

2,000 MISSING IN FOREST FIRES; 50 SEALED IN MINE

Disasters Take Heavy Toll in Minnesota and Colorado; 50 Victims Aided; Seek Miners

Disaster has taken a heavy toll. Two thousand are missing in forest fires which have devastated the towns of Beaudette, Pitt and Spooner, Minnesota. Fifty miners, facing almost certain death, are entombed in the mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, near Trinidad, Colo.

BULLETIN
Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 10.—A new fund of \$2,000 is to be subscribed immediately by representative business men of the twin cities for the temporary relief of those who have suffered from the forest fires in the northern part of the state. The money will be distributed through the Red Cross society.

Rainy River, Ont., Oct. 10.—With the forest fires still raging north of the towns of Beaudette, Spooner and Pitt, sixty charred corpses recovered, known dead, and 75 persons known to have perished, while 2,000 others are missing, urgent calls for aid were sent out from here today in hopes of getting the blazing forests under control. The total number of dead as a result of the destruction of the three towns so far leveled is estimated today at from 200 to 500. Of the 2,000 still missing, the majority are believed to have taken refuge in the many small villages in this section, but it is admitted many must have perished.

Today the towns of Warroad, Minn., and Sprague, Manitoba, are threatened. Both towns are directly in the path of the flames and at an early hour today the fires were within seven miles of Sprague and twenty miles of Warroad.

Face Peril
The refugees from Beaudette and Spooner rushed to these two towns, and many having been subjected to extreme exposures and hardships will not be able to flee further, if the flames cut off from the towns, and being unable to reach the railroads, it is feared, have perished.

The authorities say today the conflagration today bids fair to result in the greatest disaster since the fires at Hixkley, Minn., in 1884. Railroad and wire communication are cut off to the west of Rainy and between this point and Warroad, by a wide stretch of burning forest. Two special trains passed through the fires last night, but only at the greatest peril, and no attempt will be made to run trains today. The Canadian and Northern is open to the south and east, however, and relief trains are being sent from Fort Williams.

Crews Are Brave
The train crews have shown the greatest bravery in attempting to rush all of the stricken people to safety and the death toll would have been enormous had it not been for their efforts.

Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 10.—Hope that any of the more than fifty miners who were entombed alive in the big Starkville mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company are still alive was abandoned today, when rescuers working in the main tunnel after 35 hours' steady work, expressed the belief that it would be impossible to reach the point of entombment for several days.

The coroner of Las Animas county today took possession of a small machine shop near the entrance to the mine and spread gunnysacking on the greasy floor and prepared tubs and tables for the reception of half a hundred corpses.

Fight Inch by Inch
Driven back repeatedly by the deadly air damp, the surviving miners who have been working almost constantly since the explosion which closed the mine Saturday night, are fighting their way inch by inch toward the entombed mine. Little headway has been made, owing to the peril in which the rescuers are compelled to work at all times. Many rescuers have been overcome by deadly gases which are beginning to fill the mine rapidly, and some of these were resuscitated with difficulty.

The miners' cottages were scenes of tragedy last night. One Italian mother whose husband is among the victims, gathered her brood of eight children about her and bade them kneel in prayer, planning to kill them as they knelt to free them from the hardships of the fatherless. Friends interfered and prevented the tragedy.

Most Are Married
Most of the entombed men—even now counted as dead by their comrades—were married. Many had large families and a movement was started today by their surviving comrades to make provision for the families.

The mining company today gave out a list of miners who are missing and are believed to be dead. Six are Americans, one a negro and the remainder Mexicans, Poles and Italians.

A Mile-Thick Wall
At the point where the explosion occurred the tunnel has caved in for nearly 2,000 feet, leaving a solid wall of earth and rock nearly a mile long, through which the rescuers must penetrate. The first fan from the entrance was located in the main tunnel, about two miles from the opening of the shaft and the second fan was located at the first haulage way crossing the main tunnel. Both of these interior fans were wrecked by the explosion, rendering it imperative that new fans be installed before rescuers can make much headway.

TREE DIES SUDDENLY
Lambert Tree, leading Chicago citizen, former judge and diplomat, publicist and millionaire, died suddenly yesterday afternoon in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York from heart disease. He was 33 years of age.

20,000 NECK-TIE WORKERS GO ON STRIKE

New York Sees Another Big Struggle in the Sweated Trade

New York, Oct. 10.—The fight of 19-year-old Mollie Hamer for sanitary working conditions in the necktie factories of New York culminated today in a strike of 20,000 women and girls employed in that industry.

Girl Discharged
Two months ago Miss Hamer demanded of her employer that working conditions be bettered. She was at once discharged.

With the assistance of a number of friends she then started to organize the necktie workers and succeeded so well that nearly all are now members of the union, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The strike was begun today following a series of conferences between officials of the union, the American Federation of Labor and the employers.

Workers Demand
The workers demand an increase of \$3 a week for cutters, proportionate increases to all other workers, substitution of electric power for the system of foot-run machines and a general improvement of working conditions.

