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JUSTIFY ATTACK ON HUNGARIAN COUNT WHO FIGHTS TOILERS

Record of Albert Apponyi and His Kind Is Given.

Hungarian Socialists, representing 60 of their compatriots of Chicago, met last night at 816 Milwaukee avenue and denounced Count Albert Apponyi as an advocate of heavy military expenditures and a low wage standard.

Communication to Public In a communication to the public drafted at the meeting and given to the press the statement is made that the native Hungarians, and not the Slavic races in the Austro-Hungarian empire are opposed to the count.

Record Is Given The record of the results of the count's activities are given as follows, after he is rebuked and charged with being unwilling to face the disapproval of his own countrymen.

Who is Count Albert Apponyi? The American press, wherever he appears, speaks of him as the apostle of "World Peace," judging him not by his record, but by his public utterances.

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TALKS PEACE AS GUNS BRISTLE

Record of Apponyi Stalks at Twentieth Century Club Lecture.

The dove of international peace was all but crowded off the shoulders of Count Albert G. Apponyi by the blue-coated policemen and "plain clothes" men who guarded him while he talked.

Peace and Arms The advocate of world's peace and general disarmament delivered his scheduled lecture before the Twentieth Century Club with a generous sprinkling of armed guards about him to prevent a purely local uprising.

Guards in Full Dress The former Hungarian minister of education probably did not know that the man clad in immaculate evening attire who sat before him at the home of Dr. Fenton B. Turk, where the organization met, was a detective in whose pockets reposed a revolver and heavy "billy."

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PIKE'S PEAK OR BUST, SAYS MANAGER

Our Fighting Mood For An Eight Page Paper Is Greater Than Ever. Work Alone Counts in the Struggle.

How about you today? This is the day when Comrade Smith and many of you will give something. Is your letter with donation to the eight-page paper here? If it is not, how soon are you coming with SOME-THING? Washington's birthday today. Well, but what satisfaction does the enlaved worker get out of it? Nothing, unless it be a stimulus to continue the battle until we are ourselves the supreme rulers; until we are no longer ruled by those who have no business to rule over us.

TO CARRY ON OUR WORK for a larger and stronger and more powerful organization, for a press that will be ours, to hasten on the day of our independence from the tyranny of the brutal boss and the awful capitalist system. Our hope is in united work. Mind you, I say, "work" I don't mean a substitute. Our work will be made easier when we have a larger press. It is this that we must press forward to unremittingly. When once the Daily Socialist is made eight pages you will have a different song.

How About You? Regardless of what others may do— On Feb. 22, Washington's Birthday, I will give something to the \$25,000 fund, whether anyone else does or not. JOHN SMITH. And there will be many more to give something on Feb. 22.

U. S. WORKERS FIGHT SWEATING

Rock Island Arsenal Workers Protest Against Speeding System.

BY GEORGE CRAM COOK

Davenport, Iowa, Feb. 22.—(The leaking out of the intention of the authorities of the United States government arsenal at Rock Island to inaugurate the Taylor system of speeding up used by the slave drivers of the Bethlehem steel works in Pennsylvania has stirred the 1,500 arsenal workers more deeply than any event in years.

Hold Monster Meeting

Twelve hundred of these men packed the Davenport Turner hall in a mass meeting called by a committee of the Arsenal Federation.

The audience, whose labor power representatives of their government are scheming to exploit to the breaking point of human endurance, listened with profound attention to an explanation of the cold-blooded, scientific methods by which it is proposed to wring the last ounce of energy out of their human muscles.

Sweating Scheme Projected

The system was explained in the words of Fred W. Taylor, its inventor. One hour was spent in reading and explaining the passage from his privately printed and circulated book, "Shop Management."

It was proved first by unmistakable evidence that the Taylor system is the one proposed to be inaugurated at the arsenal, though the claim has been made that only part of the system will be applied.

This is in accordance with Taylor's own advice to inaugurate at first only such parts of the system as will be least objectionable to the men.

Employers are warned by Taylor that the first step is to allay the suspicions of the men. This has been attempted here—unsuccessfully.

Methods Dissected

The plan goes on to show how the present system of shop management is to be gradually transformed. It provides for increased wages to certain men as pacemakers, for standardizing motions, for employing eight bosses instead of one.

Skilled mechanics with their high (Continued on Page 3, Column 3.)

