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'LESSON OF BIRMINGHAM' MERITS CHICAGO'S STUDY

New Obstacles Here Make Solving of Gas Problem Greater.

With that peerless statesman, Russel the grafter, as mayor of Chicago in the year 1910, certain enthusiasts are banded together to elect a Democratic mayor on the issue of 70-cent gas for Chicago.

These enthusiasts are led by one Herman Bauler, alderman, who was to be sent to the political scrap heap through the means of the election in his stead of one John McGillen, who was championed by Roger C. Sullivan, the gas man.

Bauler was not sent where Sullivan wanted him to go, so now it is Bauler's dream to send Sullivan whence Sullivan wished to send Bauler.

Bauler wants to do it by means of "70-cent gas."

The Socialists stand for municipal gas. That's where "The Lesson of Birmingham" comes in.

Lesson of Birmingham

In 1873, when Joseph Chamberlain was elected mayor of Birmingham, England, a gas company in that city was producing and selling gas to the citizens of that city at 78 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

Municipal gas, an issue which the gas company in Chicago would call "a wild dream" in 1910, was one of the things which interested the Birmingham people during the campaign, and shortly after Chamberlain was elected mayor the city bought the gas plant.

In the first year of the operation of municipal gas the price was cut to 70 cents.

Why Remarkable?

Why was that rate remarkable? First, because the city had agreed to pay nearly \$10,000,000 for the plant.

Second, because gas being used by what was known as the "coal process," which costs twice as much under modern conditions as the water gas process used in Chicago by the People's Gas Light & Coke company in 1910, when the Chicago rate is 86 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of gas.

In 1904, when the coal process was still used in Birmingham, the rate for gas was 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, and the price paid for coal was higher than the cost of the same grade in the United States.

In that same year the People's Gas Light & Coke company was selling gas in Chicago at \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet.

It may be assumed then that the city of Birmingham was throwing away the people's money—was operating a losing enterprise?

Quite the contrary.

Clear \$170,000

The first year of municipal operation the city of Birmingham sold gas for 70 cents per 1,000 cubic feet and cleared \$170,000.

But the record for 1904, when gas was sold for 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, was still better. The city then cleared \$250,000.

This was not a "gas company surplus" to be sure. It was poor and mean compared with the \$781,067.61 surplus of the People's Gas Light & Coke company, with its 86 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of gas in 1909.

But it was a respectable surplus. In the period 1873 to 1904, the Birmingham municipal gas plant had turned into the city treasury \$5,000,000.

In the same period it had put \$3,500,000 into the sinking fund, which had been established to meet the face of bonds covering the \$10,000,000 purchase price when they should mature.

It had in the same period saved the city \$1,250,000 on city lighting. It had also increased the pay and shortened the hours of labor of those employed at the gas works.

Still on Job

That's "The Lesson of Birmingham." It's clear.

There's no way of getting around it. The municipal gas plant is still on the job.

The most recent figures covering cost of production of gas this year will be given later in these columns.

GARMENT WORKERS' STRIKE WON IN MILWAUKEE

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 12.—The strike of the garment workers has been declared off here. Over 1,000 workers went back to work today.

The agreement submitted by Adler & Sons provides for a fifty-four-hour week, time and a half for overtime, double pay for holidays and privilege of submitting grievances to the members of the firm direct instead of to the foreman as heretofore.

Mayor Seidel addressed the employees in both English and German, urging them to give up all thoughts of vengeance and to treat with their employers in an amicable manner.

ANYTHING TO GET "THE EATS"

Mines of steak, which, when tapped, will be a knock-out to the high cost of living, have raised the hopes of the hungry here following the tipping off of their location by Walter Freeman Cooling, author of "The Science of Comparative Mythology."

The lecturer imparted his information to a group of scientists and university professors.

Here is Cooling's menu—of course, it has been in cold storage for a matter of 4,300 years, but what of that:

Preserved mastodon soup from an animal of Noah's time.

WARREN AGAIN WIRES TO TAFT

Reminds President That He Was Sentenced by Judge Pollock.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Girard, Kan., Dec. 12.—Fred D. Warren, convicted editor of the Appeal to Reason, reiterates his indorsement of Judge Pollock, who sentenced him to jail for six months, for the Supreme bench.

Warren Explains Later

The indorsement was sent by Warren to President William Howard Taft by telegraph and was followed by another telegram in which Warren tells why he indorses Pollock for Supreme judge.

In the second telegram, giving the reasons for his indorsement, Warren says the following:

Telegram to Taft

William Howard Taft, President, Washington, D. C.

"Yesterday I telegraphed you my indorsement of Pollock for Supreme judge. I neglected to state that one of my reasons for this indorsement is that Pollock sentenced me to jail for six months at hard labor and to pay a fine of \$1,500, after he had expressed the opinion from the bench that I had violated no law.

To Supreme Court

"He explained that he had consulted higher authorities, which caused him to change his opinion. I hope to get my case to the Supreme Court.

"If Pollock is appointed he will then have the privilege of expressing his own opinion, as there is no higher authority to consult except God, with whom Pollock is not on speaking terms.

(Signed) "FRED D. WARREN." "Editor Appeal to Reason."

Congress Is Autocrat

In a lengthy court opinion rendered by him, Judge Pollock states that Congress has full power to dictate just what can go through the mail and how, in what shape and under what conditions it will go through the mail.

LEWIS' DEFEAT IS PREDICTED

Illinois Miners Will Not Indorse Compromise Policy, Says McDonald

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 12.—"John P. White will be the next president of the United Mine Workers of America," said Duncan McDonald in an interview.

Predicts Big White Majority

McDonald predicted a majority for White of 30,000 in the state. He said he based his calculations on reports received from all parts of the state and from other large districts.

He also predicted that Lewis' vote would be about as big as the vote on the compromise proposition last summer in Illinois.

Claims Lewis "Butted In"

The resentment against Lewis he laid to the fact that the miners did not like the way that he had intruded his presence during the Illinois strike to make a compromise agreement with the operators.

At that time, he stated, many of the locals, in fact nearly all of them, adopted resolutions condemning Lewis and his committee and demanding his resignation. McDonald did not think that the Illinois miners had since reversed their opinion of Lewis.