More than 2,000 men and women neckwear makers gathered in Cooper Union auditorium to listen to speakers who discussed the practicability of calling a strike and to conditions of the trade.

Gus Levin, of the Cutters' union, presided. Speeches were made by William Karlin, candidate for assembly in the Eighth district, of the Socialist ticket; Max Pine, Hugh Frayne, organizer for the American Federation of Labor; Jacob Panken, candidate for Supreme Court justice of the Socialist party; Leonora O'Reilly, of the Women's Trade Union league, and A. Miller, organizer of the Neckwear Makers' union.

Every soul present seemed to be enthusiastic and for a strike.

Every time the word "strike" was mentioned it provoked applause and cheers.

Hugh Frayne appealed to those who were not members of the union to join the organization and help themselves to better the conditions under which they work. He said that the American Federation of Labor has sanctioned the strike, and that it would support the unions in their demands for a living wage and better working conditions.

COAL TRUST NOW CINCHES SCHOOL FUEL CONTRACT

Vice President Peabody of the City Fuel company and head of the Peabody Coal company, to which the Buse Co. company was "sold," visited the subcommittee of the Chicago Board of Education and recommended that only such coal bidders be considered as had a yard in each school district and, therefore, had ample facilities to store coal.

Following the advice the committee drafted contracts for coal, wherein the following clause appears:
"Contracts for bituminous coal will be awarded only to bidders who maintain a coal yard within the district as in the adjoining district to that bid upon. Bidders will be expected to show that they have ample facilities for storage and the handling of coal."

The amount of coal to be bought runs over 100,000 tons, and in whose hands this clause places the business may be seen from the following from the report of the Chicago Bureau of Public Efficiency:
"The bureau believes that faithful performance of contracts is guaranteed by the bond which successful bidders are required to furnish the board. Upon investigation the bureau finds that the City Fuel company maintains a coal yard in each of the eight out of the ten districts and has yards contiguous to the other two districts."

POOL FOR MISS GOULD
New York, Oct. 10.—Miss Helen M. Gould is to have a private swimming pool at her country seat near Tarrytown, and it will cost \$60,000.

MILWAUKEE FUNDS ARE CONSERVED

Socialists Give Lie to the Charge That They Waste City Money

ROSE PROVED EXPENSIVE

\$22,000 in Each Month Is Saved by the Seidel Administration

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REPUBLIC FOR LATIN PLANNED

Spain and Portugal to Be Joined Into One Is Plot

(United Press Cable.)
Hendaye, France, Oct. 10.—An immediate uprising in Spain, having for its purpose a union of Portugal and Spain into a great Latin republic, is being fostered by the Spanish republicans.

Arms Smuggled In
Despite the vigilant and repressive methods of the Spanish government, the revolutionists are smuggling large quantities of arms and ammunition across the frontier and it is declared they have well filled arsenals in every section of the city, ready to distribute arms when the uprising begins.

The leaders are appealing to the Spanish people, by circulars pasted on dead walls and delivered surreptitiously to rise immediately in armed revolt, the success of the Portuguese revolutionists being cited to them as proof that they, too, can overthrow a crown.

Can't Suppress Revolt
The government is fully aware of the plans of the revolutionists, but is powerless to suppress the movement, owing to its widespread scope, and the fact that a vast majority of the people, secretly at least, sympathize with the republicans.

Couriers arriving from various parts of Spain, admit that an outbreak is imminent, though no one seems willing to forecast an opinion as to its outcome. It is conceded that the success of the revolt in Portugal has inspired the republicans with a great measure of confidence, and won thousands of wavering ones to the cause.

The calling to the colors of the First Army Reserves on various pretexts shows the anxiety the Spanish ministry feels. The republicans jubilantly declared that the placing of the reserves in the field is an admission of weakness on the part of Alfonso's government. It will be much harder to topple down the house of Alfonso than it was to hurl Manuel off a throne, but as in Manuel's case the loyalty of the army is a doubtful asset, for save in the case of the highest officers there is not telling how far the seeds of disension have taken root.

Army Disaffected
The republican chieftains assert with some show of confidence that when the revolt actually begins, the army can be counted upon to turn traitor to Alfonso and side with the rebels.

POLICE "KINDERGARTEN" OPEN
Thirty-five recruits for the police force have been summoned to the city hall to be sworn in this morning and will report tomorrow to the department's school of instruction, which will be opened officially in the afternoon.

The usual instruction to the recruits at the time they are given the oath and furnished with the stars, clubs, belts, whistles and keys, will be omitted at the city hall.

At the end of two weeks this group of recruits will be sufficiently advanced to permit the entrance of a second group, and Chief Steward will send another requisition to the civil service commission.

The national executive committee of the Socialist party for California, who are now in Los Angeles, has been notified of the plans of the national office and will co-operate with it.

As the time is very short the nature of the leaflet and the haste with which it can be rushed through the press will determine whether it will be used as campaign material throughout the nation before the elections of Nov. 8.

Capitalists Did It
"Every minute it seems more likely that this outrage originated in the capitalist camp and was executed by their orders," writes National Secretary Barnes to Hunter.

