

\$1,050,000 FOR "L" ROADS IN MERGER; CITY COUNCIL SILENT ON SINGLE FARES

Henry A. Blair, Samuel Insull and Ira M. Cobb, the committee under whose supervision the Chicago Elevated Railways are being operated, are not in the traction game in Chicago for the benefit of the public.

enforce a single fare ordinance and universal transfers on the lines of the Chicago Elevated Railways company. In stating the reasons for his resolution he said:

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR OPPOSES DEATH PENALTY



Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—Governor Hiram W. Johnson will not permit any more executions in California during his term and he is at present planning legislation to abolish the death penalty.

"BEGGING" IS PROBLEM, POLICE JUDGE ADMITS

Judge Edwin K. Walker, sitting on the bench of the Harrison street municipal court, is becoming more perplexed daily at the cases of beggars and homeless men brought before him for trial.

CHINESE REPUBLIC ESTABLISHED; DR. SUN YAT SEN IS PRESIDENT

PACKERS FEAR WAGE INQUIRY

After listening for four hours to the arguments of the attorneys over the question of the admissibility of evidence concerning the activity of the packers in the Keenwood company, a part of the alleged beef combine, Judge Carpenter in the federal court today ruled that there was no question before the court and ordered the examination of Witness A. H. Veeder to proceed.

Manchu Princes Fleeing With Vast Sums of Dynasty's Money, Wrung From People During Centuries.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.—The new republic of China sprang into being at Nankin today when Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who planned the revolution, was elected president by the provisional military assembly.

IDLE RICH ARE AN ARGUMENT FOR SOCIALISM

Washington, Dec. 29.—Recognizing that the working people of America will no longer be deceived by the false theories of preachers and economists who teach the divinity of capital and the docility of labor, Prof. Henry W. Farnham of Yale, president of the American Economic Society, declared today that the "parasitic rich" in America must be controlled before the advance of socialism can be checked.

STRIKERS MAY IGNORE SUIT BY ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

Chicago labor officials may ignore the summons of Judge Wright's federal court in Danville to appear there next Monday morning in answer to the summons received by them through the mail.

to determine whether these injunctions shall be made permanent or not. At the time the summons was received in Chicago it was believed by the strikers here that the Illinois Central was carrying out its threat to sue the men individually and collectively under the Sherman anti-trust law.

ALLEGED DIRECT ACTION MAN PLAIN THIEF

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 29.—It developed yesterday that George Bridgman, who was arrested at Monessen with twenty-two sticks of dynamite in his possession, is held on a charge of stealing dynamite some time ago from the Henderson Coal Company, of Webster.

MOTHER SAVES SON BUT DIES VICTIM OF COLD

Hutchinson, Kans., Dec. 29.—Her five-year-old son hugged close to her breast, so that he might get the benefit of the warmth of her body, Mrs. W. D. Niften was found early today here, frozen to death.

INDIANA WOMAN PATHOLOGIST WAS MURDERED, SAYS CORONER

Indianapolis, Dec. 29.—Dr. Helen Knabe, the woman physician and pathologist, found dead in her flat here on Oct. 21 with her throat cut from ear to ear, was murdered, according to the verdict returned today by Coroner Durham.

THREE MEN ARE BURNED TO DEATH IN POOLROOM

California, Pa., Dec. 29.—Three men were burned to death early today in a poolroom and rooming-house at Dalsytown, a mining hamlet near here. Six others escaped from the burning building by jumping from the windows of the second floor.

Marshall Would Jail Lawyers Who Furnish Plans for Big Trusts

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 29.—Federal legislation which will make lawyers who aid in the formation of industrial combination in criminal restraint of trade equally guilty with corporation magnates is proposed here today by Governor Marshall of Indiana as a step in the solution of the problem of "big business."

aid, abets or advises in any way the formation of a trust or combination which restricts or tends to restrict free and unlimited competition shall be deemed an accessory before the fact to such criminal combination the same as though he were a principal.

What Are Silk Noils? Answer Found at Last

Washington, Dec. 29.—At last the government has officially answered the question, "What are silk noils?" The great mystery is solved.

WRIGHT COMING TO DEFEND SELF

Spring Green, Wis., Dec. 29.—Frank Lloyd Wright and his soul mate, Mahamah Borthwick, divorced wife of Edwin Cheney, will move his "love castle" to Chicago some time between now and New Year's.

INSURGENTS TO HOLD BIG MEET IN TAFT'S STATE

Columbus, O., Dec. 29.—With six national leaders in the Republican progressive movement as headliners, Ohio managers today announced plans for the state-wide conference of progressive Republicans at Columbus next Monday.

War Between England and Germany Feared by Historian Delbruck

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Denouncing England's "jealousy and suspicion of Germany as a world power," and vigorously defending the fatherland's peaceful settlement of the Moroccan trouble, Prof. Hans G. L. Delbruck, Germany's foremost historian and political writer and editor of the "Prussian Year-Books," today gave out a statement to the United Press in which he throws a new light upon a subject that is engrossing all Europe.

Starving to Death Called Bodily Injury

Berlin, Dec. 29.—A German court has decided that letting your father-in-law starve to death is doing him "bodily injury" and sentenced a man and wife to a term in jail.

NEW ORDER HANDED DOWN IN LEMON-RATE CASE

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today handed down a new order in the California lemon-rate case, for the second time prescribing a rate of one dollar a hundred pounds on lemons shipped from southern California to points east of the Rocky Mountains, and ordered the railways to cease charging the \$1.15 rate for years after Feb. 13, 1912.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather and warmer to night, with lowest temperature near freezing; Saturday snow and colder; brisk southerly winds, changing to northerly Saturday morning and increasing; this is the weather forecast today.

SHOW TRAINMEN PLAY SCAB ROLE IN I. C. STRIKE

A complaint that Illinois Central trainmen are doing the work formerly done by the striking shopmen and to that extent are scabs pure and simple was made to General President William Lee, of the Order of Railway Trainmen, by M. F. Ryan, president of the International Brotherhood of Railway Carmen.

In his letter to Lee, Ryan states that the trainmen of the Illinois Central have been constantly doing work which ordinarily is done by carmen and car-workers and not by trainmen, and that the trainmen are doing it under the mistaken belief that they must do it to hold their jobs. Lee promised to mend matters.

Having Trouble Enough An official of one of the crafts still at work on the Illinois Central has told Vice-President and General Manager Parks that the members of his craft are willing to do their duty as employees of the road, but that they will strike the minute they are asked to do the work of any of the men now out on strike. Parks replied to him as follows: "That's all right. We're having trouble enough now without getting into any more."

Why Trains Are Wrecked The wrecks on the Illinois Central Tuesday evening were caused by the sharp change on the engines cutting off the bolt heads fastening the rails together and, therefore, causing the rails to spread. Such is the result of a careful investigation made yesterday.

All shopmen know how fast the tires of engines wear away under the enormous strain to which they are constantly subjected. Unless repaired the flanges finally become so thin that they touch the bolt heads when fastened to the rails together at the joints and finally cut them off.

After the bolt heads are cut off it is easy for an engine to throw a rail, especially when the roadbed is soft as it was Tuesday evening after the rains.

The Illinois Central yesterday, through Vice-President Parks, offered \$1,000 reward for the arrest "of the men responsible for causing the wrecks of the Illinois Central suburban trains Tuesday evening."

"In that case they'll have to have themselves arrested," laughingly remarked J. W. Kline, of the blacksmiths' union, "or to blame themselves for employing scabs whose work is so inefficient that wrecks are inevitable."

Strike Breakers Dying Special Correspondence. Clinton, Ill., Dec. 29.—Two strike breakers are dying in the hospital here as the result of a wreck which occurred in the yards here.

The Illinois Central here has one of the old-fashioned coal chutes which require a quarter of a mile run for an engine to climb. Engineer Boggs when told to take a couple of carloads of coal up to the chute said he feared the engine brakes would not work and that he couldn't stop at the top, but the scab foreman told him to go ahead, that everything was all right and that he ought to know it was all right.

He made the run but when he got to the top, just as he feared, the air brakes, badly in need of repairs, would not work and the engine tore out the bumping post. The two carloads of coal fell 60 feet to the earth, carrying with them a shack in which two scab coal chute men were working. It was only by a miracle that the cars tore loose from the engine before they dropped, and thus saved the engineer and fireman from a fatal death.

The wreck occurred directly due to the condition of the air brakes, which all the scabs in Clinton shops apparently are not able to repair.

CAPITALISTS WOULD BUILD TEMPLE FOR LABOR UNIONS Plans for the purchase of a labor temple on West Madison street between La Salle and Market streets are taking definite form.

A proposition has been made to President John Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor by a group of La Salle street capitalists to finance the move for a home for labor organizations in the loop district.

It is claimed that the value of rents to the various unions of Chicago, in addition to the income which may be derived from letting floor space to business and professional men, will be sufficient to purchase the building outright in twenty years.

The building is six stories high, has a frontage of 90 feet and a depth of 100 feet, and, according to the projectors, could be sold at any time at a profit to the labor organizations. In twenty or thirty years, it is claimed, the property will be worth several times its present valuation.

TERRIFIC GALE DRIVES STEAMER ONTO MUD FLATS Providence, R. I., Dec. 29.—The Joy line steamer, Georgia, went ashore on the mud flats in the Upper Narragansett this morning in a terrific off-shore gale, that made the tide the lowest in years. Up to 10 o'clock the passengers had not been taken off, it being considered that they were not in any danger. The captain is waiting for an incoming tide to float the ship.

IT IS 42 DEGREES BELOW UP IN SASKATCHEWAN, CAN. By United Press. Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—A real cold wave is hurrying toward Minneapolis urged by a northwestern gale. The prediction is for snow to-day and tonight with colder tonight and at least ten degrees below zero. Prince Albert, Sask., reports 42 degrees below this morning.

MARKETS LIVE STOCK Hogs—Receipts, 29,900 head. Market slow. Mixed and butchers, \$5.95@6.40; good heavy, \$6.40; rough heavy, \$6.65; light, \$5.85@6.25; pigs, \$4.80@5.85.

Cattle—Receipts, 3,500 head. Market slow. Beefers, \$4.75@8.60; cows and heifers, \$2.60@4.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@5.85; Texans, \$4.25@5.75; calves, \$3.25@8.

Sheep—Receipts—13,000 head. Market steady. Native, \$2.75@4.50; west-ern, \$3.64@5.50; lambs, \$4.25@6.50; western, \$4.75@6.50.

PRODUCE Butter—Extras, 36c; firsts, 28c; dairy extras, 31c; dairy firsts, 25c. Eggs—Prime firsts (quotation discontinued); firsts, 28c@29c. Cheese—Twins, 16 1/2@16 1/2; Young Americas, 16 1/2@16 1/2.

Potatoes, \$7@9.00. Live Poultry—Fowls, 12 1/2@13c; ducks, 14@14 1/2; geese, 11@11 1/2; spring chickens, 11@11 1/2; turkeys, 14@14 1/2.

Amusements LYRIC \$1.00 Matinee Tomorrow Greatest New York Casino Success THE KIS WALTZ Original New York Cast GARRICK Highest Price, Evens, \$1.50 Dollar Mat. Tomorrow Spectacular Production of THE BOHEMIAN GIRL 20 People PRINCESS SIRENIC HIT OF VALESKA SURATT in Highly Scented Musical Comedy THE RED ROSE

A SALLE: 17th Week LOUISIANA ONE IMPORTANT MUSICAL COMEDY Where to Eat KING'S RESTAURANT 22-32 N. 5th Ave. One of the best restaurants in the city. Full prices. Open all night. Ladies' orchestra.

KING GEORGE THROUGH KILLING TIGERS; WILL START HOME SOON



Calcutta, Dec. 29.—King George and Queen Mary and their retinue will soon leave their oriental possessions and sail away in the Medina for their English home. The king has had a successful hunting trip and has bagged many tigers and lions. The voyage home will be interrupted at several places, as was the trip to India. The accompanying picture was made at Aden on the journey eastward.

The saving housewife will have no trouble in competing with the woman of the Four Hundred in matters of dress in 1912 if she has had the foresight to save a large collection of old lace curtains, strips of fringe and the lace from gowns discarded years ago. Next year's fashions will be a riot of fringe, frills and colors, with a far eastern design in shades and architectural predominating in milady's showy garb.