BELLS ON MY FINGERS AND RINGS ON MY TOES

New York, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Hartwig notified the police today that her diamond engagement ring, valued at \$145, had disappeared while she was making change for a chauffeur.

After John J. Kelly, the chauffeur, had been searched without result he began whistling "Bells on My Fingers and Rings on My Toes." A policeman turning to Kelly said, "Take off your socks." Kelly's face fell, but he pulled off the hosiery.

The policemen say they found the missing ring encircling the little toe on the left foot.

ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS IN ANOTHER DISPUTE

A jurisdictional dispute between unions in the building trades has occurred on the Harris Trust building with the result that a large hydraulic pump is lying on the sidewalk in front of the structure and no one will take it into the basement.

WEATHER INDICATIONS

Fair tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature; lowest tonight, 15 to 20 degrees; brisk northwest winds, is the official weather forecast today.

Sunrise, 6:36 a. m.; sunset, 5:32 p. m.; moonrise, 2:37 a. m.

GEORGE BURNAM FOSTER TO TALK FOR Y. P. S. L.

Prof. George Burnam Foster, of the University of Chicago, became prominent some four years ago when he printed a book on "The Finality of the Christian Religion."

He was at that time connected with the faculty of the Divinity School at



GEORGE BURNAM FOSTER

the university. Later he became a member of the department of philosophy.

He has made a deep study of Sociology and in an article which he wrote for the Christmas Strike Special of the Chicago Daily Socialist showed that he has fully mastered the problems which confront those who work.

He will speak tonight at the Young People's Socialist League hall, 150 Washington street.

ROOSEVELT IS SILENT ON COX

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, here to participate in the Washington day celebration, today declined to comment on the indictment in Cincinnati of George B. Cox, the acknowledged "boss" of the Republican machine, and the man who was responsible for sending Nicholas Longworth, Roosevelt's son-in-law, to congress.

"I may have something to say of politics in my forthcoming speeches, but I don't care to discuss the Cox indictment now," he said.

Colonel Roosevelt's opposition to men of the Cox political stamp, however, was believed to have been seen when, in 1908, Roosevelt, then president, sent his secretary of war, W. H. Taft, to Akron, Ohio, to denounce Cox's political methods.

In his now famous speech, Mr. Taft repudiated a Republican ticket for the only time in his life, declaring that if he could get to Cincinnati to vote he would cast his ballot for the Republican state ticket and against the Republican city ticket, which was backed by Cox.

DECLARE TUGMEN'S UNION IS PROTECTING TRUST

By United Press. Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 22.—That the government expects to show that the tugmen's union is in league with the Great Lakes Towing Company in its efforts to destroy competition in vessel towing on the great lakes, was the declaration of United States District Attorney Day in the "tug trust" investigation here today.

Witnesses from Sandusky and Toledo testified that years ago there were many tugs engaged in vessel towing in these ports, but that now nearly all the work is done by the Great Lakes company.

PITTSBURG MAY FORCE BIG STREET CAR STRIKE

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 22.—Whether Pittsburg is to have a street car strike probably will be decided at a meeting of the union officials in Labor Temple tonight. It is admitted that relations between the men and the Pittsburg Railway company are strained to the point of breaking.

COST OF LIVING IS MADE LOWER

Socialists Force Honest Weights to Protect Housewives.

Special Correspondence.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 22.—False weights, defective scales, dented milk cans and other tin measures and other contrivances for determining whether or not there is justice between man and man in a business transaction, in which weights or measures must be determined, are piled up to the ceiling in a large room on the eighth floor of the city hall.

For Honest Measures

This is the harvest of lies that City Sealer of Weights and Measures F. C. Jansen and his associates gathered from all about the city during the last six months of 1910.

Active work was not begun until after the common council passed an ordinance giving Mr. Jansen the necessary assistance. Until then the office was a mere ornament to the city. The department was created in 1906. No crews being given it, it was as useless as a man with his hands tied.

Since July, according to Mr. Jansen's annual report, just out, the weight of a pound of butter has advanced from 11 to 15 ounces; the ice man no longer short-weights his customer from 16 to 25 per cent to make up for shrinkage on the wagon, and eleven of them found by sad experience that it is dangerous to try any longer.

The coal dealer can no longer buy 1,750 pounds of coal from the yards and deliver the same to his customer as a ton.

Protect Candy Buyer

Candy boxes are no longer allowed to be included in the weight of a pound of candy, which must be a full pound net weight. Liquids can no longer be sold by dry measure at a gain of 15 per cent to the dealer.

