-nurtured, abandoned childhood...

Red was a scrapper, and as unquestionably as he did most things, he took to pugilism. Her sister, now graduated to a cheap picture hat...

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In spite of the fact that the Socialist men of Germany know that under present capitalist conditions, even their complete political freedom, does not guarantee them economic freedom...

It is a good thought for Socialist women to have in mind just now, admire it in the distance, hoping that some miraculous chariot of fire will transport him to his goal...

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THE PASSING OF A VETERAN

BY JOHN SPARGO.

There died in London the other day a Socialist whose name must always hold an honored place in the annals of the Socialist movement. He was a veteran in the fight before most of us were born. The name of this veteran was Frederick Lesser. Born on February 27, 1825, he was almost eighty-five years of age when he died. For the past two or three years he had been quite blind and very deaf, but he retained his mental vigor and alertness almost to the very last. More than that, he retained all his youthful enthusiasm and buoyancy of spirit.

kindly interest his old comrade in arms. I think I shall never forget the delightful humor with which old Lesser would tell of the days when he was at Cologne, at Mannheim and Engels. Lesser was then living under an assumed name, "Carstens," I think, and, being a tailor, was appointed by Engels to be master of the editorial wardrobe. It was no easy task, either, to keep the clothes of the poor editors from falling to pieces!

In his prime, Lesser was a great orator. He was what I should call a splendid mob orator, using that term in no derogatory sense. His eyes flashed fire and his strong, sonorous voice could be heard at a great distance. In the days of the International, Lesser on many occasions overwhelmed and discomfited the supporters of Bakunin by sheer force of oratory.

STUDY COURSE IN SOCIALISM

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LESSON XVI.—THE SOCIALIST PROGRAM: 1. INDUSTRIAL REFORMS. Socialism and Reform.—It is a mistake to say that the Socialist party is opposed to reform. On the contrary, wherever it acquires any considerable influence, it is the most energetic advocate of reform measures. The mistake arises from the fact that it necessarily opposes much that goes under the name of reform and that it refuses to abandon its revolutionary aim, will not fuse with or give way to parties which are merely parties of reform, without any far-reaching purpose or without any special devotion to the working class.

The Break-up of the Parties

Upon one thing all the politicians are now agreed. Whether Democrats or Republicans, "insurgents" or "regulars," all are willingly or unwillingly admitting that the party lines of capitalism are being broken and twisted at every point. The small capitalists of the middle west are refusing meekly to follow the lead of the great trusts. The invasion of the south by capitalism has made that section the natural ally of the powerful capitalists rather than of the little middle class exploiters who have followed Bryan.

Tercentenary of Discovery of the Telescope

There is in the January number of the Edinburgh Review an article on the discovery of the telescope, from which we learn that "a perfectly clear account of the principle of the telescope was given by Roger Bacon, but there is nothing to show or suggest that he ever made an instrument. It is fully evident, from the account of his son, that Leonard Digges, a gentleman of Oxfordshire, made a telescope, which amused his friends, as a piece of parlor magic. And in the beginning of the seventeenth century three Dutchmen, probably independently, hit upon the combination of two lenses that brought the church steeple apparently nearer. Nothing is more probable than that several or many persons turned their optic tubes to the sky before Galileo had heard the report of the invention; but nothing is more certain than that we attribute to Galileo rightly the real discovery of the telescope's power, and that the discovery was made precisely 300 years ago."

WHAT SOCIALISTS HAVE DONE

BY ROBERT HUNTER

Sometime ago in speaking of what Socialists had accomplished I said that the slums of Germany had been practically abolished. That statement seems so incredible to many persons that it has since been several times questioned. I find now excellent support for my statement from an unexpected source. In the last number of the American Federationist Mr. Samuel Gompers has written a note to say upon "Municipal Betterment" in Europe.

through ever deepening poverty would be to reject an experimental appeal to the slums of Germany. The appeal is made in city after city in Germany. "The marked improvement in municipal management in Germany counts for something to the wage workers as a class. Cleaning up has gone on to the point of keeping highways, parks and other out-of-door public possessions permanently in good order.

THE INTERESTS OF LABOR—THESE ARE THE TASKS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

While the camp of the exploiters is rent with dissension the army of Socialism grows constantly larger. The only hope of a reorganization of the capitalist parties lies in further division of the forces of labor. If some issue can be found or created that will wear the mask of Socialism, while covering the substance of capitalism, then it will be possible to reorganize political parties on the old basis of divide labor and rule and ro it. At present it is hoped that the Bryan Democrats, the insurgent Republicans and the misled but discontented members of organized labor, may be formed into an alliance that shall hold out the form of radicalism while preserving the basis of capitalism.

SWISS NATIONAL PARK

Some particulars have been published of a project for the reformation of a Swiss national park, on the lines of the American Yellowstone park. In the Lower Engadine for the protection and preservation of the flora and fauna of the country. The center chosen, where the Swiss, Tyrolean and Italian frontiers meet, is at present unspoiled and unfrequented. The peaks overlooking the Nuna, Quaternale, Lischanna and Neill—are only mentioned in the smallest type in the guidebooks.

An Appreciation of M. W. Wilkins

BY W. H. M'FALL

Will you kindly give space to print the following tribute to the memory of M. W. Wilkins, national organizer, reviewing briefly his life and his active, zealous career as editor, lecturer and organizer; for I feel—as, no doubt, many other comrades feel—that in the recent death of Comrade Wilkins (formerly of California, and recently of Waverly, Mass.) the Socialist party has lost one of its ablest organizers, and most powerful and eloquent speakers.