A set of model gowns and dresses exhibited at the Hotel Sherman today shows the evening gown to be a medley of color that would make a peacock look sombre. A superstructure of red chiffon, ribbon, silver lace, bodice and embroidery all of varied colors surmounts a foundation of matter blue, armour belted with a sash of deep red crystal ribbon.

England aids Russian claim. London, Dec. 29.—Both Russia and Great Britain are supporting M. Morand, the Belgian who was formerly director of customs in Persia, as a successor to W. Morgan Shuster, as treasurer of the oil fields at a conference to be held today.

The Persians favor the selection of F. E. Gilman, the American who was Shuster's chief assistant, but the government is expected to yield to the desires of Russia and England.

SALESMAN IS HELD FOR MURDER OF "SOUL-MATE" Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 29.—John F. Rowell, Lincoln, Neb., traveling salesman, is still held today by the authorities, pending further investigation into circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Ida Bell Nelson, 38, also of that city, who died suddenly here.

It is stated that conflicting statements by Rowell at a coroner's inquest late yesterday caused his detention despite an autopsy which showed the woman died of natural causes.

Mrs. Nelson, who is said to have a divorced husband in Springfield, Ill., and a son in Lincoln, Neb., was, according to the police, living here with Rowell, who in turn admitted, it is said, he had a wife and two children in Denver.

SQUAWMAN KILLS WIFE AND THEN SHOTS SELF AND THEN SHOTS SELF Hayward, Wis., Dec. 29.—Nels Paulson, a squawman, was found dying on the reservation near here today by a reservation policeman. Beside him lay his year-old daughter, frozen to death. Paulson had murdered his wife, Josephine Cloud, a squaw, and her mother and then shot himself. The child had followed him out of the cabin.

LIUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF WISCONSIN IN HOSPITAL La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 29.—It became known today that Lieutenant Governor Thomas Morris, who has been ill at his home for the last week, is in such condition that he will be at once removed to a hospital for an X-ray examination. Morris was first taken down with a cold, but close friends today admitted that kidney trouble may have developed.

Among those who participated was a 14-year-old boy and a man 70 years of age. The jury freed the men on the ground that they were so excited that they did not know what they were doing. The incendiary fires continued.

MRS. JOHN W. GATES AT FUNERAL OF HER SISTER Mrs. John W. Gates, widow of the noted financier, arrived here today on the Twentieth Century limited and departed before noon on a special train for St. Charles, Ill., to attend the funeral of Mrs. R. Frank Angell, her sister, who died there yesterday.

Mrs. Gates was met here by her son, John G., who came from Minneapolis with his wife, Mrs. Angell's funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon.

LA FOLLETTE IN PACT WITH OHIO G.O.P. CHAIRMAN?

Toledo, O., Dec. 29.—The interest of Walter Brown, state chairman of the Ohio Republican Committee, in the political pilgrimage in Ohio of Senator La Follette developed here today.

Uncommunicative, but plainly elated, La Follette left early today to speak in western Ohio, after a secret conference with the Republican state chairman. Neither Brown nor La Follette would discuss details of their first conference behind closed doors last night, but both deny any "deal" was made. Brown sought the conference, however.

That is admitted by the state chairman, who recently declared President Taft could not carry Ohio, but was read out of the Ohio-progressive movement by Secretary John D. Packler, because of his continual talk of Roosevelt sentiment. The word that has gone out is that Brown tried to make his peace with the progressive.

"I made no pledges, deals or overtures of any kind," Brown said today. Similar statements came from the La Follette party.

La Follette held an audience of more than 2,000 persons in rapid attention for more than two hours last night, drawing frequent applause. Scores were turned away, while others stood packed in aisles and perched on window ledges. La Follette said in the course of his speech:

"I do not know just what hour the clock is going to strike for the birth of a new party. Parties are growing, like every other social and political movement, and when a new party comes there will be men there to guide it. Some narrow-minded historians will say that these men organized. That would be true."

This morning the senator again clambered into a plebian trolley car for the third day of his campaign, speeches being scheduled at noon at North Baltimore and tonight at Dayton.

SHOE WORKERS WIN EVEN IN HOSTILE COURTS Nothing better shows the true class nature of the courts than their practice of indiscriminately granting injunctions against labor unions at the beginning of every strike, some of which they are compelled afterwards to admit should never have been granted.

A few months ago the shoe workers in Lynn, Mass., went out on strike, but the bosses immediately hurried away to the courts to get an injunction, tying up the \$20,000 in the treasury of the organization.

"The money was tied up by order of the court all through the strike. It was perfectly legitimate for the bosses to spend any amount of money they wanted to to beat us, but we were bound hand and foot and gagged."

"At the hearing held by the court to determine whether the injunction should be made permanent or be dissolved the judge held that the unions were right and that the injunction never should have been granted. However, the mischief was done already and the dissolution of the injunction didn't do us any good."

"Practically the same kind of rank injustice was done the striking shoe workers of the Brown Shoe company at St. Louis. They struck last August and an injunction immediately was granted by the court, as usual."

After five months it was held that the injunction should never have been granted, that it did the strikers injustice, and that the detectives hired by the Brown Shoe company had setled like thugs to intimidate the strikers, but mind you, they never admit the strikers were in the right until the strike is over or until the admission won't hurt the company.

Wrong Man Is Lynched; Mob Is Held "Innocent" Vienna, Dec. 29.—All the male residents of the village of Ribnik, composed of twenty-four farmers, pleaded guilty to "lynching" a Czech laborer, but were declared "not guilty" by a jury despite the fact that they had killed the wrong man.

For some time the village had been the scene of incendiary fires. A Czech laborer was seen loitering around a barn. Immediately a mob was formed and the unfortunate man was beaten to death with clubs.

Among those who participated was a 14-year-old boy and a man 70 years of age. The jury freed the men on the ground that they were so excited that they did not know what they were doing. The incendiary fires continued.

AMERICA WILL SEND FENCERS TO STOCKHOLM By United Press. New York, Dec. 29.—For the first time in the history of the Olympic games, America will be represented by a team of fencers at Stockholm next year. Cadets from the military and naval academies at West Point and Annapolis will be on the team and congress will be asked for an appropriation to cover their expenses to Sweden. The bout for the selection of the American team will be held here in April.

MINISTER TRIES FALSE ALARM TO STOP SOCIALISM

Silas Hood, Socialist lecturer, has run into something new in attempts made to break up Socialist meetings.

He had the experience at Coupeville, Wash., where he spoke to a well attended meeting in the W. C. T. U. hall, according to information just received by The Daily Socialist. There is a Methodist preacher in town by the name of Hartley.

Doesn't Like Socialism The Reverend Hartley evidently does not like Socialism. If he does he didn't approve of the message Hood was giving the people, when in the midst of the explanation of the Socialist philosophy, Reverend Hartley opened the door in the rear end of the hall and quietly announced to those in the rear of the room that there was a fire in a certain part of the town, two miles away.

Coupeville doesn't have a fire department of its own and when a blaze breaks out, the residents of the town turn out to extinguish it. So when the Reverend Hartley announced that some one's home was burning in another part of the village, the news spread rapidly through the audience and within two minutes 100 men had left the hall and some of the women followed.

The disturbance put a stop to the lecture and Hood went outside to learn the cause of the excitement.

Alarm Proves False Immediately after the Reverend Hartley gave out the information regarding the fire, he disappeared. When the men rushed outside, looking in all directions for the fire and couldn't see any, they began to make the telephones ring. No one at the telephone headquarters knew anything about a fire and further investigation proved there had been no fire.

The Socialists of Coupeville make the broad statement that the Reverend was so terribly worked up about a Socialist meeting being held in his neighborhood that he decided to break it up, and the fire was the game he resorted to.

But the Reverend Hartley failed. All those who were at the W. C. T. U. hall when the preacher's false fire alarm was sounded returned within fifteen minutes after the speaker was forced to stop his lecture, and brought back with them about eight more men and women who were induced to come and listen to the last part of the lecture. Some of them were members of the Reverend Hartley's church.

MUTILATES EARS TO AVOID ARMY; COURT MARTIALED By United Press. Bremen, Dec. 29.—In order that he would not be eligible for military service because he was the sole support of his paralyzed mother and a 75-year-old grandmother, whom he kept on his daily wage of 38 cents, Muskatier Hoppe, cut off the upper part of the muscles of his ears soon after he was ordered to join the Bremen Infantry Regiment as a recruit.

For this the high court martial of the Seventeenth army division has just sentenced him to one year imprisonment, the minimum penalty, because in the opinion of the court martial it was "child love" which prompted the act.

At the same time, the court martial held that Hoppe had an "honorable mind" in having tried to avoid military service by crippling himself.

It developed that Hoppe became very dependent when he was drawn from military service and learned that his aged mother and grandmother were in dire want. He considered that his ear muscles were the least necessary to him in earning a living.

CAUCUS OF SOCIALISTS IN THE SEVENTH DISTRICT A preliminary caucus of the Socialists of the Seventh Congressional district, comprising the 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st and 32nd parts of the 14th wards, was held Wednesday night at the Falkenstein Settlement House, 1917 North Humboldt street.

Arrangements were made for a regular caucus to pick a candidate for member of congress from this district for January 21 at 1917 North Humboldt street. Only members of the party in good standing will be allowed to have a voice in the affairs of the caucus.

ONLY BROTHER OF THE LATE E. H. HARRIMAN DIES By United Press. New York, Dec. 29.—Orlando Harriman, only brother of the late E. H. Harriman, died early today following an operation. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mrs. Harriman, who was Miss Rose Barrellton, of England, was with her husband when he died. Harriman was a millionaire, heavily interested in numerous real estate ventures.

BODY OF ROMA SNYDER IS SENT TO NEW YORK By United Press. St. Louis, Dec. 29.—The body of Roma Snyder, the actress, who suicided here by drinking carbolic acid, will be sent to New York for burial, according to a statement made here today by George Miller, husband of the dead girl.

Miller, who is connected with the theatrical company now playing here, said that he did not know his wife was in the city until he read of her death yesterday.

Give Little but give it often to The Chicago Daily Socialist SUSTAINERS' FUND

At a meeting of the Civil Service Commission the following listed positions were ordered reclassified from common to skilled labor class, division K:

Boiler washer, caulker, shut-off man, coal passer, hostler, yardman, and certification to these positions in the future be made from appropriate eligible lists, and where no lists exist that an examination be called as soon as possible.

It will be necessary, therefore, for all employees holding any of the above mentioned positions, and who were certified as common laborers, to make application if they wish to participate in the municipal pension fund of Chicago.

All laborers desiring to become participants, who were in the employ of the city on or before July 1, 1911, must make application to do so before Jan. 1, 1912, and any laborer appointed since July 1 must make application within six months of appointment.

Application blanks have been sent to the various labor headquarters of the city service, and can also be had from W. D. Cassidy, clerk Municipal Pension Fund, room 503, City Hall.

The clerk's office will remain open all day Saturday, December 30, 1911, for the benefit of those wishing to file applications. If you cannot arrange to come in, fill out application and mail it to Municipal Pension Fund, room 503 City Hall.

It will not be necessary to pay the \$2 when application is filed; deduction will be made from pay roll.

TEACH CHILDREN SEX FUNCTIONS

Grand Junction, Dec. 29.—Believing that ignorance is responsible in a large measure for the social evil, and that the schools are the proper place where the children should be taught sex responsibility, the Grand Junction school board has arranged for a course of instruction in the public schools by Dr. Lyman Sperry of Oberlin, Ohio.

The action was taken at the instance of the Ministerial alliance, that organization starting the movement upon the request of the Rev. F. C. Smith, rector of the Episcopal church. Mr. Smith had started to arrange for the instruction of the boys of his own church, but, believing that a more capable instructor could be secured by co-operation with the other churches, presented the matter to the Ministerial alliance. The idea won immediate approval as a possible solution of the many evils responsible today for a continued increase in the ruin of young girls.