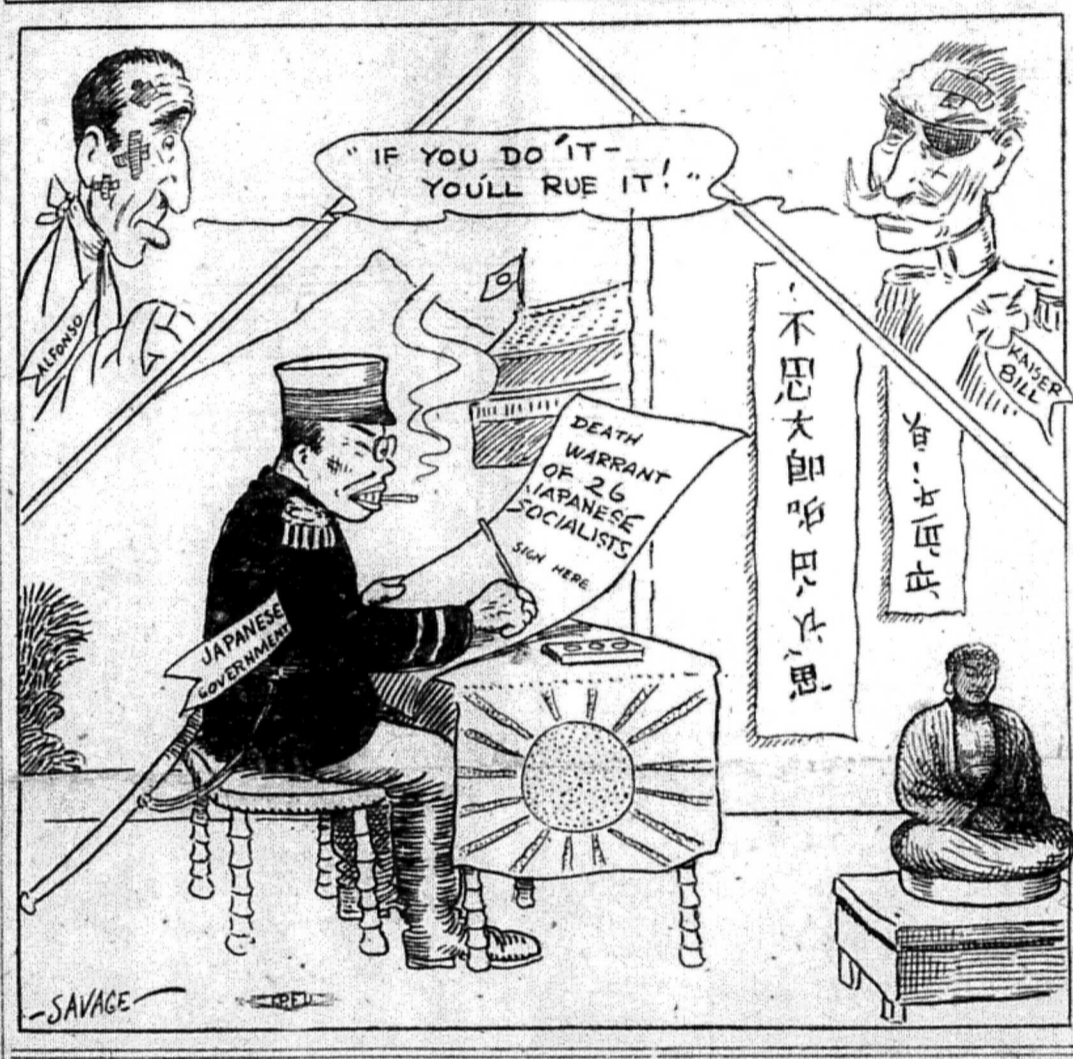
GALESBURG HAS \$20,000 FIRE

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 12.—The People's Trust and Savings Bank and Wood & Felt's grocery were damaged \$20,000 by fire here.

Every Socialist in Chicago Should Be Prepared to Do His Duty When Called Upon in the Coming Municipal Campaign

Another political campaign is upon us. It follows close upon the brilliant successes just scored by the Socialist party on Nov. 8th. These successes were achieved in nearly every part of the land. Chicago is not far behind in the onward march of the Socialist movement. We must be up in front. In the spring of 1909 we secured 12,746 votes. By the spring of 1910 it had increased to nearly 16,000. Last month we secured 27,749 votes in Chicago. In the spring election, now rapidly approaching, our vote must not only be maintained, but greatly increased. If the Socialists of Chicago rally to the party standard and exert the power that is in them there is no reason why we should not elect at least one Socialist alderman. That should be the least goal that we should set for ourselves. Preparations should be started immediately to bring this about. Every ward local should immediately perfect its organization so that not a single precinct will be overlooked. The casting of Socialist votes is a hopeless procedure if we are unable to see to it that every Socialist vote is counted. This was conclusively proven to us again in the last election, not only in Chicago and throughout Illinois, but over the entire nation. With Socialists to distribute Socialist literature in every precinct of the city it will be easy to produce Socialist votes. With Socialists to count the Socialist votes at every polling place we stand a chance of electing some of our candidates to office next April. Every Socialist in Chicago can help by attending every meeting of his local from now until after the election to see that no preparations for the campaign are left unmade. The struggle will begin in earnest very soon. Be prepared when you are called upon to do your duty. Signed EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Cook County Socialist Party.

Advice From the Experienced



TAFT PICKS HIS NEW U.S. JUDGES

White Will Be Head of the Supreme Court at Washington

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—President Taft today will name Associate Justice Edward D. White as chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The nomination will go to the Senate at noon.

It is expected that the two new associate justices, to fill the vacancies on the bench, also will be named.

It was reported Sunday night, though neither confirmation nor denial was obtainable at the White House, that President Taft will make as associate justices Judge Willis Van Denter of Cheyenne, Wyo., now a federal judge in the Eighth United States Circuit and Joseph Buckner Lamar of Georgia, a Democrat, and a former justice of the Georgia Supreme Court.

It was also reported, likewise without confirmation, that the new court of commerce will be named by the President and will consist of the following:

Knapp Gets Job

Martin A. Knapp of New York, at present chairman of the interstate commerce commission; Robert W. Archbald, at present United States district judge of the middle district of Pennsylvania; William H. Hunt of Montana, now a judge of the Court of Customs Appeals; Arthur C. Denison of Michigan, at present judge of the western district of that state; Julian W. Mack of Chicago, now judge of the Appellate Circuit Court of the First Illinois district. Mr. Mack is a Democrat.

To fill the vacancies on the commerce commission in place of Chairman Knapp and Francis M. Cockrell, it was reported that the President will name B. H. Meyer of Wisconsin and C. C. McChord of Kentucky.

Hughes Turned Down?

The announcement that Justice White will be the new chief justice undoubtedly will cause some surprise because it had been pretty generally understood for some time past that Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes was slated for that job. During the past two or three days, however, it became known that a change in the head of the Supreme Court state might be made.

WEEK'S PROGRAM IN CONGRESS

(Sunday, Dec. 11, 1910.)

SENATE

The Senate will receive the President's nominations for members of the Supreme court, the Commerce court and the interstate commerce commission today.

HOUSE

The pension bill is expected to be reported from the committee on appropriations on Tuesday and the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill will probably be brought in Thursday. The other big supply bills will be reported as rapidly as the House can handle them.

WHITWASH IN LORIMER CASE?

Senate Committee that Heard Bribe Scandal Is Preparing Report

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The fate of William Lorimer as a senator of the United States is approaching decision.

Weight Evidence Today

The subcommittee of the senate committee of privileges and elections, which conducted the investigation into this great national scandal, will hold a meeting today for the purpose of weighing the evidence and attempting to reach a verdict.

If it cannot agree the subcommittee will continue to hold sessions until it is able to formulate a report which all its members can sign, or finds itself so irrevocably split that agreement is out of the question.

This is not expected to happen until next week, a few days before congress takes the usual holiday recess.

Little Discussion

There has been comparatively little discussion among the members of the committee as to the bearing of the evidence. They have talked it over among themselves informally, but have held no session for the purpose of deciding upon a verdict.

Following the examination of "Bath-room Bob" Wilson a few days ago, an executive meeting was held when it was decided not to grant oral arguments.

NO CHANGE IN ENGLISH POLL

Worry Now Turns to the Next Meeting of Parliament

London, Dec. 12.—It is seen now that the government will return with substantially the same majority as it had before the dissolution of parliament, and the future course of the elections has less interest than the question of what will happen when parliament meets.

Subject of Discussion

This forms the subject of discussion in the newspapers and in the speeches of public men.

Both sides appear equally confident of gaining a few more seats the coming week.

Up to the present 394 seats out of 670 have been filled, the standing of the parties being as follows:

Government Coalition

Liberals.....132

Laborites.....128

Nationalists.....56

Independent Nationalists.....7

Total.....323

Opposition

Unionists.....326

The relative position of the two parties is exactly the same in the new parliament as in the old, each having gained twenty-one seats from the other.

Lord Rosebery said at the beginning of the elections that should the government suffer a loss of only five seats it could not pass the veto bill. This contention has been taken up by the Unionist press, which argues that unless the government secures an increased majority it will have no mandate to deal with the house of lords.

The Liberals contend that not only will the government have a majority larger than that of former strong Unionist ministries but that the nation has now thrice in succession given the Liberal government a vote of confidence.

STRIKERS PREPARE TO FACE WINTER IN WAR AGAINST BOSSES

Supply Stores Help in Car-strike Vote of All Workers Is Set for Tuesday.

At the four commissaries being maintained by the Women's Trade Union League in the neighborhoods where the strikers live, thousands of men, women and children, who would otherwise face starvation, are being furnished with the main necessities of living.

Winter Is Felt

Many of the strikers' families have not been able to provide themselves with winter underwear and heavy clothing, and therefore are beginning to feel the effects of the rigors of the cold weather and the snowfall last night.

During the morning checks were received from many labor organizations at the headquarters of the Women's Trade Union League at 275 La Salle street.

Copies of the proposed agreement between Hart, Schaffner & Marx and their striking employees, with an explanation of what it means, have been distributed to the strikers at the various halls.

While the proposed agreements were being handed out to the strikers, members of the general-strike committee and other union officials spoke and explained its provisions.

In some instances, where the temperature of the people seemed to be against the proposed agreement, the speakers did not remain to argue, but asked that the strikers read the circulars and that they give earnest consideration to its contents between now and Tuesday, when the strike vote will be taken.

Notify Every Striker

The general-strike conference will meet today to devise ways and means for polling the vote. Every striker will be notified of the time that the vote will be taken. In order to prevent any duplications, the strike list will be checked while the ballot is being taken by secret vote.

Opportunities will be given for challengers and watchers. In every way, the committee states, the vote will express the true consensus of opinion among the strikers regarding the proposed agreement.