"Note time of the Bankers' Convention to get support of the eastern financiers. Otis has been playing a lone hand out there for some time. The Times did not lose money by the explosion and declines financial help."

"Editorially it quotes with approval the decision in the Haymarket case."

N. B. C. Meets
The national executive committee of the Socialist party will meet in New York next Sunday, when the developments in the matter will be considered and acted upon.

WEATHER INDICATIONS
The official weather forecast for the thirty-six hours ending tomorrow at 7 p. m. is as follows:

Chicago and vicinity—Fair tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer tonight; light to moderate variable winds.

Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas—Fair tonight and Tuesday.

Indiana—Fair tonight and Tuesday; slowly rising temperature.

Lower Michigan—Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer tonight and in southeast portion Tuesday.

Upper Michigan—Fair and warmer tonight; Tuesday increasing cloudiness with cooler in west and central portions.

Wisconsin and Iowa—Fair tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer tonight.

HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX FACE STRIKE; EMPLOYEES IN REVOLT AGAINST WAGE CUT

EXPOSURE OF OUTRAGE IN LOS ANGELES

National Office of Socialist Party to Issue Leaflet On Explosion

In its continued efforts to give the real facts in the blowing up of The Times building at Los Angeles, Cal., the national office of the Socialist party is preparing the distribution of a leaflet on the situation, not only in the western city but probably throughout the nation.

J. Mahlon Barnes, national secretary, has wired Robert Hunter, member of the national executive committee, to

Walkout of 1,800 May Spread to 8,000 Who Toil in Firm's Shops; 400 More Vote to Join

Four hundred additional coat and vest makers volunteered to go out on strike at a meeting held at the West Side Auditorium. They will join the 1,800 pants makers who have tied up the shops of Hart, Schaffner & Marx in all parts of the country.

Hall Is Jammed
The big hall, with its gallery, was crowded to the doors in response to the call for a mass meeting to consider some action to relieve the awful conditions in the big clothing shops. Robert Noren opened the meeting and introduced General President Rickert of the United Garment Workers of America.

Rickert was followed by speakers in several languages who were met by shouts and tremendous applause every time they appealed to the coat and vest makers to stick by the pants makers who are now out.

B. Mazur, a union carpenter, told the audience of the benefits that the men in his craft had derived through organization and asked that the workers in the garment trades of Chicago do likewise and lift themselves above their present conditions.

Appeals to Women
Miss Agnes Nestor, general secretary of the International Glove Workers' Union, made a special appeal to the women in the clothing trades. She asked them to stand by the men and fight with them the greedy manufacturers who never think of the homes of the workers and who lose their humanity in the mad race for money. Her remarks were met with applause that shook the entire building.

Andrea Marotte, Italian organizer for the International organization of garment workers, spoke in the Italian language and when he had completed his speech over fifty Italian women and girls marched to the desk of the secretary, who took their applications for membership in the union. The Polish people in the audience were briefly addressed by Adam Kowalski, who was compelled later to attend another meeting on the Northwest Side.

Morris Siskind spoke in Jewish and kept his hearers in a continual uproar with his humorous presentation of the situation. He poked fun at the manner in which the bosses were trying to reconcile the interests of the workers with those of the employers, and said that they had plenty of opportunity to prove their assertions, but so far had failed miserably. At the mention of the names of Kuppenheimer and of Hart, Schaffner and Marx, the assembly hissed their disapproval of the firms' sweatshop methods. "Stand together," said Siskind, "and we will be able to kick the bosses to a standstill. Stand apart and it will take years to regain the opportunity we now have to wipe out of the clothing industry the vicious existing conditions."

Over 400 Join
Robert Noren, president of District Council No. 6, acting as chairman, then asked whether or not the audience was in favor of calling out the coat and vest makers in order to help the pants makers who are now out. The question was met with shouts of "Yes, Yes." He then called for volunteers from the ranks of the coat and vest makers to join the union, and in the short space of a few minutes over 400 were in line to attach their signatures to the application list on the desk of the organizer.

The meeting was then adjourned and for several hours after fragments of the audience of 1,500 people assembled at the street corners in the vicinity and talked over the coming victory over the big employers.

Poles Join Movement
Another meeting just as enthusiastic, if not so large, was being held at the same time at Columbia hall on the Northwest Side. The organizers in attendance report great success at that place in getting the Polish workers into the union. Most of the 400 who attended the latter meeting work in the shops of Kuppenheimer and company.

Plans are now being carried out for the organizing of every shop in the city, according to the officers, and it will be but a short time that the employers will be compelled to deal with the men and women collectively instead of as individuals as at present. Cutters, trimmers and others are being added to the union rolls every day.

There is no question but that the strike of the pants makers will spread. It is almost positive that every one of the Hart, Schaffner & Marx forty-eight shops in Chicago will be affected. They will not be a question of only 1,800 men demanding better working conditions and wages, but a general strike of every coat, vest and pants maker, cutter, trimmer, baster, finisher and sticher. Every person outside of the few employed in the offices is on the verge of revolt.