It was then decided to ask the co-operation of the school board, and that body agreed to bear the brunt and expense of the educational school. The lectures will be delivered to students of all ages, as well as to high school pupils, the boys and girls being segregated for that purpose. The series of lectures will continue for a week and probably longer.

The board has already approved a plan for medical lectures on youth subjects, not only in Grand Junction, but throughout the county, but this is the first attempt to educate the youth of the city as to the functions of sex.

"This is simply a practical attempt to instruct our children in knowledge which they lack," said Mr. Smith. "My idea is that the children are entitled to the knowledge of the vital subjects of sex physiology and sex responsibility, and general education along these lines in the schools over the nation would do much, in my opinion, to solve one of the most pressing problems in America today."

CAIRO, ILL., POLICE FIND PACKAGE OF DYNAMITE By United Press. Cairo, Ill., Dec. 29.—The local police admitted today that they have been working for five days in a vain effort to discover who placed a package containing fourteen large sticks of dynamite under the bridge across the Mississippi at Thebes, Ill. The package, which had a cap and fuse attached, was discovered by a farmer passing near the bridge.

POLICE KEPT BUSY CARING FOR "JACK THE PEPPER" By United Press. Alton, Ill., Dec. 29.—Police were posted around the local jail today to prevent a possible lynching of a man who says he is William Newman, a local "Jack, the Pepper," who has been frightening women for the past six months by appearing at windows and making faces as though he were Harry Starr, an athlete, who hurled twelve fences during his chase.

JURY GIVES MURDERERS TWENTY-YEAR PRISON TERMS Peoria, Ill., Dec. 29.—John Ruskman and Frank Menke, charged with the murder of Richard Brown April 5 of this year, today were found guilty by a jury here. The punishment of each was fixed at twenty years in the penitentiary.

FATHER OF SEVEN CHILDREN IS ARRESTED FOR BIGAMY Peoria, Ill., Dec. 29.—J. W. Seward, of Ipava, is in jail at Lewistown today on the charge of bigamy. It is alleged that in addition to a wife in Ipava he has another in Missouri who is the mother of seven children.

PLAN TO FILL 7TH REGIMENT ARMORY AGAIN

Same Enthusiasm That Greeted Debs in Struggle of 1908.

BALL NOTES
Time—Saturday evening, Dec. 30.

Place—Seventh Regiment armory, Thirty-fourth street and Wentworth avenue.

Tickets—In advance, 25 cents; at the door, 50 cents.

Wardrobe—Twenty-five cents.

Masks—Can be purchased on the dance floor.

Barney Berlin will lead the grand march.

"We're here, because we're here," will be one of the selections rendered in the course of the evening by the choir boys of the Y. P. S. L.

Refreshments will be served at moderate prices.

For further information call up The Daily Socialist or the county secretary, or look up the words "Ball" and "Carnival" in the encyclopedia.

Watch The Daily Socialist tomorrow.

In 1908, with a campaign rally, the Socialists of Chicago packed the Seventh Regiment Armory, and the seven-minute cheer which greeted the Socialist candidate for president when he rose to speak is still remembered by every one who had the good fortune and pleasure of being one of those present.

Tomorrow night that same armory will be filled with as large a crowd, consisting of a great number of the same people, though the nature of the occasion will be somewhat different.

Same Ultimate Purpose

The same ultimate purpose will be there, the same enthusiasm will be there, the same determination will be there, but the evening will be one of continual festivity and the gaiety and good fellowship will last for hours.

It will be the annual masked ball and carnival of the Socialist party of Cook county. It will be an event that will fitly crown all of the glorious achievements of the Socialist party throughout the United States during the past year and mark the beginning of the greatest national and local campaign in all history.

It will be like a great encampment on the trail of Human Progress, from which will spring a new hope, a new devotion and a new determination, to carry the banner of victory into new fields.

Everything Ready
Everything will be in readiness. The interior of the building will be beautifully decorated with brightly colored streamers, interspersed with large flags of every nation, symbolizing the international character of the Socialist movement.

James P. Larsen, county secretary, with an able committee, will devote his entire time for the rest of the week to seeing that all this work is done and that everything will be in shape to greet the thousands who will attend.
The doors of the big armory will open

at 7:30 p. m. Judging from past affairs and the keen interest which precedes this one it is expected that at this early hour the stream of visitors will begin, growing bigger as the early part of the evening goes by until the entire floor and all the seats in the balcony are filled.

Chicago Socialists will have the pleasure of entertaining their out-of-town comrades. Many are expected. A special group is coming from Milwaukee, and from numerous points within a reasonable distance from this city. Socialists and their friends will make a special trip to be among those who will ring out the old and ring in the new year at the big Socialist masked ball.

It is even rumored that many of those coming from out of town will come prepared to mask, hoping to be able to take some of those prizes with them when they return.

The Joliet Justice, a Socialist paper of Joliet, Ill., launched by the tireless efforts of Henry Murray, is advertising the ball in this week's issue, and the Joliet boys intend to bring a crowd of their own.

Come From Iowa
Harry Korovnik of Decorah, Iowa, dropped into the office of The Daily Socialist yesterday afternoon and stated that he had come 200 miles in order to be able to be present at the dance Saturday evening. This indicates the wide spread interest that has been taken in the affair.

The preparations which are being made by all persons who have signified their intention of going are clothed with a weird, mysterious atmosphere. Every one has a surprise in store for the rest. Curiosity has been aroused.

Even the management of The Daily Socialist has promised to spring some surprises. No further information can be gained concerning this, except that "The Daily" will have a booth and present are urged to take a "look in" to see what is doing.

Peter Bulthouse, business manager, who seems to be behind this latest plot, refuses to shed any light on the matter, though his secret confabs and low-tone conversations with the county secretary and the Y. P. S. L. and a number of others too numerous to mention, show that something of importance is on foot.

Large Supply of Masks
The committee will have a large supply of masks for sale on the floor. Anyone desiring to do so can purchase them after they enter the hall.

In fact, if you are not already supplied it would be well to postpone purchasing your mask until Saturday at the Armory, as the proceeds of such sales will go to the party and "The Daily." All those who desire to dance in the early part of the evening before the grand march is over must wear masks, whether in costume or not.

Plenty of refreshments will be on hand, served by an expert caterer, and will be furnished at moderate prices.

DINNER STORIES
The young married couple were beginning to discover the difficulties of housekeeping. Late one Saturday evening, after the shops had closed, the young wife burst into tears and said that she had forgotten to buy the Sunday dinner.

"Oh, this is terrible," she exclaimed. "There is nothing in the house fit for a dog to eat, and tomorrow's Sunday. I shall go home to mother."

The young husband cheered up directly, and said, reaching for his hat: "If you don't mind, dear, I'll come with you."

Afternoon Gown in Empire Green



This tunic of beaded net is worn over a gown of empire green satin. The corsage is draped to the left, side trimmings and side draperies being now considered the height of fashion. The tunic is embroidered with crystal and wooden beads, a beaded fringe weighing down the bottom of the tunic.

REYES IS NOW UNDER GUARD IN PRISON CELL

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Gen. Bernardino Reyes, for the first time since his surrender on Christmas day, awoke this morning to find himself in a prison cell surrounded by guards and without friends.

As long as he was at Linhares he was merely confined to his quarters while several of his acquaintances were allowed to visit him, but in the prison at Santiago, where he was taken upon his arrival here last night, he will not be allowed to see anyone except his counsel until after his trial by the military court.

No demonstration either for or against the aged general was reported here today, the city being engaged in holiday festivities and apparently negligent of the fact that the one-time idol of the army was confined within the walls.

The time for the court-martial has not been announced, but it is thought that it will take place within a week, as Madero desires to remove Reyes from the public gaze as soon as possible.

It was learned today that a number of military authorities have asked that Reyes be given the extreme penalty—death—on account of his bringing discredit to the army, but it is not generally considered likely that Madero will do this.

VOLUNTEERS PLAN HOME AND MISSION FOR WORKERS

The old First Congregational church, Washington boulevard and Ann street, has been purchased for \$45,000 by the Volunteers of America, who will use it as a home and mission house for workmen.

TAFT IS RAPPED BY ROOSEVELT IN THE OUTLOOK

By United Press.
New York, Dec. 29.—On the eve of the widely heralded "peace dinner," to be held here tomorrow night and at which President Taft will be the guest of honor, Col. Theodore Roosevelt today emphasized his antagonism toward the general arbitration treaties which are among the chief policies of the national administration by bitterly denouncing them as being designed to "sell against peace and put us as a nation in an attitude of unctious and venous hypocrisy."

By inference, at least, he severely criticized President Taft in regard to the treaty matter. Abrogation of the Russia treaty, he declared, puts this nation in a position where it can not, "in honor" adopt the proposed arbitration treaties. In his editorial, the former president says in part:

BY THEODORE ROOSEVELT
(From the Current Issue of The Outlook)

To ratify the general arbitration treaties would put the American people in an attitude of peculiarly contemptible hypocrisy, and would rightly expose us to the decision of all thinking mankind; for we would put ourselves in the position of making sweeping and insincere promises, impossible of performance, at the very time, when by our own actions we acknowledge that we would certainly not keep such promises, nor translate them into action.

I believe that we can arbitrate the question of the interpretation of a treaty, even if only as the preliminary to adopting the very serious action of denouncing such a treaty.

But I do not believe that we can arbitrate, with the intention of abiding by the arbitration, such question as treating all our citizens alike, without regard to their creed, in the matter of passports, or such questions as the Monroe doctrine, the admission of Asiatic immigration in mass or the refusal of states to pay bonds, or many other similar matters.

He Does Not Believe
In short, I do not believe that we can afford to arbitrate questions of vital interests and national honor, or questions of settled American governmental policy.

Moreover, the attitude we are now taking as regards the abrogation of the Russian treaty shows beyond possibility of doubt that if we were so foolish or so timid as to agree, as an abstract matter, by general arbitration treaties, to arbitrate such matters, we should instantly repudiate the agreement when ever a concrete case arose in which any considerable number of our citizens took an active interest.

Under such circumstances to proceed with the ratification of the general arbitration treaties unamended would be not merely a farce, but a farce played at the expense of our reputation for national good faith and sincerity.

COLLINS SPEAKS TO I. C. STRIKERS

John M. Collins, recent candidate for city treasurer on the Socialist ticket, addressed one of the largest and most enthusiastic mass meetings the Illinois Central strikers have held in the Grand Crossing Turner hall today.

The shopmen attended in unexpected large numbers on account of the astounding move of the Illinois Central in prosecuting the 225 heads of the Illinois Central system federation.

Fight United Battle
"I am glad to know," said Collins, "that the different crafts in the Illinois Central shops are organized as they are and fighting one battle against one of the greatest railroad corporations in the country."

"You ought, however, to keep getting more and more of the crafts into the system federation until not only the engineers, firemen and trainmen are affiliated with the federation, but also the section hands and even the coal miners who dig the coal which is used to run the engines."

"And, most important of all, you ought to vote as strikers; that is, you ought to vote for the interests of the working class as well as strike for the interests of the working class, and the only party which today represents the interests of the working class is the Socialist party."

"Whenever it comes to a conflict between the bosses and the workers, the bosses never ask whether you are Republicans or Democrats or Protestants or Catholics. You are shot and clubbed and jailed no matter to which party or to which religion you belong."

"In order finally to emancipate yourselves and win for yourselves the rights which have been taken away from you, you must organize into a single federation, a single gigantic union, in the shops, mills and factories, and unite under the banner of the Socialist party at the ballot box."

Mary O'Reilly to Talk
Mary O'Reilly, delegate to the Chicago Federation of Labor from the Chicago Teachers' Federation, will address a mass meeting of Illinois Central strikers, business men of the Calumet district, and the public in St. Joseph's hall, Dauphin Park, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

W. E. Kramer, general secretary of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers, also will talk. He will recount the history of the Illinois Central strike and give the public the truth about the rail which has been suppressed by the capitalist newspapers. A number of business men from Burnside, Grand Crossing, Dauphin Park, South Chicago, and Kensington will make short addresses, giving their attitude toward the strike.

Happy New Year Sale

START RIGHT—SAVE MONEY

Buy a new Suit or Overcoat for the new year at one-third off the old year's price. Here's \$50,000 worth of Suits and Overcoats to choose from at prices that have been cut to the lowest notch on account of the unseasonable Nov. and Dec. weather.