But no misfortune could abate his zeal for the people's cause. For a time he was in the work of lecturing and organizing for the Populists of Kansas; a little later he moved to California, and there edited a Populist paper called the "Frisco Spectator." Still later he edited a Populist paper in San Jose, Cal., until the election of 1896, when the Populist party fused with the Democrats. This fusion was vigorously opposed by Mr. Wilkins, and when defeated he became a "Middle of the Roader." But very soon he affiliated himself with the Socialist party, for which he worked earnestly both with tongue and with pen.

Proves Too Much

The attempt of Charles H. Weiss, member of the house of representatives from Wisconsin, to prove that the retailer is in no way to blame for present high prices proves too much. He instances the fact that out of 13,400 failures in 1909, 12,300 were listed at less than \$5,000 in Bradstreet's.

TOTAL INDIFFERENCE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD

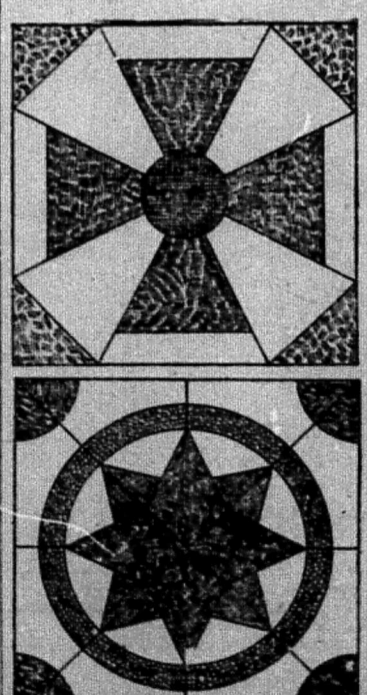
Total indifference of the safety of the miners, willful neglect of safety appliances and criminally negligent operation of the Cherry mine, in which the great disaster occurred last November, is charged against the St. Paul Coal company by Frank A. Rockhold in his report prepared for the Austro-Hungarian and Russian consulates. Mr. Rockhold, as representative of these European powers, made an investigation into the disaster independent of other officials interested in placing the blame for the loss of life of more than 250 miners, and has outlined a series of violations that will not fall to convince any court of the brutal lust for gold which the mine company displayed in its operation of the destroyed mine. Mr. Rockhold mentions seven specific counts against the corporations in presenting his report.—Cleveland Citizen.

THOSE PESKY LADDERS

A farmer was driving in Elk street a few days ago. Coming close behind him was a fire engine. "Look out for the fire department!" shouted a man on the curb. The farmer pulled in close to the curb, and after the engine had passed started toward the middle of the street again. Then a hook and ladder crew whizzed by and took off one of the rear wheels of his wagon. "I told you to look out," said the man at the curb. "I know you did," said the farmer, "and I did look out, but look at what those painters with the wagon load of ladders did to my rig!"

SELF TRANSFERABLE EMBROIDERY DESIGNS

Directions for using: Place pattern face downward on the material and press with a hot iron, being careful that the material to be stamped is laid on a smooth surface and is free from all wrinkles.



P.C. Transfer Pattern No. 2186. The patchwork quilt designs are each eight inches square and are intended for calico, muslin, or silk quilts. Transfer the design to suit known paper and red the design on the patterns by cutting the design. Remember to allow a seam all around the design.

GETS \$12 A WEEK; IS SUSPECTED OF EXTRAVAGANCE

Apparently suspecting him of extravagance on wages of \$12 a week, Judge Chadsey of Rochester, N. Y., in the police court recently, scored George Page, 64 Barnum street, when he was arraigned on a charge of not sending his nine year old daughter, Elsie, to school, and ordered an investigation by the poor department. Meantime the case stands adjourned on the police court docket, in which view the police department has sent this girl to school because she has no shoes and I have no money to buy them," said Page. "What wages do you get?" inquired the judge. "I get \$12 a week," replied Page. "What do you do with all your money?" inquired the police magistrate. "I give every cent I get to my wife and I have only 25 cents a day for myself," said Page. The defendant was about to be cut off without making further remarks, when he asked permission to explain. He said he had six children and that the oldest was 17 years old. This child is a girl and she works for \$2 or \$3 a week. With this money she clothes herself and is helping pay for a stove. "We don't care anything about your family troubles," interposed Judge Chadsey. "But I want to tell you," continued Page, as he commented further on the way he spent his money. He said he tried not to be extravagant and the gist of his explanation was such as to offer a nice case for investigation on the part of people who are looking into the high cost of living. On wages of \$12 a week it is not difficult to imagine what becomes of all of Page's money. He probably pays as much as \$3 a week rent. He has six children and some of his money goes to clothe them. His wife and himself also wear wearing apparel. He has to pay for light and coal, and when these necessities are provided there came the problem of food for a family of eight and a doctor bill which Page declared

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THE TALE OF A DOG

The state legislature had passed a law requiring the instruction of school children regarding the humane treatment of animals. The order to begin such instruction had just been issued by the county superintendent of schools and had reached the teacher of District No. 4. She had decided to begin with the dog and had formulated a set of questions which she intended to put to the pupils. "Our lesson will be about dogs," she told the class the next morning. "Now, who can tell what sort of clothing the dog wears?" "Pants," promptly responded a young hopeful in the front row. "No more nonsense," the teacher commanded. "Do dogs have hair?" The class members looked at the teacher in amazement. "Come, now," she said. "I want to see what you know about dogs."