The circular which has been printed in nine different languages follows:

Circular in Nine Tongues

"To the Striking Garment Workers of Chicago:

"Follow Trades Unionists.—The following plan for arbitration is submitted to you for your consideration as the basis for the settlement of your strike:

"This plan for settlement has been indorsed and recommended to you for adoption by your joint conference committee in charge of the strike, composed of representatives from the Chicago Federation of Labor, the Women's Trade Union League, the United German Workers, and Local District Council No. 6, and the Strikers' Executive Committee.

"This plan of settlement has also been indorsed and recommended to you for adoption by over 400 delegates of the Chicago Federation of Labor in the regular meeting of this central assembly of trade unionists on Sunday, Dec. 4, 1910.

"All of these organizations and representatives of organized labor in Chicago indorse this plan of settlement and believe that it will, if adopted by you, protect your rights as union men and women, and be the foundation of a great union of the garment workers in this city.

Visit Each Meeting

"To provide that you may thoroughly understand this plan of settlement before voting upon it, we are having it printed in the several languages and distributed so that each striker may have a copy.

"The members of your joint conference committee will visit each meeting hall at the earliest possible date to discuss this plan of settlement and to answer all questions. We will provide for full and free discussion, after which your determination by majority vote will be final.

Proposed Agreement

"All of the former employees of Hart, Schaffner & Marx (except those who have been guilty of violence), who are now out on strike, shall be taken back, and shall return to work within fifteen days from the date the strike is terminated.

"Whether any of such employees have been guilty of violence shall be the first matters to be determined by the arbitration committee hereunder.

"And should such employees who are not taken back because of the charge of violence be found not guilty by the arbitration committee, Hart, Schaffner & Marx shall pay them for the time they have lost.

"There shall be no discrimination of any kind whatever against any of the employees of Hart, Schaffner & Marx because they are or are not members of any union.

Plan for Future

"An arbitration committee of five shall be appointed: the employees of Hart, Schaffner & Marx who are on strike shall select two; Hart, Schaffner & Marx shall select two; and the four so chosen shall select a fifth. The finding of said committee, or of a majority thereof, shall be binding.

"Subject to the provisions of this agreement, said committee shall take up and consider whatever grievances, if any, the employees of Hart, Schaffner & Marx may have.

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WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS SHOW PRIDE

Women suffragists in Chicago are pointing with pride to the business record of Mrs. Millie Netcher as a sufficient evidence of woman's business capacity following her completion of the biggest realty deal ever negotiated in this city.

Mrs. Netcher, who is sole owner and manager of one of the biggest department stores here, has property to make her owner of three-quarters of the most valuable block on State street.

A year ago Mrs. Netcher bought a lease on the property. Figured on a 4 per cent basis, its value was \$3,125,000 and her out-and-out acquisition of the property at the price paid is pointed out as another evidence of her business acumen.

Mrs. Netcher has conducted the whole of her great business since the sudden death of her husband in 1904. She cares nothing for society, and keeps regular business hours. She carries a life insurance policy for \$1,000,000.

CONDENSED NEWS

LOCAL

SKATING IN PARKS OPENS

Skating was reported good in Humboldt and Union parks yesterday and it is expected that the lagoons in the South Side parks will be ready for the sport today.

WOODMEN HAVE BANQUET

Nearly every county in Illinois was represented by two or more citizens at the third annual "Good Fellowship" banquet given in the La Salle hotel last night by the Illinois Woodmen Social club.

FINED FOR VIOLATING LAW

The Libertyville Macaroni company was fined \$50 by Justice Bewick at Lake Forest for compelling girl employees to work more than ten hours a day. It was prosecuted by the Lake Forest Law and Order League, assisted by Factory Inspector Davis.

SKULL OF WHITE SLAVE?

The skull found Thursday in the ruins of an old building at 124 Sherman street is believed by policemen old the service to indicate the murder of some victim of "white slavers" who, refusing to bend her will to their demands, was put to death on the theory that "dead ones tell no tales."

PLAN NEW UNION STATION

Work on the construction of a magnificent new passenger station on the site of the present Union station will begin early next spring and be pushed to completion with all possible rapidity. The building will cost \$5,000,000 and the purchase of the land needed will bring the total investment up to \$20,000,000.

KILLED BY AUTO

Laughlin Doyle, 60 years old, a veteran freight handler, employed by the Michigan Central railroad, was killed last night. In attempting to cross Michigan avenue at South Water street he was bumped into a pedestrian and fell in front of an automobile. His back crushed so severely that he died on the way to the Practitioners' hospital.

SNOWSTORM DELAYS 'L'

"L" trains and surface cars were delayed by a heavy snowstorm which broke over Chicago, coming from the south, and continued for several hours. At midnight, when the fall had just begun in Chicago, reports from Harvey were that the snow was three inches deep. The elevated roads suffered the most in Chicago, and after midnight few trains were on schedule time.

DOMESTIC

TEDDY TO LECTURE AT HARVARD
Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's lecture at Harvard university next Wednesday will be on the topic of "Applied Ethics."

CUDAHY ILL IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—John Cudahy, the millionaire packer, arrived from Chicago very ill and is confined to his bed.

KNOX GIVES SLAYER TO ITALY
Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Secretary Knox has granted the request of Italy for the surrender of Portar, Charlton, an American citizen, charged with the murder of his wife at Lake Como.

MILWAUKEE EDITOR ENDS LIFE

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 12.—John W. Schaum, formerly part owner of the Milwaukee Journal, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Business troubles is assigned as the cause.

WATCH WORKS ON FULL TIME

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 12.—The Elgin National Watch company announced that at the conclusion of a ten days' Christmas vacation the plant will resume operations on a six-day schedule. It has been running four and five days a week since the panic of 1907.

DISPUTE TEX & N. MEX. LINE

Washington, Dec. 12.—In the act admitting New Mexico to statehood the true boundary line between that territory and the state of Texas will be fixed by law. This line has been disputed for some time, and a conference on the subject was held at the White House.

URGE JOB FOR ST. LOUISIAN

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—F. W. Crandall of St. Louis is being urged for appointment to the interstate commerce commission by a delegation at the White House which included W. O. Hudson of New Orleans, president of the Travelers' Protective association, and Adolph Boldt of Houston, Tex.

60,000 FOR BANKER'S LIFE

New York, Dec. 12.—The New York Central railroad has settled out of court with the estate of Spencer Trask for the damages resulting from the banker's death in a railroad accident near Canton, N. Y., on Dec. 31 last. The amount which the railroad will pay is \$60,000. This was learned from an official of the New York Central.

SWITCHMAN SLOGGED

Harry C. Rogue, 40 years old, a switchman for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, was beaten till unconscious by two robbers near the Galewood station. The assailants did not find any money on Rogue, but they took his dinner pail, which contained a few articles of food. Rogue was found a short time later by another railroad employe and brought to Chicago.

BURN I. W. W. HOME

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 12.—A mob here burned the headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World. The crowd there severely beat members of the organization on the streets and surrounded the county jail, where other members are being held. A demand was made that the Industrial Workers be turned over to the mob, but no effort was made to enter the jail.

GIVES "MIDGET" PART OF N. Y.

New York, Dec. 12.—Brian G. Hughes, famous as a practical joker, presented to the city of New York, with great ceremony, a Brooklyn plot of these dimensions: Two feet 3 inches by 7 feet 3 1/4 inches by 8 feet 1 1/4 inches. Accompanying the gift was a receipted bill for 55 cents taxes and the stipulation that the lot be used for park purposes.

REFUSE DEITZ HEARING

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has granted the motion of the state to quash the writ of habeas corpus secured by John F. Deitz and refused to interfere with his trial for murder.

ASK TAFT TO "WAR BANQUET"

President Taft and Governor Hudson

SCENES IN THE MONSTER PARADE OF THE CHICAGO GARMENT STRIKERS WHEN NEARLY 50,000 WORKERS WERE IN LINE



FOREIGN

PORTUGAL IS AFTER GOLD
Lisbon, Dec. 12.—The ministry of finance will issue a decree on Dec. 15 calling for the payment of one-third of all customs duties in gold.

RIOTS IN INDIA
Calcutta, Dec. 12.—The approach of the Mohammedan Bakrid festival on Dec. 15, which involves the sacrifice of cows, has as usual stirred the anger of the Hindus, to whom the cow is sacred.