Boys' gray, tan and brown convertible collar Overcoats, 8 to 19 years, big, roomy, tippy coats with belts or swagger, form-fitting ulsterettes. Many overcoats in this lot sold as high as \$10; none less than \$6.50 For children, 2-12 to 8 years, there is a handsome line of gray, blue and red chin-chillas, all flannel lined; also beautiful Russian coats with plain or astrakan collars.

Your choice of \$12 and \$15 Men's Overcoats—some frosto style, others with velvet and convertible collars. Form-fitting, full box or long swagger storm coats in grays, tans, blacks, oxfords, browns and fancy mixtures. These coats all have satin sleeve linings, velvet pockets and strong, all-wool serge linings. They are perfect in every detail or they wouldn't be here.

Men's and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats The Suits are from such well-known makers as Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Stratford System, L. & M. System—manufacturers whose output never retails under \$20 to \$25. All colors and all the different models, conservative and extreme. The Overcoats represent the grandest array of high-grade garments ever offered at so low a price as \$14.85. All hand-tailored, stylish fabrics, and all new models. We call your attention to one lot of Verombo Chinichilla Overcoats, blue and Oxford, H. S. & M, make, \$25 value.

Heavy Winter Underwear Sale Begins Tomorrow

WENSON & RIXON

Milwaukee Avenue at Paulina Street

PANTS SALE	BOYS' SUIT SALE
4.00 fancy dress at 2.95	6.00 Best Ever suits, at 3.95
3.00 fancy dress at 1.95	5.00 children's Russian overcoats, 2.95

Tabloid News Received by Wire

New York, Dec. 29.—According to the figures of Customs Collector Loeb, duties for New York's port for 1911 will aggregate \$196,778,850, a falling off of \$16,000,000 over the year before.

New York, Dec. 29.—On reception day at the New York Nursery and Child's hospital, little Francis, only 14 months old, proved the most popular founding, and was kissed just 500 times by visitors.

Baltimore, Dec. 29.—Anger, according to Dr. W. B. Cannon of Harvard, causes more sugar in the blood than serenity. This, he said, explains the great demand for the muscles for sweets.

New York, Dec. 29.—Chauncey M. Depew II, who lives in Paris, is here on a visit. He bought a new auto and stored it in a garage. Now he can not, for the life of him, remember where the garage is—and he wants his auto.

Corry, Pa., Dec. 29.—Frank Blair couldn't understand why his delivery horse was getting so thin until he discovered that a dull-witted delivery boy was feeding it from a sawdust barrel instead of from the bran bin.

Tompkinsville, S. I., Dec. 29.—Corn, ship's cat on the British tramp steamer St. Patrick, has adopted two puppies.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 29.—An aeroplane company has been incorporated here to transport merchandise through the air, on land, or by water.

Stamford, Conn., Dec. 29.—When Mrs. F. W. Firth arrived here, she found that tramps had lived all winter in comfort in her summer home, but had not stolen a thing.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 29.—Despite her thrilling experience of a few years ago, when she was kidnapped and held for ransom, Miss Ellen M. Stone is arranging to return to Turkey as a missionary.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Professor Wasserman, noted scientist, claims to have discovered a cure for cancer by treating the disease with selenium and osmium. Selenium was discovered by Mme. Curie, who found radium.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 29.—School children should be paid a salary to attend school and the trust law would not be necessary, declared Superintendent Hamilton at a meeting of the Pennsylvania State Educational society.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 29.—Herodotus was a greater liar than Ananias, according to Dr. Maurice Hutton of the University of Toronto, addressing the American Philological association.

Menominee, Mich., Dec. 29.—Herman Reuger, a farmer, admits his Christmas celebration was enjoyed by drinking a gallon of whisky, setting fire to the house and barn, and cutting his throat. He will recover.

Mukwanago, Wis., Dec. 29.—Farmers near here and town folk learned late last night they had been dancing for fifteen years to the tune of a violin made in 1617 by Jacobus Stener, worth \$1,500.

Santa Monica, Cal., Dec. 29.—Mayor-elect R. W. Dow has announced his intention to placing seven women on his cabinet or advisory board, which is composed of twenty-one members. The board decides all municipal questions.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—A court order has been signed permitting ex-Governor Patterson of Tennessee to remove his son from the state, after filing a \$50,000 bond that the young man would never return.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—An undertaker was preparing to bury Nathan Simpson, an aged recluse, in the potter's field, when he found \$100,000 under the dead man's mattress.

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—The Southern California Political Equality league an-

nounces that it cost the women of California 15.3 cents a vote to win their suffrage fight at the recent election.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Police Chief White will seek the establishment here of a women's police court, where only women will be defendants. Women will not then be arraigned with men.

Boulder, Col., Dec. 29.—Miss Elma Clark has visited her home in Nebraska three times recently and each time has lost her voice. Her case is mystifying to physicians.

KEEPS SQUEEZING
He shakes your hand, and shakes your hand. While news of you he'll beg; Lets go with all reluctance, and Proceeds to pull your leg.

THE ONES POP OUT
Mr. Popp—Young man, will you be able to provide my daughter with the same luxuries to which she has been accustomed?
Mr. Popp—Yes, sir, the very same ones—if you are willing.

SUSPICIOUS
Nurse—Here is a little brother for Christmas.
Johnny—Looks like someone had passed on the one they got last year.
Judge.

CAUTION
"If I asked you to marry me," he said, "cautiously," would you say yes?"
"If you knew that I'd say yes," she countered, "still more cautiously, 'would you ask me!'"

Holbeck's

2050-2042 MILWAUKEE AVE.

SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY

Double Coupons from 8:30 to 11 A.M., all departments, except Groceries.	Beautiful Back Combs, shell or amber, with brilliant rhinestone settings, \$1.00 each. \$1.50 value.	Granite Roasting Pans, \$14 also. Saturday at 10c.	Mother's Date 1-lb. tuckers, 4 p.c.e. for 15c.
	Gold Band Cuff and Saucers, pair, 50c.	Ornate or Steel 7-inch Dinner or Soup Plates, with pretty decorations, \$1.00 each. \$1.50 value.	Polony Large Holland Herring, ten for 15c.
	Plain White Porcelain Sauce Dishes, at 4c.	Table Spoons, Tea and Coffee Spoons, 25c.	Shad No. 5 S. & P. Chops, 4 lbs. for 10c.
	Creamers, with pretty gold band and fancy decorations, \$1.00 each. \$1.50 value.	Toilet Paper, good tissue, 1 roll for 5c.	Wetmore's 5-lb. Special offer: A beautiful 7-piece Berry Set with every box, per box, \$1.95.
		Covered Biscuits, round or oblong shapes, plain or with decorations, \$1.00 each. \$1.50 value.	

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Commencing next Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1912, we announce our great bargain event—

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Never before in all the history of our big store has the general public seen the like of bargains such as we are preparing for you next week. Don't fail to see our windows. They will be filled with bargains which consist of small lots only, and will be constantly refilled as fast as the bargains go.

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PARTY HAS GOOD CHANCE TO WIN IN NEW 23RD WARD

The candidates for the city council from the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-third wards will be selected by caucuses of the Socialist party, to be held Tuesday evening, Jan. 2, at 911 Belmont avenue, second floor.

The two caucuses will be held at the same place and time, as the organization of this territory on the new ward lines has not yet been accomplished.

Members of the new Twenty-third ward branch are on the roster of the old Twenty-fifth ward branch. Additional members will be taken in from the north end of the old Twenty-third and from portions of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-sixth wards.

Special interest attaches to the selection of a candidate in the Twenty-third ward, as this is considered good territory in which to make a winning fight. Practically all residents of this ward are of the working class. There are not many extremes. Most of the workers are of the better paid occupations. There are no slums in the ward and very little of the boulevard district.

The members of the ward branch are enthusiastic and determined to make a very hard fight. They hope to enlist the assistance of the party workers from all over the city in an effort to carry the election.

All members of the party residing in this new ward will be entitled to vote in the caucus. This includes ward branch members and members of foreign-language branches.

Peter Power's Labor Talks

BRITISH LABOR PARTY IS UNREASONABLE LOT

The British Labor party seems to be composed of a lot of unreasonable and ill-mannered persons who have no regard for our fine-strung business instincts. What does this impolite and uncouth labor party do but attack the British government and force the Liberal Cabinet to place an embargo on American meat products, in conformity with an established precedent that John Bull will purchase supplies from no concerns indicted in their own countries for alleged law-breaking. Here's a pretty kettle of fish! After the United States Supreme court has declared boycotting unconstitutional, the labor agitators of Great Britain deliberately incite the ruling politicians to display contempt for one of our noblest institutions, which is serving as a guardian for a free and independent people—we mean the courts, not the hog trust. The magnates defiantly reply to the embargo on the Brits that the producers of beef and pork, the farmers, will be the "ultimate losers," for "if cheaper prices prevail they will be made to suffer." Besides the losses that are in store for the producers as a result of the boycott, it looks as though the consumers are also in for another season of gouging, as the hog trust magnates will be put to the expense of another million or more in making their defense in the trial that is now under way in Chicago and which probably will be stretched out over a number of years. Private ownership of monopolies is a good thing for the monopolists. "The people be damned!" said old Commodore Vanderbilt years ago, and the edict is carefully enforced by his plute descendants and even accepted as a divine maxim by the people themselves.

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COOK COOK SOCIALIST NEWS

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MEETINGS TONIGHT

1st ward—514 State street. Lake View Scandinavian branch—English Socialist office, 911 Belmont avenue. Scandinavian Socialist Singing Society—Metropolitan hall, 1819 N. California avenue.

FIRST WARD

Joint meeting of all members now residing within the new ward boundaries as made by the redistricting plan will meet at 514 South State street, second floor, Friday night, Dec. 29, for the purpose of electing officers for the new year and set a date for the nomination of a candidate for alderman. All members are urgently requested to be present.

HELP THE DAILY

As a result of an experiment tried out by the Bohemian comrades who turned out 100 strong one Sunday morning and canvassed a certain district for subscribers to their paper, which resulted in the securing of new subscribers, averaging about five to each comrade who canvassed house to house. Comrade Charles Laney, who is building up the sustenance fund of The Daily Socialist, decided that he would immediately organize a similar campaign and decided the first tryout in the territory to be selected and announced later for Sunday morning, Jan. 14, 1912, and have decided to ask for volunteers to join this army of hustlers for subscriptions to come together on the above date to make a similar canvass for subscribers to The Chicago Daily Socialist. It makes no difference whether you may live in the city or care to assist in this work, you will kindly send in your name to the county office, where the names will be tabulated and printed in The Daily Socialist. All comrades agreeing to take part

CANADIAN PARAGRAPHS

BY R. P. PETTIPiece

District 6, of the Western Federation of Miners, with which is affiliated all the metaliferous organizations in British Columbia, has concluded the business of its 1911 convention. The session with an established precedent that John Bull will purchase supplies from no concerns indicted in their own countries for alleged law-breaking. Here's a pretty kettle of fish! After the United States Supreme court has declared boycotting unconstitutional, the labor agitators of Great Britain deliberately incite the ruling politicians to display contempt for one of our noblest institutions, which is serving as a guardian for a free and independent people—we mean the courts, not the hog trust. The magnates defiantly reply to the embargo on the Brits that the producers of beef and pork, the farmers, will be the "ultimate losers," for "if cheaper prices prevail they will be made to suffer." Besides the losses that are in store for the producers as a result of the boycott, it looks as though the consumers are also in for another season of gouging, as the hog trust magnates will be put to the expense of another million or more in making their defense in the trial that is now under way in Chicago and which probably will be stretched out over a number of years. Private ownership of monopolies is a good thing for the monopolists. "The people be damned!" said old Commodore Vanderbilt years ago, and the edict is carefully enforced by his plute descendants and even accepted as a divine maxim by the people themselves.

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In this will meet at The Daily Socialist on the Sunday morning in question and secure the necessary material. The following comrades have already agreed to join in this scheme: William Cherny, Charles Laney, W. E. Rodriguez, Mary O'Reilly, James P. Larson, A. M. Wagner, Mary E. Gallagher, Louis Harvey and Louis Wolf.