Is Anti-Union Shop
For a long time Hart, Schaffner & Marx have tried on the rights of labor. First, there was a decision that no union men or women would be hired. Then those who sympathized with organizations were dismissed. Spies were hired and placed among the employees and one person after another "was fired." Then a special policeman was placed in the various establishments and rooms. He was given a star and orders to keep his eyes and ears open. Later there began a gradual cutting down of the employees' earnings instituted by various sly processes. Then last week there was a general cut of from \$3 to \$5 a week.

The wage cutting schemes resorted to by Hart, Schaffner & Marx concern

are the result of the company's anxiety to bring expenses down to the level established when the company had almost all of its work done by contractors in the sweatshops. The establishing of elaborate factories cost the firm much money. The hiring of superintendents, spies and other expensive luxuries used against organized labor increased the expenses some more. This brought the expenses to a higher figure than that paid to the contractors. The company could not stand this and therefore is making an attempt to take it out of the wage earners.

In the cutting rooms of Hart, Schaffner and Marx the employees have probably been forced to bear more indignities than in any other department. It takes three yards and fourteen inches of goods to make a suit of clothes. For a long time companies have been in the habit of allowing the cutters to save layers of goods at one time. This means four suits cut in the time that it would take for one. It is a great labor saving scheme, but the cutter gets paid for one suit only. In all these changes made for the good of the concern the workers were never consulted, notwithstanding the fact that it meant less bread and butter for them.

Overtime System
When working overtime the employees of Hart, Schaffner & Marx are not paid time and one-half for all the time. They are supposed to work forty-eight hours a week. Work starts at 7:30 and ceases at 5 o'clock. When overtime is required they are paid but straight time until six, and time and one-half only after that. On Saturday they are paid straight time for any hours they work after twelve. Promises of overtime pay have been made for a long time, but never kept. Conditions grew worse and worse, until last Friday there was a general cut in wages from three to five dollars a week. This will undoubtedly mean a general walkout and a repetition of the New York Garment Workers' strike.

Girls and Women Oppressed
Bad as the conditions are among the skilled workers in the shops they are placed compared to those that the unskilled girls and women are forced to put up with. Wages ranging from four to five dollars a week are paid to the girls and in one instance, one isolated among hundreds of others, a girl worked two days for the concern and received but thirty cents in pay. This outrage was nonchalantly brushed aside with a statement that she had been made on piece work and failed to place good.

Unskilled men workers in the shops very seldom receive more than \$9 per week. There are about 10,000 employees in the forty-eight shops controlled by Hart, Schaffner & Marx. Of these 8,000 men and women and boys and girls work in the manufacturing departments, while but 2,000 work in the offices. Over 1,800 have already walked out and have been meeting in Hod Carriers' hall daily. The balance are just watching for an opportunity and deciding on the American Federation of Labor. A little encouragement and the entire force will walk out.

A general strike against the conditions in the Hart, Schaffner & Marx shops means a complete tieup of all the unfair shops in Chicago. The Hart, Schaffner & Marx concern is the king of the tailoring trade. Whatever is done by the concern is immediately copied by the others. When there is a cut in the big shops the small ones follow in short order. The winning of a strike at the Hart, Schaffner & Marx establishments will mean a thorough wiping out of sweatshop conditions in the entire city.

BERWYN ASKS FOR A CHARTER
The village of Berwyn, better known as South Oak Park, applied for a charter to the Cook County Delegation Committee of the Socialist party yesterday afternoon. The application came with six names of charter members. These will be followed by about twenty more as soon as a branch is formed. The application comes as a result of the work of F. Ries, resident of Berwyn, and for many years an active member of the Twelfth ward branch, of which he was chairman.

Berwyn is a very promising town for the Socialists. It is rapidly being populated with Bohemians and Germans, who are on the march west. They are mostly men skilled in some trade or other and nearly all are union men. Very many of the 900 voters in the village are Socialists and as the population grows a Socialist organization in the town will mean much to the party.

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Socialism and the Church

Every so often the press splurts out editorially and otherwise some fool statements about "Socialism and the church."

It is very evident that these expressions have a common source. Some syndicate supplies the papers with this material to misrepresent Socialism.

The Inter Ocean, which is frequently fair, prints the following, quoting in part James Boyie of England:

"It is known of all men," then remarks Mr. Boyie, "that the Catholic church is absolutely opposed to this doctrine."

The writer of these lines happens to be a Protestant; so he cannot be accused of undue prejudice when he says that, in this united opposition of the Catholic church to the political atheism and atheistic politics of the Socialists, he finds one of the wisest, timeliest and most foresighted pieces of religious statesmanship and church policy that he has observed in modern times.

When he sees how some churches temporize with the pure materialism of the Socialists, how some ministers even offer sacrifices to this lion in their path, how many Christian laymen seek to compromise their creed with the naked atheism of the Socialist propaganda, the writer's mind reverts to that grand old hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and he marvels that, with the enemy in sight and defiant, so many "Christian soldiers" close their eyes, fold their arms, and, instead of accepting the Socialist challenge, counsel compromise and sometimes even surrender, to the foe.