JAPS ORDER SHIP IN ENGLAND
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 12.—The Japanese public was surprised when news was received from England that the Japanese navy department had ordered from an English firm a 27,000-ton cruiser to make twenty-seven knots and mount twelve 14-inch guns.

DOM MIGUEL PLANS ACTION
Lisbon, Dec. 12.—The newspapers say that Dom Miguel of Braganza, pretender to the throne of Portugal, has summoned Jono Almeida and other partisans to Austria to confer, with him on plans for a Miguelist propaganda in Portugal.

PRINCESS SEEKS KING'S MONEY
Brussels, Dec. 12.—Attorneys for Princess Louise of Belgium entered suit for the recovery of \$8,000,000 which had belonged to her father, the late King Leopold, and is now held by the Nieder Fullbach foundation. The Belgian government also claims the money on the ground that it came from the Belgian Congo.

BUSINESS

MRS. NETCHER IN HUGE DEAL
"One of the largest realty deals in the history of the city was made when Mrs. Mollie Netcher, owner of the Boston Store, bought the fee in the property occupied by Hillman's store, surrounding the Reliance building at State and Washington streets, for \$2,900,000.

SPORT

CYCLISTS WEARY OF GRIND
New York, Dec. 12.—Far behind the record, eight weary teams were still grinding around Madison Square Garden in the six-day bicycle races. The end will come at 10 o'clock tonight.

FATHER MAKES DEATH THREAT
Man Writes He Will Kill Doctor Who Vaccinates Children.

(By United Press Association.)
New York, Dec. 12.—The New York health department is in a quandary today following a threat by Herbert A. Thorpe that he will kill any doctor who tries to vaccinate his two children.

PAUL MORTON FAVORS TRUSTS
Head of Equitable Life Says Corporations Don't Get Too Much.

My observation has been that where corporations ask, or receive, more than they ought to have that it is only temporary and that they pay dearly in the long run for anything they secure in the way of special privilege.

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STRIKERS ARE READY FOR COLD

Marx, who are now on strike, shall have, and shall devise a method for the settlement of grievances, if any, in the future.

WHAT IS NEEDED IS MONEY," SAYS F. G. HOPP
Since my report of Dec. 8, the following amounts have been received on behalf of the striking garment workers:

Machinists' union No. 253, \$3.75; Waiters' union No. 336, \$13; hair spinners, \$22.50; Leather Novelty Workers No. 12, \$25; Gansiters' association No. 250, \$20; Lithographic apprentices, \$5; Street Car Teamsters No. 739, \$25; C. D. Klinke (3224 Alta Vista terrace), \$5; Sheet Metal Workers No. 72, \$200; employes Schultz Union bakers, \$10; Painters and Decorators No. 180, \$141.75; Steam Engineers No. 400, \$16.25; Machinists (brass-workers) No. 706, \$10; Unity Lodge Machinists No. 134, \$137. Total since last report, \$889.75.

SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO. TRY TO DENY STRIKE
The following well-worded and non-committal letter, meant as a denial of the strike at Sears, Roebuck & Co., was sent to one of the firm's old customers:

Sears-Roebuck Letter.
"Mr. H. B. Cooley,
"R. P. D. No. 2,
"West Union, Iowa.
"Dear Sir: We have your letter telling us why you did not call at the express company's office for your catalog, and we believe that you do us an injustice, because you probably have heard some unfounded rumor about our attitude towards the striking tailors of Chicago.

GRAFT SCANDAL AT INFIRMARY
A possible graft scandal as to the purchase of supplies which could not be stored there because of the finding of vegetables rotting near steam pipes in the basement.

MONACO MAY BE NEW REPUBLIC
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LATEST ELECTION TOTALS

Table with 4 columns: State, 1910, 1908, 1904. Lists election results for various states including Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, etc.

MILWAUKEE IS FEELING CHANGE

All the City's Buildings Are Being Put to Good Use.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Milwaukee, Dec. 12.—The second municipal dance was a success beyond all expectations. Have a "4,000" Milwaukee's 4,000 was increased to 5,000, and even at that 1,000 were turned away.

KILL MANY IN RELIGIOUS RIOT

Hindus and Mohammedans Charged by Soldiers; Loot Shops.

Calcutta, Dec. 12.—While hundreds of Hindus and Mohammedans were engaged in a riot today, they were charged by infantry and cavalry. Several were killed and nearly a hundred injured.

MONACO MAY BE NEW REPUBLIC

London, Dec. 12.—The little principality of Monaco, chiefly noted for being the site of Monte Carlo, has been proclaimed a republic by its municipal council, according to an unconfirmed report in today's Pall Mall Gazette.

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LABOR THE WORLD OVER

Thank God we have a system of labor where there can be a strike Abraham Lincoln.

In the world's broad field of battle Be a hero in the strike! —Langfellow—

BOSSSES SIGN NEW AGREEMENT

42 Shirt Waist Manufacturers Ratify Scale for Coming Year.

New York, Dec. 12.—Forty-two waist and dress manufacturers, employing about 1,800 men and women, have responded to the notice for the renewal of trade agreements sent out by the Ladies' Waist and Dress Makers and signed agreements with the union.

Notice Is Given
Circular letters were sent out to all employers notifying them that they have to renew their agreements, and from the responses thus far received it looks that a strike, the alternative to signing the new lists, will be averted.

Sweat-Shops Ended
It also stipulates that all men and women employees, makers as well as cutters, must be members of the union; that no sub-contracting shall be allowed.

The employers are to furnish machines, needles, cotton and all other requisites free of charge, and that the shops shall be sanitary, and that representatives of the union shall have the right to visit shops at convenient times in order to confer and consult with the workers.

The agreement also states that in case any strike of work is put on the market a committee of workers, together with a representative of the union, shall fix the prices for such work.

GOTHAM MAYOR DENOUNCES TALK OF UNION VIOLENCE

New York, Dec. 12.—Mayor Gaynor in a letter to Police Commissioner Cropsy, thanked the police for the service they rendered during the recent express strike.

At the same time he put at rest the lies circulated by the daily press regarding disorder on the part of the strikers. This denial of reported violence he summed up in the following paragraph of the letter:

"I beg also to inform you that the information I had from your department that there was little or no violence by the express company employees on strike, notwithstanding loose and malicious statements to the contrary from day to day, has been verified by the companies themselves, only one being excluded from re-employment under the clause which I caused to be put in the settlement agreement that no employee who had committed any violence should be taken back."

"Very truly yours,"

"WM. GAYNOR, Mayor."

STRIKES ARE CAUSE OF EMIGRATION FROM SPAIN

Madrid, Dec. 12.—In the chamber of deputies Senor Garcia Lomas asked that the government take measures to protect Spanish emigrants disembarking at American ports.

FIRST TEN-HOUR LAW CASE LOST BY WOMEN

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 12.—The first test case of the woman's ten-hour law in Springfield resulted in defeat for the state.

Labor Briefs

At Barre, Vt., Italian Americans conduct a co-operative store which does a grocery business of \$20,000 yearly.

Trades Unions

Foster education and uproot ignorance. Shorten hours and lengthen life. Raise wages and lower usury. Develop method and balk tyranny. Enlarge membership and eliminate classes. Establish fraternity and discourage selfishness. Reduce prejudice and induce liberality. Create rights and abolish wrongs. Lighten toll and brighten men. Cheer the home and fireside. Make the world better for those living today.

All wage-workers should be union men. Their progress is limited only by those who would not help. Get together. AGITATE, EDUCATE, ORGANIZE! Don't wait until tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes. Don't wait for someone else to start. Begin yourself. Don't harken to the indifferent. Wake them up. Don't think it impossible. Three million organized workers in the American Federation of Labor prove different. Don't weaken. Persistence was results.

HEAR OF FRESH MUTINY IN BRAZILIAN NAVY

New York, Dec. 12.—It was reported on the New York Coffee Exchange this afternoon that a fresh mutiny had occurred in the Brazilian navy and that serious political disturbances were expected in the big South American republic.

While there was no confirmation of the report and no details were given, the members of the exchange declared that they believed the present mutiny was even more serious than the one recently quelled.

PRAYING SHE MIGHT DIE, MOTHER'S PRAYER ANSWERED

Cleveland, O., Dec. 12.—Praying that she might die before she should be called upon to see the face of her dead son, Mrs. Malanti had her prayer answered.

NEW UNION TO WAR ON CROOKS

Job 'harks' Ruin Seen in Banding of Migrating Laborers.

The Coast Seamen's Journal, one of the organs of the International Seamen's union, in discussing the recent action of the American Federation in making provisions for organizing the workers who move through the country following harvests and the railroad construction work, points out the good contained in the move.