Nor was the retail dealer always the one to blame. Sometimes the fault lay with the wholesaler, the manufacturer or the shipper. Nor have bad practices been entirely eradicated in Milwaukee; there are still "trade customs," so-called, and bad practices, says the report, that are persistent and not easy to get rid of, but another year will do much in this direction.

Money Is Saved

The entire cost of the department for the year 1910 was \$5,923.68. It is likely that from three to four times that amount was saved to the people of the city and 1,179.65 was returned to the city in fines and witness fees paid to deputies, so that the department was really not an expensive one.

Of 7,618 scales inspected, 1,294, over one-half, were found defective. Of the defective scales only 1,902 could be adjusted and 3,224 were condemned as useless.

Of a total of 24,645 measures inspected 19,262 were found correct and 5,383 were condemned.

Stores Are Probed The 3,885 stores inspected 2,805 were found not correct and only 1,080 were found correct.

Four hundred and fifty-nine peddlers were investigated and only 98 of the number were found "O. K." 361 were found to have incorrect weights and measures, and 297 were given warning and 64 arrested.

Some of the fruits were due to carelessness and ignorance, so that not all of the cases can be regarded as showing criminal intent. Yet it was a hard matter at first to get rid of these careless habits that were so profitable. A few arrests and fines that were of wholly some proportions worked wonders, however.

Even the big department stores had to be made to realize that the department really meant business and it was only after they, too, began to clean up.

DON'T EAT PORK

By United Press. Washington, Feb. 22.—Warning was sent out by the Department of Agriculture today urging the people of the United States not to eat pork, whether it has been inspected by federal, state or municipal authorities, until after it has been properly cooked, as an average of one or two per cent of the hogs slaughtered in the United States are infected with parasite, or flesh worm.

RODRIGUEZ EXPOSES OLD PARTY TRICKS

MANY WRITERS FOR 'SPECIAL'

Woman's Day Edition of "The Daily" to Be Good One.

BY MARTHA A. BIEGLER

The contributors to the woman's special edition of the Chicago Daily Socialist, to be issued Thursday, Feb. 23, are beginning to be heard from.

Hearty Response

Writers are sending in manuscripts from the extreme east, west and north of the United States. There has been a very hearty response to requests for articles.

Chicago Socialists and friends are not shirking their duties in this respect. The men of Chicago who have been asked to exercise their literary genius on behalf of woman's cause are: Bernard Berlin, J. Mahlon Barnes, John M. Work, W. E. Rodriguez, Arthur M. Lew and others.

Chicago Contributors

Among Chicago women who have enlisted in the work of making this edition a success by written contributions are: Leonora Pease, Emma Pischel, Mrs. Anna K. Hubbard, Mrs. Raymond Roberts, Alice Henry, Mrs. Emma M. Coney, Minnie Lovinger, Mrs. Dorothy M. Madison, Mary O'Reilly and Caroline Lowe.

Some of these contributors are ready to give the readers some idea of their subjects, as follows: Alice Henry—"Lester F. Ward's Theory of Woman";

Leonora Pease—"The Position of the Socialist Woman in the Struggle for Complete Emancipation";

Mrs. Emma Coney—"Socialist Women and the Party's Club";

On Party Principles

John M. Work—"Fundamental Party Principles";

Caroline Lowe—"Women's Organizations";

From outside the city four women have responded definitely: Ella Reeves Bloom, Josephine Kanako, May Wood-Simons and Mrs. Georgia Kotsch of Los Angeles, Cal.

The latter is recognized as one of the best women writers among the Socialists of California.

May Wood-Simons' subject is "Working While We Wait";

Berger, Carl Thompson, Mrs. Berger, Elizabeth H. Thomas, Eugene V. Debs, Catherine Debs, Agnes Downing and others.

Outsiders, Too

The Daily is putting out the edition Thursday so that Socialists outside of the city can have the papers for distribution by Saturday and Sunday.

All those who intend to work at making this woman's edition a great success get their bundle orders early so that the demand may be readily supplied.

MAKE EYE DOCTORS IN SIX SHORT WEEKS

"Eyes tested free," is the omnipresent trademark of the fake optician, the bait that is luring a nation into a sight-destroying net, says James R. Noland in Pearson's for March. For 136 or 150 anyone may take a four or six weeks correspondence course with an "ophthalmic college" and secure a beautifully engraved diploma as a graduated "optician," a "doctor of refraction," a "doctor of optics," a "doctor of ophthalmology," a "fellow of optics," a "bachelor of ophthalmology," or some other equally high-sounding professional title.