Like a mighty army Moves the church of God!

In time this will be, must be, the movement of all Christian churches against Socialism. Today the only church moving thus against the Socialists is the Catholic church.

But the Inter Ocean must remember that some churches are already taking a stand for Socialism, including Catholic churches.

Go to Milwaukee, and you will find the Catholic churches there supporting rather than opposing Socialism.

Now, if it were true that Socialism attacks religion or the church, these Catholic churches would be expelled from the Catholic denomination. The pope would interfere at once and demand that the Catholic aldermen in Milwaukee be excommunicated and that the churches take a stand against Socialism.

It is to the economic interest of the churches—Catholic and Protestant—to be with the Socialists in Milwaukee. All churches are subject to the law of economic determinism.

The Inter Ocean should read the Socialist party platform, which plainly states that the Socialist party does not concern itself with religious beliefs.

It leaves the individuals free to be Catholics or Protestants, or anything else. This is fair.

If Socialism had in it a distinctively anti-religious element the Socialists would proclaim that just as freely as they proclaim that labor is entitled to all it produces.

Go ahead, old Inter Ocean, you have only a few short years to live. Lie, as you have done. You only make more Socialists and less subscribers for yourself.

It is a healthy sign when the capitalist press gets excited over the awful wickedness of Socialism. It shows that our movement is making headway.

In the meantime the churches are opening their doors to the message of Socialism.

Only a few nights ago Debs spoke in one of the largest churches in Milwaukee. Our speakers frequently lecture to church audiences. It's too late to cry now. The churches refuse to be scared.

What Is Socialism Going to Do With the Lazy?

This question is asked by inquiring minds when they get interested in Socialism. It is also pressed by the cock-sure opponent who imagines that it is an "unanswerable" problem! Under Socialism, that is to say, in a sanely, humanely organized society, no normal human being will be lazy.

LAZINESS IS A DISEASE PECULIAR TO SAVAGERY AND TO CAPITALISM. THE SAVAGE, UNABLE TO ACCUMULATE AND PRESERVE THE MEANS OF COMFORTABLE LIVING GIVES HIMSELF OVER TO GLUTTONOUS LAZINESS. SO DO INDIVIDUALS AMONG THE VERY RICH, WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED FOR GENERATIONS TO THE DEBASING INFLUENCES OF RICHES, OBTAINED WITHOUT LABOR.

The professional inquiry invariably brings out the fact that the tramp was not always lazy. He took to tramping usually after repeated efforts to secure a competency, to get rich. The tramp usually is fairly shrewd. He believes that the world owes him a living and goes about collecting it.

He differs from the idle rich only in that he collects his own living while the rich hire their underlings to collect it for them. The normal man finds joy in activity. He is happy when he finds his work.

Socialism will give every human being the opportunity to find at any and all times, work suited to his inclination and capacity.

Under the environment of wholesome material conditions, and the stimulus of high ideals, laziness will disappear as the foul diseases of the past are rapidly disappearing wherever sanitary conditions prevail. The present generation is possessed with the "mania of owning 'things.'" It fears that perhaps under Socialism somebody might get something without having worked for it! A hallucination that springs from the bitter experience of the present when the few rich live at the expense of the many poor; when a fierce struggle for mere existence is the rule and almost none can exercise their talents and powers in a field of their own choosing.

Material wealth will be so abundant when labor is once free to apply itself to its production that the problem of material compensation will dwindle into insignificance.

To the carping critic of Socialism I would say: Under Socialism there will be no lazy people. If he replies: "That is begging the question," I would answer: Let the people of that time attend to the matter in their way. It is our present duty to destroy a system that puts a premium on laziness—that enables a class to live in idleness at the expense of another class.

The White Slave Traffic in Tacoma

Aside from those who suffer most as a result of the white slave traffic, the white slaves themselves, there is another class that suffers, and that is those who are unwittingly brought into contact with one of the worst results of white slavery through the association of those who have contracted some of the worst forms of venereal diseases in visiting houses of prostitution.

This fact makes the traffic in girl slaves a menace to the morals and health of society.

The Progressive Woman, Girard, Kan., published in their October number a report of the police and license committee on the social evil in Tacoma, Washington.

The developing of the northwest, and the extensive building of numerous works at this time makes this a profitable field for the white slavers.

Portions of this report are printed herewith:

"Members of this committee made a trip of investigation after the council meeting last Wednesday night and secured the information contained in this report.

Buildings were constructed by the Tacoma vice syndicate expressly for the purpose of carrying on the business of prostitution as a commercial enterprise, and are absolutely worthless for any other purpose but prostitution, as the rooms are about the size of a small bathroom—just large enough to hold a single bed and chair.