Realize Hardships

Union seamen, through the hardship of their own calling, realize the bitter life of the casual or migratory laborer. In commenting on the protection to be given this class of workers under the new plan, the journal says in part:

Protection Proposed

In brief, the plan of organizing the migratory laborers proposes to embrace the men who work on railroads, farms, dams, irrigation schemes, etc., to unite them in a bond of common interest to protect them from their natural enemies, the employment sharks, and their unnatural enemies, the thoughtless or corrupt politician and the press was, and to direct their comings and goings in search of employment with a minimum waste in time and money.

SEEN HEARST DEFEAT IN RESIGNATION FROM "SCOUTS"

The resignation of William Randolph Hearst from the directorate of the Boy Scouts of America is causing satisfaction among those who agitated against the boy scout movement.

STRIKE OF METAL TRADES AT BARCELONA, SPAIN

Barcelona, Dec. 12.—The general strike of the metal workers has begun. Thus far there have been no disorders. The Labor Federation met and discussed the question of a general strike involving all trades. A vote was taken, which resulted in a majority against such a strike.

SEEK TO HELP UNIONS' GROWTH

Labor "M. P." Discusses Australian Bill Which Favors the Workers.

When the commonwealth conciliation and arbitration bill, which provides for preference to unionists, was under discussion in the Australian house of representatives recently, W. G. Spence, M. P., president of the Australian Workers' union, spoke as follows:

"The only weapon the workers have ever had for securing better conditions—a weapon which has been used with varying degrees of success, but with a very large measure of success as far as it has resulted in securing better wages, better conditions, and a better status generally—is the hazardous one of striking."

Strike Only Weapon

"That is a weapon that becomes more and more complex, as the union movement—the collective system—becomes stronger and more widespread. Trade unionists, however, have agreed to give up this powerful weapon and to submit their interests to the arbitration of one man—a man not of their class, no matter how able he may be, but who is appointed to decide finally as between employer and employees."

Collective Bargaining

"His decision must depend upon his capacity, and upon the case presented by the parties to the plaintiff. That is the situation under the arbitration system. The basis of all this system is collective bargaining. Both sides must have organizations before you can have proper collective bargaining."

"The whole measure is based on that principle, and it is important that its administration should be polished. We hope that the power will be given to make the act effective, so that it may deal with those larger areas where competition comes in more keenly."

TEN MORE DEAD IN EXPLOSION

Foreigners, Trapped in Canadian Coal Mines, Meet Horrible Death.

(By United Press Associations.)

Calgary, Alberta, Dec. 12.—Thirty of the forty-five miners entombed by a terrific explosion in the Western Canada Collieries mine, on the Crow's Nest Pass, had been removed by daybreak.

Ten Dead

Ten of them were dead, and of the remainder many were terribly burned, some fatally.

It is not known what has happened to the men left in the mine, though the rescuers have little hopes that they will be able to reach them alive.

The explosion was followed by fire, which was extinguished only after a hard fight. It was several hours before the first rescuing party was able to enter the shaft.

All Foreigners

All of the entrapped men were foreigners, mostly Italians and Swedes. No one has been able to tell what caused the explosion.

SEIDEL LIKES STRAUSS MUSIC

Mayor Attends "Salome" and Sees No Reason to Stop It.

(By United Press Associations.)

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 12.—Mary Garden's opera, "Salome," is today hailed unanimously by at least 2,500 Milwaukeeans as art.

Society Attends

The largest display of local society seen for years in this city attended the opera here.

Music Wonderful

Although the mayor characterized Miss Garden's dance as "a little bit disgusting in part," he did not condemn it.

STEAM ENGINEERS COME TO AID OF THE STRIKERS

Local No. 401 of the International Union of Steam Engineers at its meeting last night voted to assess each member 25 cents per week as long as the garment strike is on. The local has 225 members.

The Stenographers and Typists' union No. 1775, besides donating \$20 from the union treasury, has collected over \$30 on the Women's Trade Union League donation cards in the last week. The amount was turned over to the commissary fund today.

PEOPLE IN U. S. ARE 91,972,266

Government Announces Sixteen Million Increase During Last Ten Years.

(By United Press Associations.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—The census of 1910 announced the present population of the continental United States as 91,972,266, increase 15,977,691, or 21 per cent.

The population of the United States, including specified dependencies, is 93,492,151, increase 18,145,821, or 20.9 per cent.

The population of the state of Washington is 1,141,890, increase 623,857, or 120.4 per cent. This gives Washington three more congressmen.

The population of the state of Wisconsin is 2,333,860, increase 264,818, or 12.7 per cent. This increase is sufficient for one more congressman.

The population of the state of Georgia is 2,699,131, increase 392,790, or 17.7 per cent. The increase is sufficient for one more congressman.

Correct New York Count

It was announced that the total for New York state had been corrected, making it 9,118,814, increase 1,844,370, or 25.4 per cent. The increase is sufficient for nine new congressmen.

The total for Florida was changed to read 1,523,619, increase 224,077, or 48.6 per cent. Florida gets one new congressman.

The total for Alaska is given at 64,356, increase 764, or 12 per cent. The total for Hawaii, 191,909, increase 37,908, or 24.8 per cent.

Order of States

New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Texas, Massachusetts, Missouri, Michigan, Indiana, Georgia, New Jersey, California, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Iowa, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Minnesota, Virginia, Mississippi, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, South Carolina, Maryland, West Virginia, Nebraska, Washington, Porto Rico, Connecticut, Colorado, Florida, Maine, Oregon, South Dakota, North Dakota, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Montana, Utah, Vermont, District of Columbia, New Mexico, Idaho, Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Wyoming, Nevada, Alaska.

ARIZONA LAW BRINGS FIGHT

All Republicans and One Democrat Oppose Recall for Judges.

(By United Press Associations.)

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 12.—Between now and Feb. 9, when the people of Arizona will vote on the basic law for their new state, finally adopted at the convention which adjourned last night, the bitter political campaign in the history of the Southwest will be fought. The Democratic delegates, all but one of whom signed the constitution, are confident that the people will ratify it.

Democrat Balks

Delegate Ellinwood of Bisbee, a Democrat, refused to sign the constitution because of the provision which makes the judiciary subject to the recall. He asserts that this feature deprives the judiciary of impartiality and independence, besides making it almost certain that President Taft and Congress will reject the document.

Republicans Stand Pat

John Langdon of Globe was the only Republican who signed the constitution. Delegate Tutthill, Democrat, voted against it on final ballot but signed it. It is reported that Governor Sloan, a federal appointee, will return from Washington immediately and start a vigorous campaign against ratification of the constitution, which, he is said to regard as Socialist.

CHINESE SMUGGLING PLOT MAY INVOLVE MANY U. S. OFFICIALS

(By United Press Associations.)
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 12.—Five more contraband Chinese were found today in the hold of the liner Choyo Maru, which arrived yesterday. Paul Schuttz, a syndicate, was arrested today by secret service officers on suspicion of being one of the underlings of the smuggling rings which has been importing and selling Chinese slave girls.

Schuttz, who was wounded in a pistol fight with customs officials, was arrested when he applied at a local hospital to have his wounds dressed. Schuttz says he and one boatman were wounded by the customs officers and fled in the darkness.

United States Commissioner Steward today promised further revelations and intimated that several prominent federal officials may be involved in the smuggling plot.

PASS WARREN RESOLUTION

Haverhill, N. H., Dec. 12.—A strong resolution protesting against the conviction of Fred Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, of Girard, Kan., was passed here by the Socialists at a meeting of almost 1,000 citizens.

FUSION DREAMS IN MILWAUKEE

Move of Politicians Has No Fear for Victorious Socialists.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 12.—A proposal to place a fusion ticket in the field in opposition to the Social Democratic ticket in the next city election will probably bring out some interesting complications.

See Chief Factors

It is probable that the twenty-four civic societies of Milwaukee may become chief factors in this contest.

There is a tendency on the part of the civic societies, which is becoming more pronounced every day, to claim credit for research work and municipal advances, the inception of which did not come from them.

These civic societies are merged into a federation which, if thrown into a political fight, might become something of a formidable character in the campaign.

Don't Carry Out Ideas

Of course, there are a great many holding membership in these societies manifesting an interest in their work, but when it came to actually carrying out some of the things they talk smoothly about, would probably be found lined up on the other side of the fence.