Legitimate schools of ophthalmology require at least a two years' course, and no regular optician will employ a man in a responsible position who has not studied for four years.

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Leather Workers Applaud Hot Attack on Big Business in Politics.

Carter H. Harrison is on the unfair list of the Stationary Engineers. He is denounced by the Chicago Teachers' Federation, a labor union. He is now the man to be given the votes of Chicago workers.

Andrew J. Graham is backed by Roger Sullivan, who is on the unfair list of the Chicago Federation of Labor and of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 9.

Charles Edward Merriam is backed by Julius Rosenwald and Charles E. Crane, men whose business establishments are hostile to organized labor.

John R. Thompson, business man, broke his word to the Union Waitresses after he had gained his election as county treasurer through the help of union labor.

The big business interests forced Edward F. Dunne to put policemen on the wagons during the teamsters' strike.

These were some of the statements by which William E. Rodriguez, Socialist candidate for mayor of Chicago, drew enthusiastic applause from members of the Travelers' Goods and Leather Novelties Workers' Union at Horan's hall last night.

Shows Up Records

The Socialist candidate had been invited to speak and he directed his remarks to the labor records of the various candidates.

Without once descending to personal abuse of his opponents for the mayoralty he scored them either for what they had done when in office or for the men to whom they will owe their election if elected.

He showed that Andrew J. Graham is the personal representative of Roger C. Sullivan, the political agent in the Democratic ranks of the great corporate interests.

He then pointed out that Sullivan is on the unfair list of Electrical Workers, No. 9, and of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Sullivan Is Unfair

"I can't see how a workman can vote for Andrew J. Graham," he said amid applause.

Taking up the record of Carter H. Harrison he showed how Harrison had been mayor when the Chicago teachers had received repeated cuts in salary. He shows that after Chicago's teachers had banded together in the Chicago Teachers' Federation and had sued the big corporations for back taxes they were forced to go into court to force the board of education, under Harrison to pay them what was justly coming to them.

Harrison Is Shown Up He showed how Harrison had put policemen on the street cars and stated that he is on the unfair list of the stationary engineers.

"And that is the man," he concluded, "whom Mr. Hearst, the friend of labor, would make mayor of Chicago."

This rally was greeted with applause. Passing to Edward F. Dunne, Rodriguez pictured him as a man of right personal impulses, elected to the mayoralty, double-crossed on all sides and with big business solidly arrayed against him.

Dunne Under Pressure

"Under pressure, Dunne put policemen on the wagons to help break the teamsters' strike. We Socialists have often been taxed with unfairness because we did not support Dunne. We have our answer to that charge in his placing of the police on the wagons and in the fact that the Socialist party is working toward a goal which makes it impossible to sidetrack our party, to unite ourselves with the sort of man who through the Democratic ranks turned the city over to Busse, and the force of this argument was recognized. "The Socialist party," said Rodriguez, "is not standing for the working-

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Navarro on Horseback



CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT TROOPS IN NORTHERN MEXICO, WHO IS MAKING FORCED MARCHES TO ATTACK THE REBELS IN THE VICINITY OF JUAREZ.

WHERE RUSSIA THREATENS TO ATTACK SUFFERING CHINA



DOTTED CIRCLE SHOWS KEY TO MONGOLIA, WHICH RUSSIA EVIDENTLY INTENDS TO GRAB, WHICH INTENTION THE POWERS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, OBJECT TO.

By United Press. Peking, Feb. 22.—Today's dispatches from the frontier says that Russian troops are being mobilized in Siberia close to the frontier. This is believed to be preparatory to the occupation of that province. No indication of any armed resistance to Russia is manifested here.

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Mayor Gaynor and the Red Flag

The mayor of New York city is moving forward and is to be given credit for what he does toward a more just condition. It is a notorious fact that in no city have the police been more brutal than in New York, unless it be in Chicago or Philadelphia.

No Socialist could have put the significance of the Red Flag into more beautiful language. If Mayor Gaynor understands this and also understands how the realization of this world brotherhood may be brought about, he has only a short distance to go in order to become a real Red himself.

His utterance can hardly be mere politeness, for he has put himself on record where the Socialists may always use him in their demonstrations. New York can never forbid the waving of the Red Flag again.