The City Receives a Toll

"At the time of the beginning of the present city administration, the city was gradually freed from vice, having been closed up temporarily for the purpose of influencing the election, and at times a similar attempt to the present movement was made to inaugurate a carnival of vice and lawlessness, and members of the police force were detailed for the purpose of assisting the Tacoma vice syndicate in organizing, conducting and extending its business, and some of the most notorious supporters of the underworld were appointed members of the police force and stationed in this district. A member of this committee at that time saw three of the highest officials of the police department instructing the inmates of these buildings how they should conduct their business—how they should open doors to be arranged, and in regard to sanitary arrangements, toilet facilities, etc.

"At that time the city of Tacoma was actually made a party to and a partner in this hellish business by a city official receiving and accepting for, in the name and on behalf of the city, of \$10 each month of the earnings of each white, brown and black slave owned by the Tacoma vice syndicate, and the sheriff of Pierce county at one time arrested thirty-five of these slaves who had their licenses in their possession.

Reasons for the Traffic

"During the next few years there will be thousands of laboring men employed in the city and vicinity in the construction of new railroads, tunnels and other projects. These resorts, when in full operation, paid a profit of over \$1,000—not a week, a month or a year, but a day, and during the next few years there will be at least five times as many men of the class who frequent such places in this vicinity, and if these joints are operated to their full capacity, as formerly, there would be a profit of at least \$3,000 per day poured into the coffers of the Tacoma vice syndicate—every dollar of which

would be taken from the channels of a legitimate business where it belongs.

"When our committee visited these resorts last Wednesday evening they were crowded with young men and boys, nine-tenths of whom were under twenty years of age. These young men and boys were being inoculated with diseases that are ten times more dangerous to themselves and the society than small-pox. These young men and boys are also being introduced into French vices of which their fathers and grandfathers were blissfully ignorant, and which are of so vile and infamous a character that they cannot even be mentioned.

"These crib houses are built in the shape of a hollow square. There are cribs around the front and back of the building and against each side of the buildings, against the outside walls. There are other rows of cribs in the center of the building and a passage between them and the cribs against the outside walls. Wednesday night hundreds of boys came in at the front door, passed along to the side, down the side to the back of the building, to the front along that side of the building and thus to the door at which they entered. Every one of these cribs was occupied by a more than half naked woman, who solicited the boys to come into their cribs.

"None of the boys would have thought of going to a regular house of prostitution, and if they had they would not have been admitted, as the keepers of places of this character realize that they cannot afford to have boys around for business reasons. One of these crib houses will ruin more boys than a hundred regular houses of prostitution.

How the Women Are Enslaved

"When these buildings were in operation before a woman paid to the Tacoma vice syndicate \$5 each night for the use of the crib, which was collected nightly, and \$5 a month to the same syndicate for the use of a gas heater, and \$10 each month to the city of Tacoma for a license, making \$75 in all.

"We find that this arrangement has been slightly changed, and that each woman now pays \$2.50 each night to the Tacoma vice syndicate, which amounts to \$75 per month, as formerly, but no money is paid to the city, and we are unable to say who now gets the \$10 which each woman formerly paid into the city treasury for her monthly license.

"Your committee were present from about 10:30 on this Saturday night until about 1:30 Sunday morning, and the orgies there carried on are indescribable.

"The automobile patrol wagon gave a continuous performance in transporting rum maddened men from these resorts to police headquarters. Policemen in full uniform were stationed at each of the exits from the building, in order that no man who has entered the crib might escape before he had paid the dollar or fifty cents or whatever amount he had promised the woman, and Tacoma city detectives in citizens' clothes were parading up and down in the alleys between the cribs to see that the business was conducted in a business-like and orderly manner and to see that the collectors got the \$2.50 from each crib.

"We desire to call attention, especially, to the fact that each of these women has to pay over to her owners \$75 each month before she is allowed one cent for food, shelter or clothing. It is also well known that most of these women support some man in idleness. As this amount is collected in sums of one dollar or less at a time, it is an

BURDENS BORNE BY LABOR

BY ROBERT HUNTER

Sometimes one sees a great building supported by columns fashioned like the giant figures of human forms.

And across the massive shoulders of these men is an entablature on which rests the structure.

In Greek these men were called Atlantes, which is merely the plural for Atlas, who was one of the older family of gods and bore up the pillars of heaven.

It used to be very common in formal architecture to place these two giant figures at each side of a great doorway.

It is not easy to learn now all that the ancients meant to tell by these figures.

Nearly everything they did was symbolic and it is possible they meant to typify by these figures labor bearing the burden of the world.

And indeed when we think of what labor has done for the world it seems incredible that it should be so despised.

It seems beyond belief that those who produce food, clothing and shelter for the entire world,—for themselves and for ALL others,—should be still condemned to poverty and insecurity.

It seems impossible that a great class, numbering a vast majority of the population, toiling day and night to produce all the necessities and all the luxuries of the world, should yet themselves live from day to day a dreary, uncertain existence.

Is it only a nightmare that these men who solve the problems of our material existence should today be the problem of philanthropists and alms-givers?

Can anything be more weird than that men of fashion, of wealth and of leisure should form their boards, committees and charities to solve the problems of these poor?