To these, research work and investigation showing up the inhumanity and degrading conditions makes good food for superficial discussion, but mighty poor material for concrete action—concrete action too often takes away profits.

On Heels of Socialists

As far as words go, however, the civic societies are trying to keep right on the heels of the administration in their advocacy of reform measures.

Where they fall behind, however, is in the creation of revolutionary ideas. They can understand something of the proposition to bring about slight reforms, but they do not grasp the idea of completely changing the economic system and that is where the division line will probably be.

Opposition Is Easy

The talk of opposing the Social Democrats with a fusion ticket is assuming proportions that make it fair to believe the plan may be carried out; so it becomes a proposition worth while considering at any rate.

It is going to be a hard job, however, to reconcile such men as Thomas J. Neely, Gen. Otto H. Falk, Charles F. Pfister and men of that type, who stand on the ultra stand-pat side of things, to such a platform as a fusion ticket would have to put in the running.

See Open Revolt

So even if a fusion ticket should meet with the approval of a majority of the opposition leaders, there would still be discontent and probably open revolt in their ranks.

For these reasons and others a fusion ticket does not present the terrors that it might to the Social Democrats.

Milwaukee never has had a mayor who has devoted the time and energy to his work that Emil Seidel has given.

Seidel to Run Again

In all probability he will lead the ticket in the next campaign and to displace him will be a task more than enough for a fusion party.

QUAKER CITY IS 'DOPE' CENTER

Sleepy Philadelphia Gets Opium Smuggled for Fiends' Use.

(By United Press Associations.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 12.—As the culmination of sweeping investigations made by federal authorities in Rochester, N. Y., and Philadelphia, \$14,000 worth of opium is in the hands of the government here today, and thirty-six Chinamen are in jail, held for hearings without bail.

A simultaneous raid in Philadelphia also resulted in large seizures of the drug.

Comes to Philadelphia

According to District Attorney Jordan and Customs Agent Austin Reynolds, who planned the raids, the "dope" is being smuggled into the country at the port of Philadelphia, where it is shipped to Rochester and then to Pittsburg, where it is alleged the opium habit among Chinese is as extensive as anywhere in the country.

Seek to Mislead

The detour to Rochester is to mislead the authorities, said the district attorney today. Prosecutions for smuggling will be instituted as the next step in the "dope" crusade.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY IN ILLINOIS CAMPAIGN

Although only a few weeks old, the newly chartered organization of the Woman Suffrage party of Illinois, already numbers a membership of 400 in Chicago. The New York membership of the organization is 20,000.

Enrollment blanks have been issued from the headquarters of the Woman Suffrage party, 124 Unity building, 79 Dearborn street, and a membership canvass will be inaugurated in Chicago.

SPARGO MAKES HIT

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 12.—John Spargo, Socialist writer and lecturer, scored a decided hit in this city when he spoke before an audience of over 600 people on "The Spiritual Significance of Modern Socialism."

BELIEVE SPAIN'S THRONE DOOMED

Alfonso Is Sitting on Powder Magazine With Lighted Fuse.

Madrid, Dec. 12.—Ever since the Portuguese revolution, the Spanish government has been sitting on a powder magazine with a lighted fuse shimmering away inside it.

It was sitting on the magazine even before King Manuel was deposed, but it was Manuel's deposition that set the fuse to burning.

Any hour may bring a revolt in Spain. The slightest event may precipitate it. One governmental precaution too many will start trouble. Or one precaution too few will do the same thing.

An indiscreet utterance of some monarchist official or the right kind of inflammatory speech by one of the revolutionary leaders will be the signal for a widespread uprising.

Portugal Is Faster

The Spanish and Portuguese Republicans have long been working together. It was the intention to start the revolutions in the two countries at the same time.

It so happened, however, that the movement developed somewhat more rapidly in Portugal than in Spain.

The Portuguese could not wait without endangering their cause. The Spanish felt that they might endanger theirs by acting prematurely.

The Spanish Republicans feel intensely the humiliation of having the comparatively unimportant Portuguese establish a republic ahead of Spain, and they are impatient to act.

Moreover, the Portuguese have shown them that attempts at revolution are by no means hopeless.

Establish Joint Republic

The Republicans' idea—both in Spain and Portugal—is to establish a federal republic in which both countries are included.

This is deemed necessary because the population of Spain is split, according to the geographical location, into a number of very distinct races.

It is believed they will live together with less friction if they are given home rule in purely local affairs, with a single president and congress for the entire group, much after the pattern of the United States.

The plan seems satisfactory to all the Republicans throughout the entire country, and there is no doubt that the Portuguese are willing to join such a union.

Alfonso Will Fight

Alfonso will probably make a harder fight for his throne than did Manuel. He has able advisers than did his brother monarch, and greater financial and military resources.

It is certain, however, that the army is by no means loyal to him. Except for the high officers, it is probably safe to say that more than half the troops would join the revolutionists if they believed the latter stood a reasonable chance of winning.

If the revolutionists succeed in starting an uprising throughout the entire nation at once, the throne is almost certainly doomed.

The San Francisco Electrical Workers' union has volunteered the services of its members in restoring the electrical system in the Men's Industrial home.

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Late winter lengthened into early spring, while Maggie fought the losing battle against starvation. Toiling, fasting, suffering she watched the inevitable close around her and the children.

Help! Help! Help!

BY EUGENE V. DEBS

It seems to me that I can hear this startling cry from the north this winter night as I read the evening papers and the harrowing stories they contain about the striking and starving slaves of the sweatshops in the capitalist bedlam at the foot of the lake.

Is there any hell any savage ever conceived to be compared with this tragedy of horrors?

Let the workmen of Chicago rise, like a whirlwind in defense of these shivering, starving children at their doors.

There are enough union men, in Chicago, to put an end to this strike in five minutes and snatch their suffering brothers and sisters from the jaws of starvation and death.

Why in the name of all that unionism stands for don't they act? The steel trust has already wiped out the tin plate workers and marine firemen, the tobacco trust has all but destroyed the tobacco workers, and a score of other unions are hanging to life by a thread, and now the clothing trust is annihilating the garment workers.

These sweatshop victims could hardly suffer more keenly if they were being slowly burned at the stake. In the name of God and the dying little children, why does not organized labor act instead of seeing these little babies go to fate without putting forth a hand to rescue them?

After what happened day before yesterday when the buses, merciless as jackals, spat full in the face of those pleading for the paltriest concession to end the misery of the dying, Chicago, were it not dead as the consciences of the brutes who are murdering these babies, would seethe with revolt and a hundred thousand union men would give an exhibition of militant manhood that would forever make impossible a repetition of this monstrous crime.

All over Chicago indignation meetings should be held and the tide of revolt should rise and roar as it never has before in an American city.

The shriek for help can be distinctly heard by all who are not dead as stones. Will the workers respond, A HUNDRED THOUSAND STRONG, and save the day for the starving strikers, for unionism and humanity?

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What Ails Business?

Henry Harrison Lewis in "American Industries" for December carefully analyzes business conditions from the capitalistic point of view and concludes that business is only fair and not likely to get better if the following remedies are not promptly applied:

- THE REMEDY In the order of importance as indicated in reports received from members of the National Association of Manufacturers: Less legislative interference with business. Less political activity. A speedy and equitable settlement of the railway rate question. More conservatism in business. More national and individual confidence. Take the tariff out of politics. Give equal opportunities to all workmen by making the "closed shop" illegal. Reforms of the currency and banking systems. Prompt decisions in the important industrial questions now before the U. S. Supreme Court. Prompt decisions in the important industrial questions now before the U. S. Supreme Court. More attention to foreign trade and rehabilitation of the merchant marine.

This then is the consensus of opinion of the manufacturers of the nation. Lewis further says:

"Everybody tries to increase business too rapidly. The consequence is an overproduction of goods and a crowding of the same into the market and on the shelves of the retailer. Prices are depressed by everybody trying to get rid of surplus stock."

What a "hodge podge" of inconsistencies and palliatives! No wonder that orthodox political economy is called "the dismal science."

"Let us alone," says the capitalist. "Stop legislation" except when it's in our interests. "Make the closed shop illegal." (That isn't legislation.) "Make less goods," but get bigger prices. Buy less for raw material and labor. Change the banking laws." (That is not legislation.) "Sell in foreign markets by the help of a subsidized merchant marine." (That is not legislation. It's plain stealing in our interest.) "Have more confidence." (We are running a con game.) This is like telling a man to lift himself by his own boot straps.

The hideous fact—poverty and want—in front of bulging warehouses and crowded shelves, makes no impression upon the class-bound capitalist.