To suppress the emblem of brotherhood would almost shock the preachers and the police even. So Gaynor has set the pace and if he is sincere about it he should be credited with a very fine piece of progressive statesmanship.

In the face of this, Chicago must bow her head in shame. For what could OUR mayor say on a subject like this? And the worst of it is that there seems to be no hope that a noble thought could possibly pass into the head of any of the capitalist candidates now running for the office of mayor, and least of all that of the mental pauper who is likely to get there.

But the Red Flag is gaining favor and some day we will unfurl it as freely in Chicago as in Milwaukee or New York.

To Support Bad Men

Harrison calls his rival, Dunne, all kinds of names and charges him with incompetency and bad faith and everything else that he can think of. In the same way he berates Graham.

"BUT," says Harrison, "I will support whichever one is successful at the primaries." Dunne dishes out very unsavory morsels about Graham and Harrison. There is nothing in the career of Harrison that has not been furnished by the prince of the infernal regions, and Graham holds the trump card among the lowest in the gang of unfit and incompetents.

"BUT," says Dunne, "I will support whichever one is successful at the primaries." Graham politely ignores the sins of Dunne and Harrison by saying that these two are in a class so unworthy, so foul, so brazenly vile, so shackled by the collars of corruption, so polluted with graft, so murderous that people run as they pass the billboards that describe their crimes, so rotten that a dog would not look at them.

"BUT," says Graham, "I will support whichever one is successful at the primaries." The republican quintet is the same. Each berates the shortcomings of all the rest in language whose vocabulary is mostly missing in the dictionary.

"But," says each of these reps, "I will support whichever is successful at the primaries." What a fine fellow these defeated candidates will have a chance to work and vote for, according to their own branding! And what a farce the primaries are when money does the business of nominating.