Is it not strange that in the midst of a vast wealth, of great estates, palaces, cathedrals, skyscrapers and marble shops, of silks, satins, jewels and laces which beaver on the verge of misery?

They take trains across continents every day and night.

They cut the ties, lay the rails, build the Pullmans, dig the coal and then see to it that the trains run.

They plow the fields, plant the seed, grow the harvest, make the grain into flour and into dough and into bread and they take it from the oven and bring it to the door.

They herd sheep on the lonely hillsides. They cut and wash the wool and comb it and spin it and weave it into cloth. They then cut it and sew it and bind it and bring to the door.

And these millions of Atlantes bear all the burdens of the world, run through all dangers, risk their lives in mines, stand before fuming furnaces and produce all the coal, the iron and the steel.

These men quarry the stone, cut the forests, take the wood and stone and iron and fashion out of them our palaces. And what have they at the end? Need we ask?

Even the kindergartens and nurseries for their babies are a problem to the rich.

The rich form boards to study how to clean the streets, to make sanitary the houses and to light rooms in which the workers live. To care for their hungry babies and to provide for their old age, is a problem to the rich.

The idle, the fashionable and the learned busy themselves with charities, trouble themselves with boards to provide for the weak and helpless dependents of the working class.

Sometimes when one thinks of the burdens borne by the workers, even the burden of the idlers that pretend to help them and then of the misery that is theirs, all this alms-giving and charity and philanthropy arouses only bitterness and resentment.

For the poor not only provide the idlers with rent, interest and profit; they even send their sons and daughters into the homes of those idlers to prepare their baths, to shave them, to brush their clothes, to wash their hair, to cook their food and to clean away their dirt.

Yet these very ones, who are cared for like babies by cooks, butlers, footmen, valets and waiting maids, are looked upon as philanthropists and rush off to their boards and committees in the mad belief that they are trying to solve the problems of the poor.

ELECTION EXPENSES

BY NIOOB

The following tabulated statement of election expenses of the two old parties since 1890, if the reader will look it over carefully, illustrates the power of money in winning political victories:

Table with columns: Year, Republican Candidate, Expended by National Committee, Democratic Candidate, Expended by National Committee. Lists candidates from 1890 to 1904.

Probably the average voter will be astounded and shocked, as was the writer, at the item of \$16,500,000 expended by the Republicans in 1896 to beat Bryan.

Follow it back then through the years, and note how victory perched every time on the standard of the party putting up the biggest bunch of boodles, Democrat or Republican; gasp, and ask yourself what it means to you and what it should have meant to you in 1896, when you fastened the golden collar about your neck and cheered yourself hoarse when the returns gave McKinley the victory.

Bah! You were a Republican then, or you were a "Gold" Democrat. You were a sucker, and you bought a gold brick!

Look at the table again! Not one single exception, in all the long years you have imagined you were casting a vote, and how much longer, pray, before that and before you were born has history been a purchasable commodity in the "Great, Glorious and Free"?

The bald statement of figures is, to my mind, the most shocking thing of all the scandals of the silt of capitalism which an awakened consciousness discerns. There are but two interpretations: Either the most venal people a depraved culture has produced, or we have been the choicest bunch of idiots that a band of male and female ever marched in uniforms up to a beer barrel.

The editor maintains, to quote from an editorial in a recent issue, that "just as the miner buys his pick, the carpenter his saw, the bricklayer his trowel, so the capitalist buys his lawmaker, his judge, his president," and certainly the facts as presented in the above statement alone are black enough to justify anyone in drawing that inference.

The only question is, it seems to me, whether the moneyed interests have succeeded in doing this through the venality or through the stupidity of the mass of the people. If it is stupidity the educational influence of Socialist propaganda must ultimately triumph over the capitalist.

(c) Deprive of his liberty anyone who must do useful work to live honestly, but refuses to do such work.

Of these three methods the first mentioned need not be considered, for it is neither an historical way of dealing with offenders nor yet a way that commends itself by promise of efficiency.

Hence the people of the future cannot reasonably be expected to adopt it. There remain two other methods, each of which requires the arrest and detention of the individual who tries to live without doing useful work. Unless arrested and detained it would always be possible that he might live by violence or fraud; hence if he who refuses to do useful work is to starve, he must first be deprived of his liberty, i. e. made a prisoner.

But a prisoner can be punished in any way his captors determine upon, and I for one fail to see how you know that they will determine to starve him.

It seems to me equally possible that they might determine to hang him, or crucify him, or burn him at the stake, or for that matter, to give him all the food he wants, but keep him in solitary confinement.

In fact, there is no punishment whatever that could not be inflicted upon him. Yet some punishments seem less probable than others, and to me at least death by starvation seems one of the least probable.

A correct answer to the question asked you is: All able-bodied men, within reasonable age limits, who refuse to do useful work will be arrested and punished in whatever manner the people may by law provide.

CARL KRAUER

(This critic is entirely in harmony with our position. We used the word "starve" only to denote that an able-bodied person would not be permitted to exploit others who are willing to work. Our critic is right. The form of care taken of the lazy will be determined by the people at that time. Right you are.—Editorial Committee.)