The fact that the laboring class can buy, with the wages they get, only a small portion of the goods they make; and that the wealthy people, no matter how luxuriously and extravagantly they live, can only use up a small portion of the balance, is the cause of so-called OVERPRODUCTION and the periodical "PANICS" and the long periods of business stagnation.

The trouble is not OVERPRODUCTION, but UNDER PRODUCTION. Goods are made for profit, business is for profit, speculation is for profit—for the PERSONAL BENEFIT OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

Goods should be made for USE; for the benefit of those who make them, each getting a share of them in proportion to his contribution in their making.

Any basis that is not broad enough to include all members of society is too narrow for real prosperity. The production of wealth is a social process. It requires labor of brain and brawn; it takes the raw material furnished by nature (not by the capitalist as is falsely taught) and human energy, expressed in labor socially organized to create it. But the DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH is NOT SOCIAL. It is A-TI-SOCIAL. The mass of it goes to a small class who "possess" the natural wealth and the instruments of production.

The DISTRIBUTION of wealth must also be socialized. Labor creates all wealth and it must be made the measure in its distribution instead of title deeds, bonds and stocks.

An Appeal for Help

Let the trumpet blast of Comrade Debs arouse the workmen of Chicago, union and non-union, to immediate action.

The appeal comes straight from the great heart of Debs, filled to overflowing with indignation and compassion. We may differ as to methods and policies—this is no time for criticisms. This is the time for action.

Support the men and women struggling for their lives with money, food, clothing and with your sympathy EXPRESSED VIGOROUSLY. Let the bosses hear you, and the men at the head of city affairs know where you stand. Back the strikers; help them; encourage them. They are fighting for a chance to live decently.

"Ballinger is exonerated," says a Chicago daily. "We believe the finding of the majority of the investigating committee to be true, because Knute Nelson, Elihu Root and Samuel W. McCall are in favor of it." But what of the adverse report of the minority? Were the minority not informed of the facts and are they not honorable gentlemen?

The administration and the big interests were for Ballinger. Is it not more likely that their combined efforts would influence the members of the committee who voted for Ballinger's acquittal—AGAINST THE FACTS—than that the minority was unfairly influenced?

Socialism is co-operation in production and equity in distribution. The Socialist party is organized for the purpose of abolishing the inequities of individualistic appropriation of socially-produced wealth. BERNARD BERLYN.

Sixty-nine cents of every dollar raised by taxation in New York City goes to pay interest and sinking fund on its debt. What will happen when it takes 100 cents on the dollar?

"Man is a tool-using animal."—Darwin. Deprive him of the ownership of tools and he becomes a slave; deprive him of the use of them and he becomes a helpless brute.

"Art is reason expressed in feeling."—I. N. Rubinkam. Without freedom art is impossible and without food, clothing and homes freedom is impossible.

When men neither strike nor vote tyranny is supreme. When they begin to strike, tyranny begins to tremble; when they vote, tyranny abdicates.

The capitalistic state is based upon property rights and class distinctions. The Socialist state is founded upon economic and political equality.

To consume without producing wealth is to be either a beggar or a robber. Labor produces all wealth. To which class do you belong?

Institutions are the scaffolds of progress. When they are outgrown they become useless, and if not removed become a menace.

Jefferson said: "The ballot is an effective means of offense and defense in the hand of an intelligent people."

To the extent that man understands and masters nature does he become free.

How to Kill Socialism

BY HERMAN ALWING

This is a friendly little heart to heart talk with you, Mr. Capitalist.

We know that there is nothing in all the world—except, possibly, bigger dividends—that you desire more intensely than the defeat of Socialism. Isn't that true? Our vulgar materialism jars your esthetic sensibilities, and our code of morals is utterly repulsive to your Thaw, your Cuddeys, your Astors and your Belmonts. So we will understand why the crushing of Socialism would be such an eminently satisfactory thing from your viewpoint.

But why don't you get busy? Why not wipe the repellent thing off the face of the earth with one fell swoop? Uncertain about the modus operandi? Then let your Socialists give you a little advice. It needn't hurt your pride, because we have already told you how to do a great many things.

First—Be sure that you are right. If you are RIGHT there is nothing between the cradle and St. Peter's golden gate that can protect Socialism against your onslaughts. It will be so dead there will be nothing left for a funeral. The vanquishment of Socialism will be as easy as drowning a cat wrapped up in a sack. It will require no more brain power than is needed in the operation of sending meat prices sky high by means of cold storage. Which, as you well know, is child's play.

Yes, the crushing of Socialism is dead easy—if you are RIGHT. Did you ever stop to consider that nothing based on wrong principles survives very long in the midst of civilization? Hog quickly an untruth is exposed, and how rapidly a house built upon the sand crumbles to ruins? Falsehood may thrive among the savages, and false prophets may reap big harvests in the dark regions where ignorance and superstition rule the masses. But let them ply their trade in the midst of a more highly intensified civilization, and watch them make for the tall woods before many weeks have passed.

These are merely concrete manifestations of the fact that no untruth and no fallacy can survive against REASON. If you are in doubt concerning the truth of a teaching, expose it to the searchlight of REASON. It is the surest test.

Having satisfied yourself that you are right and that Socialism is the antithesis of right, the process of reasoning it to death should be as simple as a kindergarten problem in arithmetic.

Socialism, like any great and comprehensive movement, has at times been afflicted with false theories. Some of us have been in error on certain points, and we have cheerfully admitted it long before your capitalists discovered the error. Of course, the errors were not all;

they did not affect the vital principles of Socialism; they were nothing but growing pains and deformities that were eradicated by maturity. But have you noticed how quickly they were exposed and repudiated? Exposed to the searchlight of REASON, they vanished as completely as the night vanishes at sunrise.

If right is on your side, Mr. Capitalist, you can destroy the whole organism of Socialism. You will be surprised to find that the world will be at your feet. And there will not be one rebellious voice to dispute your title as lord of creation and remind you of the hated thing that once threatened your supremacy.

But nothing but REASON will bring you this desirable state of affairs. The man on horseback may triumph for a time, but once the earth's millions have glimpsed the truth, his reign will be brief. The power of wealth wielded by your class may retard the march of progress, but it cannot crush Socialism. Only REASON can do that. REASON is the only and the easiest way.

Does that bring you a sense of hopelessness? Have you begun to realize that the men who lay out the great trans-continental railways for you, the men who plan your sky-scrapers, your chief engineers and your experts in various lines, while they are yours to command in industrial pursuits, are not with you in your battle against Socialism? That, in fact, most of your technical experts, your scientists, your editors and your lieutenants of commerce and industry, are already SOCIALISTS! Have you at last come to a realization of the fact that, with all your gold, you cannot buy brains for use in your warfare against the greatest moral force humanity ever knew!

With all your gold, Mr. Capitalist, you have not been able to buy one valid argument against Socialism. And the proof of this assertion lies in the fact that Socialism still exists. The one valid argument that you could not buy would have been sufficient to annihilate it.

The brainiest men in all the world, the men who achieve, the men who built up your fortunes, are fighting the battle of Socialism. It is true, you still have on your side a few college professors, preachers and editors. And a great many Zulus, Hottentots and man eaters who are still opposed to Socialism.

Take your encyclopedia, Mr. Capitalist, and look up the countries in which education and technical science have reached the highest stage of perfection, and ponder for a good half hour the fact that in these very countries Socialism is most strongly entrenched. And then ask yourself a good big WHY?

Don't you feel lonely, deserted and miserable? What are you going to do about it?

UNDER CAPITALISTIC (MIS)RULE

BY M. E. THE WAGE SLAVE. With senses all dulled by never-ending toil. Deafened by clatter of workshop's turmoil.

I labor through life, still I sleep 'neath the soil. THE UNEMPLOYED. Not a crust in the house, children crying for bread. Work not to be gotten, heart heavy as lead.

Crushed and oppressed; I wish I were dead. THE BEGGAR. A burden on others; oh! what a disgrace. If things were but run right, this could not take place.

We are made by the system that's fixing the race. THE CRIMINAL. My living is made by robbing and stealing. When one can't get work, what's the use of appealing?

To yourself to be honest, while your stomach has feeling! THE PROSTITUTE. I'm a failure, 'tis true; yet, who is to blame? For this picture of degradation and shame.

What brought me so low and drives me to ill-fame? ALL. Everywhere is contentment; ended all needless strife. And each one now has a share in the good things of life.