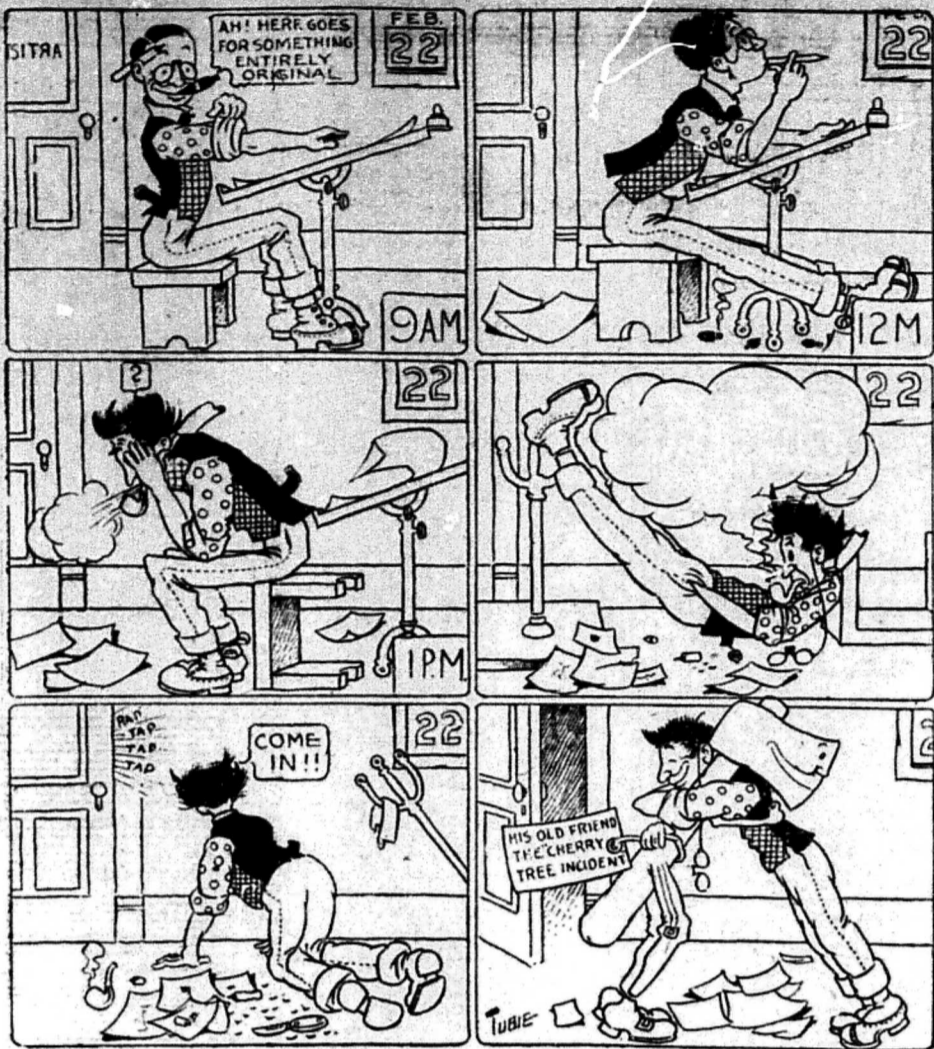
The Police Slush Fund

It now appears that the political factions that wanted to use the \$100,000 forked out by the police will be disappointed. The racket made by the Daily Socialist has caused the powers that hold this slush money to hesitate. They have now started to devise means whereby they may return the \$20 to each of the policemen.

It is clear that the business of bribery cannot be carried on as openly as in years gone by. The Daily Socialist is here to call a halt in every case where it can be done. That the police are brutal in many cases is not the fault of the police. They are under the instruction of the mayor and the aldermen who compel them to club the citizens who demand their rights.

The police in Milwaukee are not brutal, because the mayor there does not ask them to be. Give us a decent mayor and city council and the police will be decent. All police that are not should be discharged at once. But just for the present give the police back the \$20.

How He Got An Idea For His Washington's Birthday Cartoon



Japan and the Japanese Socialists

The Socialist papers of Europe, instead of regarding Kotoku and his comrades as extremists, treat him as a sort of milk-and-water Socialist, who would never be even noticed by the police in any land but Japan.

The German Socialists are anything but violent. They believe firmly in reform by legislation rather than by riot, and condemn the outbreaks of the French radicals. Yet their organ, the Vorwarts (Berlin), sympathizes thoroughly with Kotoku and his comrades. The "bloody verdict" of his judges, we are told, was a crime. "Why was this barbarous sentence given?" asks this writer. None knows, because the evidence was not made public, and we read:

"Nothing definite has reached the public ear. No man, excepting those who were condemned, knows what portion of the information published about the prosecution and the conduct of the trial, was mere fiction. Official information concerning such details has not transpired. Even when official communications were given out it is a thousand to one that the police and servile justices in the service of heaven's son, the mikado, are so more to be believed than those in the employ of Russia's 'Little Father'." An independent press, in the western sense of the term, did not exist in Japan. Should an editor utter an independent opinion reflecting upon the ruling clique, it would be the last time that newspaper of his issued from the press.

The idea that Kotoku and his comrades are Socialists and anarchists, and further "conspired against the life of the son of high heaven in the highest degree improbable." The Japanese authorities take every reformer for a Socialist, and we are told:

"The man who in Japan is branded as a Socialist and anarchist would in civilized Europe merely be classed as a political reformer. In this 'highly educated' Japan such a character is at once cracked by a bloodhound police. It is really lack of knowledge that makes the government, the bloodthirsty caste of yesterday, so continuously restless, and visit with such bitter persecution people of more than ordinary intellect."

Besides this, nothing, says Vorwarts, can be more moderate than the views and aims of the Social Democrats of Japan. "The few Social Democrats who are to be found in the Island Kingdom are a very moderate and harmless people, far too rational to commit the acts charged to them in the indictment."

Their liberal and ineradicable reverence for their sovereign proves this, and the writer uses that national trait as an argument for their exculpation: "Even in the frenzy of political excitement they contemplated a conspiracy against the head of the state, and it is not made clear that they ever did, yet the monarchic sentiment with which they are so deeply imbued could not fail to hold them back. This is true even of the people whom these in authority call anarchists. One can hold a conversation for hours with the most radical of the

Japanese, and hear them unfold their views and their plans, and yet be forced to the conclusion that their minds are as far as possible removed from any intention of treasonable conspiracy." In Japan "the little brown man" retains from feudal times "his reverence for the mikado, his god." His school, his teachers, his books, impress upon him, under the direction of the "ruling caste," the "supremacy of the divine emperor, the 'son of heaven'." "The thoughts and words of the so-called Socialists and anarchists in Japan have no bent toward opposition to monarchy or hostility to the mikado." "Much less would they contemplate an attack on the life of that sovereign."