SLIGHTLY CONFUSED

All of us become confused, and all of us mix our language sometimes, but the peroration of an old negro preacher's sermon was the greatest confusion of metaphors I ever heard, says a traveler.

When the lengthy discourse was nearing its close and he had reached his "Twenty-third and lastly, brethren," he wound up by the following elaborate figure:

"Everywha, brethren, we see de Almighty. All down de untrodden paths of time we see de foot prints of de Almighty hand."—Human Life.

HAD HER STATED

"Biddy," says Pat, timidly, "did ye ever think o' marryin'?"

"Shure, now," says Biddy, looking demurely at her shoe, "where now, the subject has never interred me mind at all, at all."

"It's sorry O' am," said Pat, and he turned away.

"Wan minute, Pat," said Biddy, softly. "Ye've set me thinkin'."

—Palmer and Decorator.

JUST DROPPED IN

Tattered Terry (as he wears farmer approaching) 'as bar-b'—det up. Bill, kick a hole in the roof, roll over on the hay a couple of times, and we'll tell the old geezer we're aviators.—Puck.

Up in Minnesota Mr. Olsen had a cow killed by a railroad train. In due season the claim agent for the railroad called.

"We understand, of course, that the deceased was a very docile and valuable animal," said the claim agent in his most persuasive claim-agentian manner. "and we sympathize with you and your family in your loss. But, Mr. Olsen, you must remember this: Your cow had no business being upon our tracks. Those tracks are our private property and when she invaded them she became a trespasser. Technically speaking, you, as her owner, became a trespasser also. But we have no desire to carry the issue into court and possibly give you trouble. Now, then, what would you regard as a fair settlement between you and the railroad company?"

"Well," said Mr. Olsen slowly, "Ay hane poor Swede farmer, but Ay shall give you two dollars."—Everybody's Magazine.

SLOW, SLOW

Slow, slow, the long hours go: Slow, slow, the day; Put hard, hard the strength must strain That drives the night away; Slow, slow, the rivers flow; Slow, slow, the tree; But strong, strong, with pressing power, Their force strives on to be.

Slow, slow doth wisdom grow: Slow comes the night; But staunch, staunch must effort stand To move things with its might. Slow, slow our life we know; Slow grows brotherhood; But brave, brave, be human hearts To win the world for good!

WILLIAM FRANCIS BARNARD.

ADVICE TO THE RESUSCITATED

BY R. J. CALHOUN

Just at present "The Resuscitated" could only apply to the Democratic party.

Webster appears at his best in defining the word: "To revive; to restore from apparent death."

We thought it might be a case of actual death and that the recent movements observed were akin to the famous movements of the dead frog under the power of galvanism, but if this antiquated humbug is actually alive and we are doomed still longer to watch its suffering without being able to put an end to its misery we feel privileged at least to offer a little advice.

Not that there is any lack of advice, and coming from competent and authoritative sources, but there seems to be a failure to comprehend the real character of the patient and give advice that is fitting. It is assumed that the Democratic party is a thing of today and all that is said is couched in terms that harmonize with the thought of today.

Since this method has failed we might now try going back—way back into primitive life—to see if we may find something that will appeal to the primordial intelligence of this nondescript that stands somewhere between progress and reaction, and is always pursued by an evil fate. We find that to escape such a fate the natives of Celebes would pretend that the sick man was already dead, in the hope of throwing the powers of evil off the scent.

In East Africa they even went so far as to hold a mock funeral with this object in view. But of course the Democratic Donkey never would lend itself to such a scheme for its own good by admitting even for a moment that it was dead.

Natives of Australia and other countries refuse to divulge their names lest they be used in incantations against them and cause their death, and Democrats have perhaps been indiscreet in this respect. They should not have let their political name be known; but they endeavored to conceal their political identity instead, posing as the party of the common people, while reaching after graft in any form available. But the real remedy seems to be suggested from Borneo.

The Dyak will change his name after a severe illness in the hope of thus getting rid of his former personality and liability to disease.

This idea was often carried out by early emigrants to the west who had a "personality" they wanted to get rid of.

The only real hope we can see for the Democratic party is in a complete change of name and personality. Quit walking backwards while talking forwards; fall in line with working class democracy, instead of merely bearing the name of Democrats.

The working class really owe it to themselves to put this creature out of its misery that is always pleading for their votes "with paws like hands in prayer," working irresistibly on their most tender feelings. They have done enough and suffered enough, and should dispatch the "critter" with a clear conscience and be ready for the final struggle: Socialism against Republicanism—the producing class against exploitation.

FIRST STEP

BY W. E. SHIER

The most important step in the direction of Socialism is organization of the working class. Without organization, nothing whatsoever can be accomplished. The important task, therefore, that lies before the Socialist the world over is to organize the masses into the labor unions and if necessary into co-operative societies, into anything that will solidify their power and help them to overcome the unscrupulous opposition of the master class.

But organization, pre-supposes education, and that is born propaganda. Propaganda should be persistent, systematic and constructive.