To every man is given, the full product of his toil. The earth belongs to all mankind and not to Standard Oil!

CAPITALISTIC OPINION OF THE WARREN CASE

A singular case, arousing widespread attention throughout the West and very little in the East, is that of Mr. Fred Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, a Socialist monthly published in Girard, Kan. When the three officials of the Western Federation of Miners were forcibly taken from their homes at night in Colorado and carried to Idaho, where they were tried for murder and were acquitted, Mr. Warren held that, regardless of their guilt or innocence, their kidnapping was in violation of the rights of extradition and clearly against the Constitution of the United States.

Nevertheless, the Supreme court, by a majority vote, decided that the kidnapping was legal. So Mr. Warren thought of a novel plan by which to test that decision. It happened that ex-Governor Taylor of Kentucky, who was under indictment for murder, had fled to Indiana, the governor of which state refused to turn him over to the Kentucky authorities.

Mr. Warren did exactly what police officials in Kentucky did. He sent out circulars offering a reward for the return of Taylor to the Kentucky authorities, and before mailing the circulars he was assured by the postmaster at Girard that they were not in violation of the mailing laws. But the authorities at Washington promptly arrested him. He was found guilty and was sentenced to six months imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$1,000, although the judge in passing sentence said plainly that he doubted whether there had been any violation of the law. And now the higher court has affirmed the sentence of the lower court.

Gleanings

BY RALPH KORNGOLD. The men stopped shivering, and a kind providence kept Ameringer from catching a cold and saved him for the remainder of the campaign.

There is a farmer in the state of Wisconsin who has a dog whom he has named Teddy. When I asked him why he allowed the poor creature to live under so awful a handicap, the reply came readily.

"I called him Teddy," he said, "because the name just fits him. He is one of them dogs what barks a lot, but don't do nothing!"

The Great Northern Railroad is a business concern run on business principles. According to the New York World \$25,000,000. The road is capitalized at over \$200,000,000. About two weeks before the election this road wanted its operators to vote for "prosperity," increased their wages \$5 a month. Great was the joy in the ranks of the operators and equally great their gratitude.

A great many of them, no doubt, caught the bait and voted for the continuance of private ownership of the railroads as well as of all other important public utilities. However, their rejoicing was of short duration, for immediately after election the Great Northern cut the wages of its operators \$15 a month. It's a great game!

REVOLUTIONARY TRIOLETS

BY ROLLA MYER. LESE MAJESTE! Bow down, ye hinds. To Teddy Rex: His teeth he grinds— Bow down, ye hinds!

Bow down your minds, Bow down your necks— Bow down, ye hinds. To Teddy Rex!

THE PREACHER SAITH:

Lift up your minds To themes celestial! Ye starving hinds, Lift up your minds: Though hunger blinds You to the bestial, Lift up your minds To themes celestial!

SOME SATISFACTION

"Coal is coal nowadays," said a south side retailer to a customer who kicked at the advanced price charged him. "I tried to hear it," was the response. "What you want me last year was mostly slate and ashes."—Fuel.

"Hell With the Lid Off"

BY HENRY E. ALLEN

At the present time in Chicago a mere handful of employers are absolutely the cause of widespread destitution and death among several thousand garment workers and their dependents.

Will anybody believe that these garment workers have gone on strike at the beginning of winter WITHOUT GOOD CAUSES? Several murders have resulted from this strike; children have died from lack of sustenance, and all for what? That a few wealthy clothing makers may pile up more wealth to corrupt American institutions.

J. Howard Moore says that the working class today is wearing itself out in the service of cannibals and man-eating millionaires. Reader, is not this a fact? WHO PROFITS BY LOW WAGES? Does the merchant, the farmer, the landlord or the salaried man? Is the dollar-a-day worker a two-dollar-a-day buyer of the products of labor? Never.

Are low wages and insanitary conditions conducive to morality, intelligence and good citizenship? Be honest with yourself and answer these questions. Is not this a disgrace to every fair-minded citizen of Chicago? There should be a minimum wage for every kind of useful work. The man or corporation that will not pay a decent, living wage and maintain sanitary conditions should be imprisoned or driven out of business.

Edison says a person who will not observe the Golden Rule should be imprisoned. Why should any employer be permitted to profit by making conditions for others that he would rebel against for himself? Are we not sufficiently civilized today to practice at least some degree of civility and kindness in transacting the world's business? The fact is the wage system has come to be a stupendous fraud. It does not provide decent living conditions and insure against want in old age.

A system that will not do this is a fraudulent, dishonest system. Reader, let us be fair and just in these matters.

Little Sermons in Socialism by Abraham Lincoln

BY BURKE McCARTY

It is a remarkable coincidence that over sixty-one years ago the city of Milwaukee listened to what was its first lesson in international sympathy, co-operation and brotherhood, and that the teacher was Abraham Lincoln!

In a speech there, delivered September 30, 1859, Lincoln said: "TO CORRECT THE EVILS, GREAT AND SMALL, WHICH SPRING FROM WANT OF SYMPATHY AND FROM A POSITIVE ENMITY AMONG STRANGERS, AS NATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS, IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST FUNCTIONS OF CIVILIZATION."—(See Complete Works, Vol. I, p. 576.)

It is also a fitting sequence that this same city of Milwaukee should be the first city in America to adopt the principles of the Socialist party which is the only party in the world today which has for its goal this same world-wide co-operative brotherhood which Lincoln conceived and advocated.

OPEN FORUM

ANALYTIC DIGEST OF STRIKES, LABOR AND LEISURE may be offensive to you when dished out adversely to the general trend of your paper.

That labor produces commodities is true; that labor is entitled to the product of labor is true; that public ownership of the means of production and distribution is necessary also is true; these are the fundamental principles of Socialism as generally understood.

The question is: Are these principles in harmony with strikes, or will strikes lead to or toward this end? Here is the argument:

The cost of products is based upon the cost of labor (supply and demand and monopolistic advances are irrelevant in this connection); the increased cost of farm labor will increase the cost of farm products, the increase of wages of carpenter and plumber, and building trades wages, increases the cost of houses, with the resultant advance of rentals, and so on through the entire list of workers and their products.

The logical conclusion, therefore, is that as the cost of the product is governed by the cost to produce, any advance of wage will, as a sequence, be effect by an increase of cost of things the producer must buy.

Follow this line of reasoning through the various trades that make the things needed and used by the people, they all lead to the same conclusion: there is no escape for it.

It is reasonable, therefore, to assume that strikes are unscientific and consequently in the end must fail.

It may be in line to say in this connection: that a cessation of work with its stoppage of the pay roll, many times is of great benefit to the employer in helping to unload surplus accumulations.

The workers being the only ones benefited materially by Socialism it is natural that they should seek Socialism as a relief from the enforced grind of unrequited toil.

The wonder is that they go not en masse join the Socialist party as the only sane solution of their woes. It is natural that the leaders in Socialism should look to labor as their strongest ally, but in fact Socialism is too broad to bar any one from its ranks, even though they should belong.

wealthy, and honestly seeking Socialism as a panacea for the suffering toiler, must be of kind heart, philanthropic mind, and should be welcome in Socialist circles. J. H. PURDY.

(We fully agree with our critic. Strikes are unscientific. So is poverty, want and crime. The whole brood of material evils from which mankind suffers is unscientific, i. e., unnecessary.

But these things exist. They must be met practically. As a newspaper we must take sides. We must decide which side tends towards Socialism and then stand for that side. The strikers are the victims of a system; we help them win their specific battle, or they lose the battle. In either event they are in a mood to learn that Socialism alone can bring them permanent relief.

The class struggle is on. We cannot ignore it. The capitalist who believes in Socialism must say so plainly and unequivocally.

He can help to bring it about by giving aid to the struggling working class by showing them that they can only win by taking possession by constitutional methods of the government and through it of the means of production and distribution. He is in a position to know and his help will be appreciated.—Editor.)

CORRECT "Madam"—an Oklahoma census taker was speaking to her who answered his knock—"how many children over six and under twenty-one years of age have you?" "Lemme see," she reflected. "Lemme see," Wal, sir, that be two over six and under twenty-one."—Everybody's.

ALL READY FOR THE SHOW Orchestra Leader—All the orchestra players are drunk. Theatrical Manager—Well, drag 'em out. We advertised a full orchestra.—Lippincott's.

DIFFERENT NOW A woman meeting a girl who had left her service recently inquired: "Well, Mary, where do you live now?" The girl replied: "Please, ma'am, I don't live nowhere now—I'm married tanks, even though they should belong."