SPECIAL NOTICE

On account of the annual masquerade ball of the Socialist party, given at the Seventh Regiment armory Saturday evening, Dec. 30, all meetings are called off, and all party members are expected to be present.

MASQUERADE BALL

Saturday night, Dec. 30, the twelfth annual mask ball and carnival will take place at the Seventh Regiment Armory, Thirty-fifth street and Wentworth avenue. All comrades intending to attend this mask ball should secure their tickets in advance, as the admission at the door is 50 cents. Tickets are selling very fast and only a limited number of advance tickets are left on sale. Description of the prizes will be given in a later issue of The Chicago Daily Socialist, provided same is permissible under the postoffice rules. All arrangements have been completed and every one is assured of having a good time. All those intending to buy masks and New Year's supply for making can be supplied at the half by the committee in charge of masks and supplies. The music to be used for the ball is furnished by Prof. John Quinn, who is one of the oldest members of the Federation of Musicians, who will have twenty of his best men on the job. Tickets can be secured by telephoning Franklin 1829 or by calling at the offices of The Chicago Daily Socialist and the county headquarters of the Socialist party, 265 West Washington street, third floor.

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Civil Service Announcements

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

The West Chicago Park Commissioners. Examination No. 11, rodman, postponed to Jan. 6, 1912.

An original entrance examination has been ordered for rodman, Class A, Grade 1, pay \$40 to \$60 per month, to be held Jan. 6, 1912, at 8:30 a. m., at the Garfield Park building.

Subject—Special subject, weight of 6; experience, weight of 2; educational, weight of 1.

Special Subject—To consist of questions on surveying, reading field notes and care and use of surveying instruments. To include an oral and a practical test.

Rodmen are required to assist in field surveying operations and to transcribe notes in the office and drafting room.

Eligible—Men over 20 years of age residing in the township of West Chicago.

Applications may be obtained at the office of the Civil Service Board, room 706 Wendell Bank building, Ogden Avenue and Madison street, or at the West Park playgrounds. All applications must be filed in the office of the board before 12 o'clock noon of the day preceding the examination.

FRED G. HEUCHLING, Superintendent of Employment

Where To Go

Tickets for any of the following Lyceum lecture courses are on sale at the office of the county secretary, 205 West Washington street, third floor.

All members of the Seventh ward holding tickets are requested to use them at the following lectures:

Twenty-fifth Ward—Metropolitan Hall, Belmont avenue and Clark street, on the following Sunday afternoon at 7 o'clock: December 31, Dec. 31 January 1.

Twenty-fifth Ward—Crystal Theater, North and Fairbairn streets, on the following Sunday meetings at 8 o'clock: December 17, December 31, and January 1.

The next meeting of Industrial Union, No. 45, E. W. W. has been postponed to Jan. 5, 1912. Watch this column for further notices.

Y.P.S.L. Notes

The Orchestra and Dancing Class meets every Monday evening.

The Mandolin Club meets every Monday evening. New players are invited to join.

The Economic Class meets every Monday evening. Teacher, Miss Jennie Wilson, instructed at the Walter High School. The class is free.

Any citizen desiring information about the Y. P. S. L. girls' group at the masquerade will please call Miss Ruby Josephine Mulroy, Franklin 1122.

Union Meetings TONIGHT

UNION MEETS Associated Building Trades, 229 W. Washington. Carpenters, 76 W. 25th st. and S. California at Chicago Building Trades (I. 228 N. Clark. Electrical Workers, 6 1/2 W. Harrison. Engineers, 401, 814 W. Harrison. Lathers, 74, 728 W. Washington. Metal Polishers, 6 3/4 W. Monroe. Painters, 627, 2140 N. Clark. Plumbers, 521, 129 W. Madison. Steamfitters, 51, 5251 N. Chicago av. White Hats Actors, 28 N. 24th av., 11:20 p.m. Woodworkers, 67, 4229 S. Halsted.

SPEAKERS FOR UNIONS TONIGHT

If Your Local Is in This List, Be Sure to Attend Engineers, 401, 814 W. Harrison st. Speaker, Mary O'Reilly. Glass Workers, 4, 418 N. Clark st., 9 p.m. Speaker, William Rodriguez. Woodworkers, 67, 629 S. Halsted st. Speaker, Hugh McGee.

SPECIAL UNION NOTICES

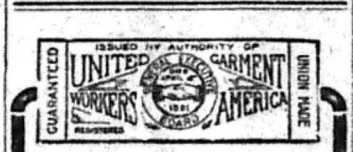
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Subject—Special subject, weight of 6; experience, weight of 2; educational, weight of 1.

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Rodmen are required to assist in field surveying operations and to transcribe notes in the office and drafting room.

Eligible—Men over 20 years of age residing in the township of West Chicago.

Applications may be obtained at the office of the Civil Service Board, room 706 Wendell Bank building, Ogden Avenue and Madison street, or at the West Park playgrounds. All applications must be filed in the office of the board before 12 o'clock noon of the day preceding the examination.

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SOCIALISTS TO TALK CITY RULE AT CONVENTION

Arguments For and Against Commission Government Will Be Heard.

Oklahoma City, where the national convention of the Socialist party will open on May 12, is ruled by the commission form of government.

This will give added zest to the commission government problem, which will be one of the most important questions to come before the gathering demanding a more definite stand than the party has taken upon this matter up to the present time.

Committee Will Report

The report of this problem will come to the convention from a committee chosen at the congress of May, 1910, consisting of the following:

J. J. Jacobsen, of Iowa; Carl D. Thompson, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Sumner W. Rose, of Biloxi, Miss.; Winnie E. Branstetter, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jasper McLevy, of Connecticut.

The national executive committee of the Socialist party voted \$50 to this committee to aid its members in carrying on their investigations into the question of the commission form of government.

This question will come to the 1912 convention with greater force because of the election of over 1,000 Socialist officials in various parts of the nation, the greater part of these being municipal officials elected within the last eighteen months.

Many of the Socialist officials have been elected under the commission form of government, too, thus causing this form of municipal administration to be in favor with many party members.

Problem Is Complicated

The problem is greatly complicated, due to the fact that there are so many different kinds of commission governments put into force under widely different circumstances.

This is true of the Oklahoma City variety, which is considerably at variance with the brand that has been tried about the country as the Des Moines or Galveston idea.

In Oklahoma the state law demands that all parties nominate their tickets at primaries, resulting in partisan tickets in the cities with the party names on the ballots.

Thus in the last municipal election in Oklahoma City the Socialist, Republican and Democratic parties were pitted against each other, with several independent candidates in addition.

Otto F. Branstetter, of Oklahoma City, and former state secretary of Oklahoma, is much opposed to the commission form of city government; while taking a position directly opposite to him is R. A. Maynard, who was active in the recent municipal campaign in Los Angeles, and who is now speaking on the National Socialist Lyceum Course.

Maynard Enthusiastic

Maynard is enthusiastic over the advantages won in California by the Socialists under the commission plan. He claims that it makes Socialism an issue in every campaign, the forces arrayed against each other either standing for Socialism or anti-Socialism.

In Los Angeles there were no party names on the ballot, all of the councilmen being chosen at large, accounting for the fact that the Socialists failed to elect in spite of their heavy vote.

Branstetter points out that under the council form of government the Socialists succeed in getting a man into the city council much sooner than they succeed in electing anyone under the commission plan.

There doesn't seem to be any doubt about the advantages to "big business" under the commission plan in vogue in Oklahoma City. The city government is now being used to fight the workers more than ever before.

Commissions Fight Labor

Previous to the present regime union teamsters were employed. Now union teamsters are not employed by the city. The city printing does not carry the label. The eight-hour day is only recognized because the city is compelled to do so under the state law. The city government was the instrument used by the employers in crushing the recent Oklahoma City street car strike.

In going over the situation the committee of the Socialist party is expected to study the conditions in all of the cities where the commission form of government now exists.

This study will be different from that conducted by the laudatory publications that go to the business interests for all of their information. In that the workers' view of this form of municipal administration will be secured.

This will be done by getting the ideas of all of the Socialist secretaries and Central Trades and Labor Council presidents on this question, as well as the ideas of the heads of some of the more prominent local unions.

The investigators will seek to learn whether wages have increased or decreased under the commission form of government, whether the hours of labor have been shortened or lengthened, whether the conditions of the toilers have become better or worse, what has been the attitude of the city administrations in cases of strikes or other disputes between capital and labor, and what recognition has been given to the organized toilers.

Report Will Be Unique

It is believed that the report that will be made to the Socialist congress will be unique in that it will be the first real effort to secure data on this aspect of the commission government problem.

At the Socialist congress of 1910 twelve different states had already authorized their cities to inaugurate the commission form of government. These states were: Texas, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Massachusetts, California, Idaho, Tennessee, Mississippi and Oregon.

The total number of cities thus far having adopted some form of commission government number at least twenty-five. The number of states authorizing and the number of cities adopting this form of government has materially increased since that time.

however, and a notable addition to this question was made when the Supreme court of Illinois declared this form of municipal government constitutional.

Some Characteristics

There is a great variation in the different laws pertaining to commission form of government. A casual study of the various state laws and the forms contained show the following characteristic features:

1. Non-partisan nominations and elections.
2. Elections at large, eliminating ward representation.
3. Majority elections, provisions that allow two contesting nominations for each office in the final election, thus compelling the majority vote for choice.
4. The recall of elected officers.
5. The initiative.
6. The referendum.
7. Popular approval required for all important measures.
8. Publicity of all business.
9. Expert accounting.
10. Civil service provisions.

It will be seen at once that many of these features are not only not objectionable from the Socialist point of view, but are actually elements in the Socialist program.

The Socialists can not, therefore, indiscriminately stand against this commission form of government. Other features, however, are not only objectionable, but seriously so from the Socialist standpoint. It becomes necessary, therefore, to study each feature by itself.

Favor Party Designation

The position is taken that the Socialist party must oppose the elimination of party designation from the ballot, because it destroys the facility with which its voting power can be brought to bear in its behalf of its principles.

And, besides, it tends to confuse the voters and causes principles to be lost sight of and at the same time results in an advantage to those who are able by personal means and resources to obtrude themselves upon the attention of the voters.

The Socialists hold that the executive and legislative functions of the city government should be separate. It is believed that a better arrangement than that proposed by the commission form would be a council for legislative functions and the election at large for executive functions if that system seems best.

It is perfectly clear that minorities should not rule. There are only two ways in which this can be avoided, either by the form of majority election provided by the commission form of government, or the Socialist plan of proportional representation. The Socialist party has voted for some form of proportional representation for the secondary election.

Nullify Good Measures

The initiative, referendum and recall are, of course, well known Socialist principles. They constitute the most redeeming features in the commission form. However, in many cases the state laws omit one or the other of these provisions or restrict them with certain limitations as to percentages, time limits, etc., so as to practically nullify them.

It appears that the publicity of business and expert accounting features are not essential parts of the commission form, inasmuch as they are already required by the state laws in those states, and, furthermore, could without question be secured in any state without the commission form of government.

One serious objection to the whole idea of the commission form of government is that it combines the legislative, executive and judicial functions. These the Socialists hold should be kept distinct.

The legislative function can be best performed by a representative body elected by the people, preferably from the various localities or wards which shall decide upon the policies of the government.

The administrative function, however, requires a different type of service, which in its nature calls for exceptional ability and expert administration.

Retain Advantages of Democracy

The Socialist party holds that the municipal government may be organized in such a way as to retain all of the advantages of democracy—an elective body to perform the functions of legislation and supervision and a separate body charged with the function of administration, thus guaranteeing both democracy and efficiency.

The proposal that the four or five commissioners after being elected shall themselves determine which particular department of public affairs they shall take charge of seems to the Socialists particularly unwise.

The Socialist claims that it would be better that the candidates be selected for the various heads of departments with special reference to their qualifications for the particular service required; and that they shall be elected to these respective positions.

The Socialist also views with disfavor the tendency under the commission form of government to lengthen the tenure of office.