The writer thinks the authorities have made a blunder: "The Japanese government have done everything in this affair to forfeit the sympathy and regard of right-thinking men. They have revealed in long and bloody massacres, in the infamous suppression of liberty and speech in their own land, and in the misapplication of every power of the law, in their conflict with their unarmed victims. It is high time that the world which is really civilized grasp the full meaning of what has taken place in the 'Land of the Rising Sun' and that all sham veneer be stripped from the feudal dummies of the mikado's government. Then would that government be revealed to the eyes of the world as a bloodthirsty and infamous Asiatic monster."

The French Socialist paper, the Humanite (Paris), characterizes the Kotoku affair in almost parallel terms, and speaks as follows: "It is impossible to find words sufficiently withering to stigmatize the horrible massacre which has taken place at Tokyo and will cover with eternal opprobrium the abominable government which ordered it. Pretending to be altogether taken up with the glory of their nation, the Japanese stand disgraced and reduced to the ranks of a barbarous Asiatic horde. . . . 'The Son of the Sun' had better take care! We do not live in times when the blood of sacrificed victims can be offered in holocausts to the 'divinities of heaven and earth for the glory of supernatural sovereigns. The divine character of the mikado's person is recognized merely as an official myth even by the dullest and most backward of the Japanese.'"

The motives which led to Kotoku's condemnation are plausibly explained by a Japanese student in Brussels quoted in an editorial by the extreme radical paper Pais (Madrid). Dr. Kotoku was opposed to the Russo-Japanese war, during the progress of which, we are told, a Socialist party was formed among "the workmen and the liberal enlightened classes of the bourgeoisie." "It was these people who raised the disturbance over the treaty of Portsmouth, which yielded to Japan much glory, but little real advantage. The Socialists were left in peace under the liberal regime of Sunjini. "But as soon as the reactionary party of Komura comes into power the spirit of repression is cruelly exercised, the government persecutes the Socialist party, and shows an inclination to put to death all its leaders." This statement the Pais takes as sufficiently accounting for the action against Kotoku.—The Literary Digest.

A CHRISTMAS CHECK BY LEE F. HEACOCK. Al Ryan, the hospitable flint glass-worker of Lockport, N. Y., and formerly organizer of the Socialist local at that place, was being congratulated by the boys at the glass factory. "Yes," said Al, "my uncle out in Tiffin is mighty good to me. The day before Christmas he sent me a check for \$100 just as a little Christmas gift."

After the usual congratulatory comments had been duly made all around, Al added: "Yes, he certainly is a fine old fellow. In the postscript of his letter containing the check, he said: 'Dear Al, if you manage to get this check cashed, please send me four dollars. I need a pair of shoes.'"—The Coming Nation.

If you would retain or would regain your health never remain long or sleep in an unventilated room. THE FAITHFUL NURSE "Is this you, doctor?" asks the nurse over the telephone. "Yes," answers the physician. "Well, you know you said Mr. Boulder would not show any signs of improvement for five or six days?" "Yes." "Well, this is only the second day and he is a great deal better already. Shall I give him something to make him worse for the other three or four days?"—Life.

LITTLE SERMONS IN SOCIALISM FROM DR. J. WARREN

Joseph Warren, a young doctor of Boston, died gloriously in the American ranks at the battle of Bunker Hill, fighting for the same fundamental principles for which Fred D. Warren is fighting today. Joseph Warren had several kinds of courage, one variety of which was splendidly exhibited when he delivered the address at the anniversary celebration of the Boston massacre. The meeting was held in the Old South Church, Boston, on March 6, 1775. The body of the church was filled with British soldiers and officers who had come there with the determination to provoke a row and have another massacre. Young Warren, who was fully aware of the danger of the situation but who possessed the spirit of the true soap-boxer, knew not the meaning of the word fear. The oration which he delivered, happily preserved for us, was in every paragraph, a dignified but unflinching defiance of despotism. The most interesting thing about the young doctor's address, which appeals to us, however, is the fact that thus early in the history of our country he should have gotten on to recognizable Socialist ground. He said: "BUT, AS HAS BEEN BEFORE OBSERVED, EVERY MAN HAS A RIGHT TO PERSONAL FREEDOM, CONSEQUENTLY A RIGHT TO ENJOY WHAT IS ACQUIRED BY HIS OWN LABOR." (See Memorable American Speeches, Colonial Period, p. 50.) This expression of the right of a man to the product of his labor is today the central postulate of Socialism. And today, after one hundred and thirty years of American history, still requires to be discussed! By the bye, it is said that our comrade, Fred D. Warren, is a descendant of the Boston hero, which, if true, will go far to explain why Fred is today a militant comrade.