Various members of the committee appointed by the last congress, especially J. J. Jacobsen, of Iowa, and Carl D. Thompson, of Milwaukee, Wis., have submitted articles to the Socialist press on the commission form of government which have been a great aid to Socialists in localities where this matter has come up.

There is no doubt but that the Socialist position on this question will be clearly outlined for the whole country at the Oklahoma City convention.

MANY WILL DISCUSS THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

By United Press. **Dachington, Dec. 29.**—Looking to the establishment of a great international commission to study the cause and remedies for the high cost of living and to evolve a world money system based on economic and scientific principles, a conference will be held in Washington today.

It will be attended by men prominent in the public eye, including members of the senate and house of representatives, leading economists and others.

The plan has been actively pushed in this country by Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale. About a year ago he suggested such a commission and it met with hearty approval from many sources. President Taft encouraged the idea.

"MR. ATLAS," NOT "MR. AJAX," HELD UP THE WORLD

By United Press. **Columbia, Mo., Dec. 29.**—Students of mythology are kidding the editors of the University Missourian today because the last number of the publication of the School of Journalism asserted that "Old Man" Football is the Ajax who carries the world of athletics on his shoulders. "The myth" students draw attention to the fact that Mr. Atlas, not Mr. Ajax, had the job of holding up the globe.

LABOR HAPPENINGS

Vice-President Roy Horn, of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers, reports from Ogden, Utah, that on his trip up from Los Angeles the engine, or engines, there were three of them, broke down three times and that the train arrived in Salt Lake City seven and one-half hours late.

On the way up, he says, the train encountered a terrific snowstorm. There was no steam to heat the coaches and the temperature of the coach in which he was riding was below zero for several hours. Horn almost froze. Several other passengers suffered terribly.

Railroad Heads Consult

The general presidents of the nine crafts involved in the strike on the Harriman lines, including the Illinois Central, are consulting with their advisory boards and executive committees regarding the extension of the strike to various other lines running west of Chicago.

The general presidents are asking their executive committees to give them power to call a strike of the shopmen on any line at any time without having to refer the question back to the committee.

The strike of the Harriman lines shopmen was delayed for weeks while the general presidents were getting authority from their executive committees to call the strike. If it is necessary to extend the rail war to other lines, the nine general presidents will be able to do so at any time they think it proper to do so.

Last Desperate Move

"I believe the prosecution of the striking unions by the Illinois Central is the last desperate move of the company to scare us," said H. J. Molloy, business agent of the machinists, today.

"I don't believe they'll dare to push the prosecution, first, because there's no case against us, and, second, the country is on the eve of another big election and I don't think the politicians would risk a prosecution of this kind. It's a bluff."

Kline Goes to New Orleans

James W. Kline, general president of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers, will leave for New Orleans tonight to address a system federation mass meeting Monday afternoon.

The grand mass meeting was set for New Orleans because it is there that the Illinois Central meets the other Harriman lines, and because New Orleans may, therefore, be regarded as the central point on the system.

Kline was compelled to cancel his speaking date at Centralia, Monday, in order to attend the large meeting at New Orleans. A substitute speaker will be sent to Centralia.

Keep Molloy Busy

H. J. Molloy, business agent of the machinists, has been subpoenaed to appear in two places at one and the same time. He was summoned to appear in the United States Circuit court at Danville, Ill., next Monday to answer charges filed by the Illinois Central on Oct. 3.

He was also summoned to appear before United States District Attorney Charles W. Miller at Indianapolis, who is conducting an investigation of the McNamara case.

The annual convention of the railroad department of the American Federation of Labor, consisting of delegates from all crafts employed in the railroads of the country will meet in Chicago, January 4.

The meetings will be held in the Briggs hotel. President Perham, of the railway telegraphers, will preside at the meetings.

At Musician's Building

The elevator constructors and starters, who were driven out of the Open Board of Trade building by the fire which destroyed the structure two weeks ago, have found permanent headquarters in the Musicians' building at 175 West Washington street.

The chauffeurs, bakery drivers and teamsters' joint council also have moved into the Musicians' building, and are located in the office of the milk wagon drivers.

Waiters Elect

The new officers elected by the Waiters' Progressive League to serve during the next year are George Schmidt, president; T. M. Clarke, first vice-president; Frank Altman, second vice-president; Otto Springer, financial secretary; Joseph Fabing, treasurer; R. Grey, recording secretary, and J. Robinson, George Schmidt and T. M. Clarke delegates to the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Miners Choose Delegates

The following delegates to the national miners' convention to be held in Indianapolis in January have been named to represent the various miners' unions:

A. F. Pace, Local No. 1000; Abe Hicks, 1248; Groce Lawrence, W. J. Snud and George F. Wilson, 986; George Siles, 1795; Paty Bandy, 2521; Pete Sander, 1466; J. H. Davis, 944; William Van Hoof, 338; Price Watson, 2469, and Mat Crouch, 566, all of Herrin, Ill.

JUDGE WALKER TAKES RAP AT SPECIAL POLICE

Judge Walker, sitting on the Harrison street municipal court bench, made it known that when special policemen arrest youths and men "on suspicion" they must have some positive evidence that the prisoners were offending the city at the time of their arrest.

This was made known in the cases of George Jordan, 23 years old, Thomas Meyer, 24 years old, and Harry Clark, 18 years old, all of whom were arrested last night by Special Policeman Pflsimmmons of the Harrison street station.

The policeman said he watched the men jump on and off trolley cars at Archer avenue and Clark streets. He produced "statements" of a queer nature as evidence that the men were pickpockets, yet the policeman admitted that he was unable to prove that the men had ever been convicted of the charge.

Special policemen have the habit of arresting men who "look suspicious," although the "suspicious" person may be finding a job and "suspicious" about finding it.

TEXAS PACIFIC SHOPMEN ARE HOLDING CONFERENCE

Special Correspondence. **New Orleans, La., Dec. 29.**—The executive committee of the Texas Pacific shopmen's system federation is in conference here today with Vice President Freeman representing the company.

Upon the result of the conference will depend whether the shopmen will have to strike or not. The company has repeatedly refused to recognize the system federation of shopmen and the men asked for the conference with Freeman as a last resort to gain their ends without striking.

RUSSIA'S FUTURE

By Maxim Gorky.

In Burzoo's Magazine, "The Future." There lately appeared a letter by Maxim Gorky, the Russian Socialist.

The letter was addressed to an ultra-reactionary leader of the "Black Hundred," who is a defender of the present regime of the czar. The letter follows: "You admit yourself that the Russian people are morally weak. I agree with you. Moral power can be developed only among a free people in a country where there are opportunities for life and expression. In Russia there is none.

"I have traveled through all Russia and have studied and observed every stratum and circle of Russian society and all over I found the same thing—everybody is lacking the will power, nobody has a determined motive in life, nobody thinks for the future, all are in a slumber.

"Take even your own organization, 'The Real Russians.' You have no liberties or opportunities to organize a party with a clear and strong platform, and in spite of this, you are split in many small groups and quarrel so much over petty stealings that throughout the country you are weak and breaking apart.

"Then what can you do? Always organize programs? Do you ever think to save your fatherland from the ignorance, drunkenness, starvation and persecution which is destroying it by inches?

"You write to me that people are the same everywhere and that the Russians are no worse than others. I believe that there is a difference between Russians and Japanese. Have you forgotten your recent defeat? There is a big difference between you and the German people, who will in a short time overcome you and cause you to forget there is such a disease as typhus. While this disease kills thousands yearly in Russia, in Germany they have forgotten this disease because they live in cleanliness and their farmers do not starve.

"There is a great difference between you and the French people whom you owe hundreds of millions of dollars and whom you will certainly betray in a critical moment.

"A country which is covered with blood and dirt, where the police agent kills ministers, where thousands of men are hanged through the betrayal of 'agent's provocateurs,' where life is not worth a penny, where suicide among the youth has spread like an epidemic, where small children are playing 'military justice' and hang each other. Such a country must awaken a feeling of disgust in all Europe, and even more than that, because our land may become a source of contagion both moral and physical, disease which may become a menace to the other countries.

"Patriots! Don't you see how Europe and especially Germany sees with satisfaction how our country rots and disintegrates? Don't you see that the time must ultimately come when the healthy nations will come to you as I say: 'We are tired of your unnatural conduct. It is clear to us that you can not govern yourselves and are not able to. You must have a strong-armed force which shall bring about order in your country, you do more harm to European culture than China, we have, therefore, decided to divide your country as you have done with Poland and we will attend to your intellectual development' and they will do it.

"Russia will be divided just as Persia is being divided, as Turkey will be divided. Europe has decided to do so with all the countries that are behind in civilization and a hindrance to the civilized world.

"You call Nicholas a kind-hearted czar. This is a mistake. It grows from your ignorance, or better, said out of your hypocrisy. This man is considered by the whole world as the blackest, foulest and bloodiest figure of the century. He is a manufacturer of corpses, a destroyer of lives. He plays with the destiny of the Russian people as a blind man plays chess.

"He began his career with the massacre in Hodinka, where 4,000 people have been massacred. When the governor of Ufa in his report said that in Zlatoust 477 people had been killed during a strike he marked in the margin of the report that 'it is a pity that so few were killed.'

"That is the A and Z of his reign. 'It's a pity that so few were killed.'

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The Triangle Waist Co. has been exonerated. Now let us fix upon some poor man who has done wrong and glut our frugal love of "justice" to the full.

Russia's drama is moving to exclude all Jews who would enter the country. A government which is willing to write itself down as an oppressor reminds one of the sign "Dangerous Dog Here."

The Appeal to Reason is in trouble with the courts because it told the truth about Leavenworth prison. How and when you tell the truth are important points in the law, it seems. But what does truth care?

George Washington may have been stupid in some of his moves against the British, as Chas. Francis Adams alleges, but, returning to living issues, did he ever play the game of strategy with the clumsy bluster of a Harrison Gray Otis?

Many of those persons who are so outraged over the "goings on" of the Sinclair's, the Kemps, and the Wrights make us doubt their moral impeccability by their huge relish of the details of these affairs as they appear in the newspapers.

"The Ginger Jar" has been closed up and the ginger man has moved into these ampler quarters, where hot stuff will be produced on even a larger scale than heretofore. Old party politicians, recreant servants of the people, subsidized prevaricators, and economic perverts will please take notice.

Col. Henry Watterson trembles to think that if Roosevelt is put into the White House in 1912 he will assume dictatorship and never issue forth, unless he goes "feet first." Watterson is needlessly alarmed; give Roosevelt plenty of talking room and he will become a self-made "dead one" before the next presidential election.

Is it not astonishing that so many of the clergy have placed the cause of the McNamara brothers' violence where it belongs? The latest one to do this is Bishop Chas. D. Williams of the Episcopal Church of Detroit. But when we think of it, it is strange that more persons do not speak out, since the truth is so evident. There, there, Capital, sleep on!

Chief McWeeny has given his word to rid Chicago of vagrants, a vagrancy bureau having been established in connection with the police department. Other cities may as well prepare to receive an influx of malefactors of little wealth; malefactors of great wealth will not be disturbed—they own Chicago, and their vagrancy is of the police-proof kind.

At last the stage has been set, and suit has been brought by the Illinois Central against the International Association of Machinists and the unions. All the officials are summoned and must appear at Danville January 1. The next big strike of union men will be at the ballot box in 1912. The voters can not be sued, nor can an injunction be issued against their mandate at the polls.

A cold wave is a not superfluous reminder of the privation and suffering of the poor. Organized charity, shameful evidence of the existence of legalized robbery, puts a little bread into hungry mouths and a little coal into frigid stoves. Thus conscience is enabled to doze and repeat its perennial act of somnolence, proving itself a luxury which only the rich can afford.

In an attempt to feed the London sandwichmen Marie Tempest, the actress, only fattened her despair. She was entangled in red tape until she gave up her attempt and retired, to see the abject unfortunates dragging on their hopeless way unfed, and, perhaps, almost indifferent to their own misery. If life could only be staged! But no; that would be too horrible!

La Follette, in opening his campaign of speech making, inveighs mightily against the trusts. It is reported that, as the reverberations of his eloquence thunder around the haunts of the combines now and then a sleepy voice murmurs: "Don't you think we had better close the windows? I feel a slight draft." And after that all is silence and peace.

A Chicago woman came downtown the other day for the first time in forty years. Her astonishment typifies that which would fill the eyes and minds of the advocates of old time "business ethics" could they "come downtown" in the world and see things as they are today. That they would "hurry home" and stay there, is a conclusion fortified by reasons which bulge every unjaded brain.

One indignant exploiter of his fellow men gives voice to what is within his soul in the following words: "Labor unions are a curse to business and should be put down with a strong hand." Now, all that this great man needs to do further is to gather together all who "think" like him, and begin the gracious task. No; he must do one other thing, make sure that the "hand" is strong enough.

Berlin presents the delectable information that thirty-six men perished there recently, their terrible hunger having led them to eat the offal from a garbage heap, which in this instance consisted of decayed, or nearly decayed, fish. A new way of keeping the population of crowded cities down is thus suggested. Let the generous masters of men feed them on poisoned fish; that would be infinitely cheaper than going to war and spending millions to kill a few "worthless fellows."

Mr. Veeder, in his conscientious expose of the beef trust startles truth with the statement that the packers once thought of forming a combine whose total capital was to be \$923,000,000. Then he goes further, and coolly offers the "almost" unbelievable information that \$637,000,000 of this sum was to be in the nature of "pure, sparkling water," leaving only \$282,500,000 real assets! With such an ocean of "water" to sail upon the beef trust would never need to take a vacation in Europe; unless, indeed, someone pulled the plug and let the water out; and only the wicked Socialists could think of doing that.

Those lovers of "clean living," who control the people of this nation with all the finesse of skilled economic masters, have been ringing the changes upon the expression "healthy, good-tempered boys" a little too much of late. A reaction is setting in; and unless new and "impossible features" can be speedily added to the circus of newspaper advocacy, it will not be long ere the expression "unhealthy, ill-tempered tyrants" will be heard as a sort of counter blast to the mouthings of mock morality. Socialism is preparing some surprises for 1912; among others, a full list of recent capitalist wholesale murders.

Professor Irving Fisher pauses to explain that the causes of high prices are in doubt, and that a commission alone will prove competent to investigate the matter. As an humble offering to this possible commission we would suggest that the high cost of living be attributed to the building of the Panama Canal. If that resource Then, in event of inability to fix the blame there, it would be a good fails, it might be traced to Dr. Cook's efforts to bring back the Pole, plan to attribute the difficulty to the failure of the weasel crop. Finally, if the public persists in being unconvinced, let it be told with all solemnity that the cause is either cockroaches, police reform, or roller skating. In case that neither of these explanations satisfies reason, then reason should be declared insane and the whole matter dropped.

THE PARTY FORUM

Wherein Are Discussed the Affairs of the Socialist Party.

Communications should not be longer than 200 words. Unessential portions will be eliminated. Where not all letters on one subject can be given space, The Daily Socialist will endeavor to give something from both sides.

WE DECLINE THE STAMPEDE

To the Editor: Every Socialist knows that the settled policy of the capitalist press of this country up to the recent past has been to never write the word "Socialism" except under news necessity, and then to smear it with a slur.

And the Socialists knew that behind this amusing symptom was the quivering of the pale streak in the liver of capitalism—for in the persistent waves of discontent were often seen the white caps of Socialism.

In October, Granny (the Tribune) promised her children a higher grade of amusement, and kept her promise, producing with studied pose, in dignified procession, articles from the brain centers of such prodigies as Richard Olney, George W. Perkins, B. F. Shoups, William W. Wood, T. P. Shouts, C. G. Dawes (a speech by P. MacVane), E. C. Simmons, H. L. Higgins (speech by F. Harrison), articles by Charles Nagler, Mayer and J. H. Hannan, then to make good measure, clucked in the "views of the 1909" and another squirt of the E. H. Gary essence.

Another list for a Carnegie medal! And, just as was expected, the varieties of wiggles equaled the wiggles in number.

I'll be doggoned if I can see why a Socialist should need to hunt sweeney from care in footlight melody, tragedy, comedy, burlesque or the circus when he can swap a copper for a capitalist paper six mornings in seven.

Granny did find room for an article from a representative Socialist, but that was a simple maneuver.

Now, as though to climax the great run, Granny her very self burst into bloom on the 7th ult.

Listen to her: "The nation must know, if it can be known, just how far direct action or propaganda by force is held to be justified by organized labor."

"There is another class that must answer this question, and that is the Socialist."

"Does Socialism in America hold that 'class war' in this country justifies assassination, or even the destruction of property?"

If Granny could be given an elixir that would enable her to see herself as a Socialist sees her she would realize that even a worn-out ruc could not make so near a faultless exhibition of impudence as she has in asking these questions.

Listen to her further: "If they do not, to deny by words is not enough. There should be prompt and sincere support for the attempt to disclose and punish the men in the labor movement who have engaged in or winked at the use of violence. And that duty is a continuing duty."

Now, GRANNY, and all of capitalism behind you. The Socialist understands the genesis of greed and that from the day that greed had gained its feet the workers of the world have been harassed and hithed and whipped and ruthlessly butchered and their heart-breaking cries and dying moans have been lost to the clamor and glamour of battlefields and conquests—but not entirely forgotten.

For fifty years now, while capitalism has been standing with iron shoes upon the aching shoulders of the workers, Socialism has stood upon old Mother Earth facing that awful front, knowing your power and your temper, but not fearing them, holding out both hands, pointing to the worker a way out, that all the wisdom of cunning and humanity cannot gainsay.

And Socialism will continue—not to stand still, but to move upon that front and will ignore suggestion and rent dictation from you and the power behind you and the workers can be men instead of slaves.

One word of advice, Granny: Don't waste any of your valuable time trying to bridle or saddle Socialism.

The Socialists are managing Socialists. J. C. M'COY, Chicago.

AN OPEN LETTER TO 25TH WARD SOCIALISTS

(That applies to Socialists everywhere.) Do you want to elect a Socialist alderman?

There is only one way that can be done—and that is to get a majority of the voters in the notion of voting the Socialist ticket.

Simple, isn't it? And that can only be done in one way, that is by building up an organization of enthusiastic workers.

Who are workers? Workers are people who really want to see something done.

There is a case in point. There is to be an address on Socialism at the Crystal Theater next Sunday morning, and every enthusiastic Socialist in the ward will be in the audience, if it is possible for him to get to the theater.

Why should every Socialist go? Because both the speaker and the non-Socialists in the audience need the enthusiasm that is generated by numbers. They need you so the speaker may feel encouraged to do his best, and also that the non-Socialist may not get lonesome and leave the hall before the speaker begins.

There were 1,300 Socialist votes in the 25th Ward at the last election. If only one-half of them are actually convinced that Socialism will improve the conditions of human life, and if they are in dead earnest about wanting to change those conditions, Phil Callery will talk to a packed house next Sunday morning and he will make the best speech of his life.

To go before an audience of men who are alive with enthusiasm for a common cause is better than days of preparation. And if the Socialists of the Twenty-eighth Ward want to elect a Socialist alderman their desire to see the triumph of Socialism will have to be so strong that, no matter who is to speak, they can not stay away from the hall, if it is possible for them to go.

Now, next Sunday will be a good time to decide to give at least two hours every week to the cause of Socialism. Phil Callery, make the best nominating speech I ever heard or read. It is better than Ingalls' speech

Weeding Out the Unfit?

So much are we occupied with the struggle for our daily bread, so much is our vitality sapped in procuring a scant pittance, that there is no beauty or health in us, and seldom do our eyes see a beautiful human being with the perfect modeling and sweet symmetry, outward signs of inward grace, which denote real health and happiness.

Most men and women do not know what it is to meet a perfectly healthy human being, or the sheer delight which the manifestations of perfect health give both to the possessor and to the beholder.

Ceaselessly working in order to live and living only in order to work, with "the emptiness of ages in our face," we travel downward to the dust of the grave: "Landless, joyless, restless, hopeless. Gasping still for bread and breath. To their graves by trouble haunted. England's helots toll the toll of real health, and most of us cannot realize what the vile system under which we drudge and sweat and suffer has denied us."

We are teaching people to be everything except human beings. We are making good factory hands, good railway workers, good clerks, good slaves and drudges of all kinds, everything in short except that which really matters—the making of human souls of good quality and condition.

We send children to school, ill nourished and ill clad, at a period when growing childhood needs good food and warm clothing most urgently.

We keep them ignorant of the most elementary laws of physical health, so that bodies get poisoned and deteriorate and minds decay.

We overlook our manhood and womanhood in return for a scant pittance. We deny to many thousands of workers even the right to drudge. We calmly rob them of the scant pittance which such drudgery would afford and leave them to drift and struggle on as best they may.

And when these vile conditions have done their work and we have produced thousands of physically and mentally unfit human beings, some superior persons come forward and learnedly discuss whether these wrecks which society has made should be allowed to become parents. They talk of improving the physique and the mentality of the nation by weeding out the unfit and sterilizing them.

Was there ever a more preposterous suggestion for remedying the evils which have their sole source in the poverty of the people?—The New World.

Who Is to Blame?

We have a social organization, a machine which is so badly constructed that it turns out yearly thousands of physically and mentally unfit human creatures. Seeing this, all our wise racial improvers say, "Let us segregate these unfortunate products of our social organization, let us prevent them from becoming parents, and in a few generations the race will improve and all will be well."

What a beautiful theory for those experts who delight in planning and ordering the lives of the "lower classes."

How nice for those on top, for those who live without working. How nice for those who derive their income out of the energy of others and whose ease is built up on the blood and sweat and tears of the toiling many. How it must comfort them to think that they can in such a way get rid of the foul blot on the escutcheon of the system which provides them luxury and leisure.

But that any such playing with the problem of unfitness, with all its ugliness and horror should command serious attention is incomprehensible.

For the real remedy is so clearly obvious. The social organization is based upon private property owned and controlled by private gain. Men, women, and children are before regarded by the owners and controllers of property as so many tools and instruments to be used in the sacred business of profit-making. Working people live in a world owned by others—

"Where fast and faster, their iron master, The thing they made, forever drives. Bids them grind treasure and fashion pleasure."

For other hopes and other lives. Being constructed upon the principle of profit before all else, the social machine inevitably produces men, women, and children who are, judged by any decent standard, unfit.

Who is to blame? The poor wrecks themselves, the "gold crushed wretched hell," or the machine which makes them?—The New World.

BULLETIN

Mr. Well Known Philanthropist, announces that by reason of his increased earnings, the result of the greater efficiency obtained through the application of super-scientific management to conditions in his various industries, he will, until further notice, award to the American public for their noninterference with his methods, benefits as listed in the following schedule:

(1) For the twisted lives and pirated happiness of one thousand children (by-product of his mills), one charity ward in hospital, to be operated as part of medical college of university hereinafter mentioned.

(2) For the smirched character of one thousand women, driven to the street to eke out to the point where they can live, the skimmed wages allowed them in his department stores, one library, adjunct of the university hereinafter mentioned, wherein may be obtained books on leading the higher life.

(3) For the thousand hopes and blasted health of one thousand men, worn out in his factories, one scholarship, for properly placed in university hereinafter mentioned.

(4) For the wrecked integrity or non-perpetuation of one thousand families, one university, wherein will be thoroughly promulgated the policy of Let Well Enough Alone.

Note.—Mr. Well Known Philanthropist, in advance, the imputation that he makes the above obnoxious in order to draw attention from, or to offset the activities of, certain seeming tendencies of the times. His offers are prompted by purely philanthropic impulses.

Further, he holds that it were to show bad taste, to question his motives.—Life.

SOCIALIST NEWS

from EVERYWHERE



GERMANY AFTER ELECTIONS

Louisville, Ky.—The Louisville Times in an editorial on the German election calls attention to the unfair method of representation. In speaking of the elections, the Times says:

"Berlin, with 500,000 voters, elects no more than six members to the Reichstag, while East Prussia, with 100,000 less, sends seventeen; in other words—the cities and industrial centers of Prussia and Germany are outvoted by the rural communities; the aristocratic, agrarian Junkers have the Socialists at a hopeless disadvantage."