DESTITUTION By Hugh McGee

Destitution merely a negative condition of society, that is, can it be banished from human society, is the subject of an article in The World Today magazine of February. The question is said to be the popular issue today in England, and, according to George Bernard Shaw, the literary genius, its solution will be epoch-making in the field of British government. The British government, after an exhaustive investigation covering five years, has found that over 2,000,000 men, women and children in England and Wales cost the government 45 cents a week in public charity for each person, and, yet, the results of this magnificent generosity did not bring about any diminishing of the individual cases of neglected and homeless children, sickness and unemployment. The Royal Commission, composed principally of the respected big-business men, were unable to advance any positive proposition that might further alleviate the ghastly extent of destitution which is so much in vogue available in the East End of London and along the embankment where the wreckage of thousands of women and children nightly gather to rest themselves, securely protected against the falling snow and sleet by old newspapers, which they were fortunate enough to gather up during the day. The article goes on to say that when an English person gets down to the need of the government's forty-five cents a week, the man, woman or child is hopelessly down and out. Which conclusion is obvious. Bernard Shaw advances the argument that "A laborer is not merely a means to the personal ends of our men of business; he is a cell of the social organism and must be kept in health if the organism is to be kept in health." "It is not enough to secure to every man and woman a minimum wage for the work they find to do. You must provide the wage anyhow and enable him or her to find all the work that exists and if there is no work available, you must still spend the wage on them in keeping them fit for work when it does come." "We maintain our soldiers in perfect health and efficiency during times of peace, which is largely idleness for them, so, likewise, the economic soldier, the worker, should be accorded a similar privilege." England's travail will not be ended until the profit system is denounced as robbery by the men and women of England and they themselves institute a new system of government by the working class, for the working class; then, and not until then, will destitution in England disappear.

SLAMS, JABS, BOOSTS AND 'MOST ANYTHING'

"WALK a mile before breakfast and scare up an appetite," advises a doctor. Don't tell it to the bread line. THE world's gold output now averages about \$1,250,000 a day, of which South Africa produces more than a third. THE trunk of a tulip tree at Hills, Mexico, measures 145 feet in girth. POLICEMAN—Do you have the care of the dog? Nursemaid—No, the missus says I'm too young and inexperienced. I only look after the children. THERE are two things in this life we are never prepared for—twins. SOME people would believe T. R. if he told 'em he was the man who put the salt in the sea. DON'T let the children play with diamonds. They are likely to scratch the mirrors. THERE isn't any such thing as honor among thieves. They're just as bad as any other people. NINETY-FIVE per cent of the steel pens manufactured in the country are made at Camden, New Jersey. "MAMMA, my piece of bread has dropped on the buttered side." "Nurse, I must beg of you to be more careful to butter Elsie's bread on the right side." Western student is analyzing humor to find out what it is composed of. He will find that some of it is not composed, but decomposed.

Open Forum

CHICAGO NEEDS A MILWAUKEE ADMINISTRATION Sunday was a damp and chilly day. The streets were muddy. I expected to find comfort in the street cars, but was mistaken. The cars that I rode on were not heated. I asked a conductor on a Cottage Grove car why the cars were not heated, when the thermometer registered just over 45 degrees. He answered: "We have orders not to heat the cars." I begin to believe that Chicago needs a Milwaukee administration and I will, from this time on, do my best to aid in getting a Socialist administration for Chicago. PETER NESSEN.

Questions and Answers

(Inquiries addressed to this paper should be addressed to the Questions and Answers Department. They should be short, concise and not more than two or three in each letter.—Ed.) Q. Will you kindly state the main points on which the Socialists oppose reciprocity with Canada? A. A. KALININ A. The Socialist party platform takes no direct stand on the question of free trade or protection. Reciprocity is restricted free trade; restricted to a certain country, certain articles and other conditions. We do not fight for or against reciprocity. ELIGIBLE French court declares he'll not wed any girl who wears those trousers. Now you just watch those N. Y. headlines shed their—shed their—Oh, hang it all, their new styles! THEY SAY Lord Decies was awful nervous at that wedding. Can't be possible that he'd mislaid the pre-nuptial agreement, can it?

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