"It does not often happen that parliamentary elections on the continent of Europe have either significance or interest on this side; they commonly turn on matters purely local; they are rarely either dynamic or dynamic."

"But this of Jan. 12, called in some quarters the 'Be-or-not-to-be' election, is everywhere regarded as a trial of strength; it will determine what coalition of the five German parties shall run the government. Von Bethmann-Hollweg is supported at present by high-traitor conservatives and by the centralists, a cleric or Roman Catholic party, and this in spite of the fact that the Socialists at the last election polled nearly as many votes as both together, the peculiarly gerrymandered construction of the constituencies being responsible for this anomalous condition."

"Since the general election, however, the Socialists have won ten seats, while their influence has grown incredibly. They have been branded as 'disloyal' and the reproach has not harmed them; their leader, Bebel, stands out among German statesmen as none has done since Bismarck; in spite of the fact that responsible government, as Europeans understand the term, does not exist in Germany, and that the Kaiser's nominal direct rule policy and affairs such as the Socialists' popular strength and such their following that they can not be ignored. They may win 100 seats; no one gives them a gain under fifty; and it may well happen that, by combining with the Radicals, they will control the Reichstag."

"Where once they were feared, abhorred, denounced, they have acquired standing and respect. Socialism as a label no longer, in the empire, implies revolutionary or anarchist or disruptive aims. It does imply one opposed to militarism run mad; to a tariff for the benefit of the great landowners; to an irresponsible and irresponsible bureaucracy. It spells progress and it makes for peace."

SOCIALISTS AT HARVARD

Doing Great Work Boston.—The young man who is perhaps the most interesting Socialist to be found among the undergraduates in the universities of the United States was interviewed as he sat back in his chair and smiled at the big picture of Bernard Shaw which hangs in the room that is Socialist headquarters at Harvard University.

It's a first floor corner room in Holyworth. The young Socialist is the grandson of former President Charles W. Eliot and the son of the Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, president of the American Unitarian Association.

Samuel A. Eliot, Jr., of the class of '11, is the secretary and treasurer of the Harvard Socialist Club, which has fifty-five members.

There were several other collegiate Socialists in the room. The president of the club, G. C. Henderson, '12, was there.

"I wish they would start an anti-Socialist club here," said Henderson. "We don't want merely to meet fellows who defend the present order of Society; we want them to attack our position. They want, we have to urge men to bring the anti around to our meetings."

"We keep the topic to the fore in the college publications. The Illustrated will print the address which John Macy made here lately. There are a lot of our men on the various papers and they see to it that the cause is kept before the students."

The club had a great deal to do also with the coming of Harvard's course in Socialism, what is known as "Economic 23." A graduate published an article in the Harvard Illustrated Magazine criticizing the college for having no course in Socialism. Thereupon the student Socialists circulated a petition to which they got 500 signatures, many merely names of those who thought Socialism ought to be discussed in the lecture rooms, and this year comes "23" as a half course, which the club says is bound to become a full course.

The club are pretty well mixed up with the college publications. Henderson is editor in chief of the Illustrated Magazine. Mollerwell is secretary of the Monthly, another member of the Socialist club is literary editor and a third is on the executive board, Gray, the oldest of the year, is editor in chief of the Harvard Advocate and is a member of the Socialist club. The manager of the Dramatic club is one of the group that sat in Mollerwell's room and talked over the ideas of the movement.

The club has done a great amount of good by stimulating interest in Socialism in the problems, social and political, which bulk biggest in the world nowadays. These Socialists and their radical allies of somewhat different type secured for Harvard the course of lectures last year by men famous for their reform work and revolutionary ideas, and the support the undergraduates gave the lectures showed how deep a need the course satisfied.

THROW OPEN SCHOOLS TO SACRAMENTO SOCIALISTS

Sacramento, Cal.—The school board of this city has thrown open the schools here for the Socialists to hold the National Lyceum Bureau lectures. It is thought that the result of last election, when the Socialists came within 300 votes of capturing the city, has had something to do with the board's decision.

Some old party politicians objected to the Socialists using the schools. J. A. Green, president of the board, issued the following statement in answer to the complaints:

"The board granted the request made by the Socialists after we had been informed that the series of lectures would be given by men of national prominence and would be delivered on educational topics. I am sure I don't know all about Socialism and I would be glad to hear a man so fitted to do so tell me about it."

"If the Democratic party wanted the auditorium to allow Senator Gore of Oklahoma to explain to us what democracy is, or if the Republican party wanted it to give Senator Hoar a chance to tell us what Republicanism is, I would feel the same about it and I think the other members of the board would feel the same way."

"The mere fact that the first man who will lecture for the Socialists is Eugene Woods is a sufficient guarantee that the series will be of an educational nature."

SOCIALISM DOES NOT THRIVE IN INDUSTRIAL CENTERS ONLY

"The character of the Ohio municipalities, the political control of which has been delivered to the Socialists, takes the lie to the contention that Socialistic doctrine thrives only on the discontent of industrial cities," comments the Toledo Blade.

"In the lists is only one community whose dominant element is manufacture. Among them are municipalities with interests almost solely mercantile, others whose commerce is laid upon an agricultural foundation. Local alone supports the popular conception, and the success of the Socialists there may be explained by other facts than machine-made social unrest."

SPRINGFIELD WORKERS TO KEEP EYE ON ALDERMEN

Springfield, Ohio.—Socialists of this city have hit upon a way to keep tabs upon the actions of the different members of the city council and at the same time do good propaganda work for Socialism.

A legislative committee of five has been elected which is to be present at all meetings of the city council. In case aldermen may try to put over any dirty deals they will find their way blocked by the Socialists.

Members of the Socialist party have acted on several committees within the past year to protest against proposed legislation and have been able to force the questions before the people.

SOCIALIST WAVE SWEEPS TOWN

North Baltimore, Ohio.—Plans are being formed for the organization of a new Socialist local in North Baltimore. The city was swept by the wave of Socialist agitation following the recent splendid success of the party in this state and Joseph Haney, formerly a lumber dealer of Rock Island, Ill., and Detroit, Mich., has written to the state secretary to have an organizer sent to North Baltimore as soon as possible. The local will have, it is expected, about 75 members to start with.

FINNISH SOCIALISTS PLAN WORK FOR COMING YEAR

The national executive committee of the Finnish section of the Socialist party in session here has decided to choose its delegates to the national Socialist congress by referendum.

This committee has also decided that the next convention of the Finnish Socialists of the United States is to be held, opening June 1, 1912, at Duluth, Minn. It is possible in the future the convention will be held in the assembly hall of the Working People's College, owned by the Finnish Socialists, at Smithville, a short street car ride out of Duluth.

It is planned to have the delegates, of whom there will be about fifty, attend the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Working People's College, when plans will be discussed for the extension of this Finnish educational institution, which has already done good work among the Finnish people of this country.

The referendum of the Finnish section for the election of a national executive committee has just been completed, resulting in the election of K. F. Tuohimäki, of Chicago; E. Savela, of Chicago; Karl Helander, of Waukegan, Ill.; A. J. Partanen, of Chicago; Emil Oksa, of Milwaukee, and John J. Kolu, of Waukegan. J. W. Surlund was re-elected national translator-secretary.

The national executive committee of the Finnish section chosen from the three states of Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. It meets every month at the headquarters of the national Finnish section in Chicago.

ESTHER EDELSON RETURNS FROM TOUR OF ILLINOIS

High school students made up one of the most enthusiastic audiences that listened to Esther L. Edelson, of Chicago, on her recent tour of the state for the Illinois Socialist party.

The meeting was held in the assembly hall of the high school at Jatkonsville, Miss Edelson speaking on "Woman Suffrage from the Socialist Viewpoint." This was one of a series of eight lectures in Jatkonsville, all of which were well attended.

Miss Edelson visited many of the bigger cities in the state, among them being O'Fallon, Pana, Tower Hill, Decatur, Champaign, Lincoln, Granite City and Taylorville.

The Socialists at Tower Hill were so much enthused by the meeting held by Miss Edelson that they decided to play Santa Claus to the Socialist speaker. So they secured a photograph of Miss Edelson and now they are having a portrait of her painted by Prof. E. Urbrain, a noted portrait painter, who is stopping in Pana.

JAPANESE TRANSLATION OF JOHN SPARGO'S BOOK

Tokio, Japan.—The Imperial government, through the Central Sanitary Bureau of the Home Department, is about to issue a Japanese translation of "The Common Sense of the Milk Question," by John Spargo, the well-known sociologist and Socialist of New York.

The book is to be used extensively in the campaign for a better milk supply, which is part of the general campaign of the government to lessen infantile mortality. It will be widely distributed among physicians, nurses, sanitarians, teachers and women's organizations.

OHIO PARTY MAKES BIG ADVANCE IN MEMBERSHIP

That the Socialist part of Ohio is growing at a wonderful rate is shown by a comparison made by State Secretary Schawie of the numerical strength of the dues-paying members in the month of October, 1910, and the same month this year, the best index of the new party's condition. In October, 1910, there were only 123 local clubs, members of which number 1,479. They paid up to date. In October, 1911, the number of locals had increased to 258, the total membership to 112, and those paid up to the month, 710.

KORNIGOLD VOICES VIEWS

To the Editor: My itinerant existence has made it possible for me to read the communications in the "Haywood Controversy" only recently. I see that Comrade Frank Bohn complains about the injustice of judging him and Haywood by one sentence taken out of the text of their pamphlet. I am rather inclined to believe that an injustice has been done to Comrade Frank Bohn. I have been in many places where Comrade Bohn has spoken, but I have yet to hear for the first time of his having advocated the things which the famous sentence implies. It is, however, different with Comrade Haywood. In his writings, as well as in his speeches, he has consistently stuck to the doctrine tersely expressed in the sentence quoted by Comrade Hillquit, a doctrine which constitutes no mean part of the difference between anarchism and Socialist tactics and which would probably render him liable to expulsion in almost any European Socialist party.

Comrade La Monte, stepping into the arena, takes the cudgels up for Comrade Haywood and points to the Russian Socialist movement. I am surprised that Comrade La Monte should not know that the tactics advocated by Haywood, and for a long time practiced by the Russian Revolutionary party, were one of the snags upon which said party found itself stranded. It became after a while hard to distinguish between a common pickpocket, hold-up man, assassin or burglar and a bona fide revolutionist. All kinds of people with a private ax to grind or desirous of booty joined the Russian revolutionary ranks and committed the worst imaginable depredations under cover of the revolutionary cause.

Where, therefore, even in a country like Russia where tactics of this character have been practically forced upon the revolutionist, they have proved disastrous to the revolution, is it not the height of folly to advocate them in the United States?

Yours for the Cause, RALPH KORNIGOLD.

NO FRICTION

To the Editor: A recent article in The Daily Socialist leaves the impression that there is friction between the national secretary and the state secretaries on the subject of the foreign speaking organizations.

This is not the case. The condition in which the party congress of 1910 left the matter of the foreign speaking organizations is unsatisfactory to everybody. It is unsatisfactory to the national organization, to the state organizations, and to the county and local organizations and to the foreign speaking organizations themselves.

This is one of the problems with which the convention next May will have to grapple.

Meantime, with very slight exceptions, all concerned are making the best of the situation with commendable patience.

It would be well for the state secretaries, translator-secretaries and others who have any special knowledge on the subject to discuss the question through the party press, to the end that the best possible solution may be found at the convention. The Daily Socialist deserves special credit for opening this and other party questions for discussion preceding the convention.

Fraternally yours, JOHN M. WORK, Acting National Secretary.

WORDING IS POOR

To the Editor: I notice that local Puyallup, Washington, wants to amend the National Socialist platform by adding thereto: "Through the use of any weapon that will win the fight, politically or otherwise."

While I have no doubt that this amendment is offered in good faith, and with the best intentions, it could have hardly been worded in worse language than it is if a studied effort had been made by the worst enemy of Socialism.

"Through the use of any weapon" give those who so easily charge us with being anarchistic and dynamiters a straightedge on us that which, like Banquo's ghost, would not down; and this is one thing we, as a party, must studiously avoid.

We can not, either by word or deed, give our opponents any reasonable cause for charging us with seemingly standing for force to carry