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## Jury To Suit Burns

### Judge Uses his Judicial Power to Secure Jury Prejudiced to Defense

(By National Socialist Press)

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 14—"We'll get the right jury," said William J. Burns' chief operative McLaren at the end of the second days session of the court in the McNamara case. The knowing leer on the face of the brutal detective spoke louder than his words.

The conclusion of the sluetz was undoubtedly based upon the rulings of Judge Bordwell on the objections of the prosecution to questions propounded by the attorneys for the defense to prospective jurors.

Z. T. Nelson, a retired merchant living at Long Beach was evidently anxious to serve on the jury. The prosecution was equally anxious to have him. Burns men wanted him. Judge Bordwell made rulings that can best be interpreted by the reader.

The first important question that was asked was put by Lecompte Davis of the defense:

"Have you an opinion, Mr. Nelson," asked Mr. Davis, "Whether labor unions, as they exist today in this country, are proper, or are they inimical to society and a menace to the welfare of the community?"

Then arose a terrific objection on the part of the prosecution. Nelson said he was not prejudiced against labor unions. His apparent mental reservation caused attorney Davis to say: "This defendant is a member of organized labor, and I presume the motive they will claim—and I do not think your honor can have any doubt of that, that the motive which actuated the commission of the crime was to avenge what they claim was the attitude and the conduct of the Times toward organized labor. Now we have got to meet that. There is no question about it and that matter has been discussed since long before this crime was committed and the question now presents itself to your honors mind."

"Should a man who is absolutely opposed to organized labor, who is biased and prejudiced against organized labor, sit on this jury?"

Davis argued that bias and prejudice were elusive quantities and that he sought the develop the real state of Nelson's mind. The prosecutors wildly objected and Nelson, the prospective juror, in his eagerness, volunteered the information that he was a reader of the Times.

Then Job Harriman quickly asked: "Does the use of the strike by the unions in conflict with the employers prejudice you against them?"

"As far as the strike is concerned, no," replied the taxsman. "But in the way they are carried on."

"Never mind, that will do! Said Judge Bordwell with great haste.

Clarence Darrow sprang to his feet and said in loud, clear tones "I submit that the court interrupted this taxsman as he was about to explain his state of mind. It is plain this man has a prejudice and was about to state it when the court stopped him."

The court ruled that the question had been properly answered and Darrow made an exception, Darrows quick action nonplussed the court and the defense quickly took up its advantage.

"But as strikes are carried on?" queried the defense.

"I was about to say," said the taxsman, taking his cue from the judge, "that—that—I know nothing of how they are carried on."

This weak and shifty statement caused a ripple of amusement to run through the courtroom.

Burns men, who are virtually in charge of the prosecution, were elated over the rulings of Judge Bordwell and it was upon these rulings and his interruption and guidance of Nelson

that they based their hope of getting "the right jury."

"We've got them here and we'll hang them," has been the oft repeated statement of Burns and his operatives.

Now they have changed it to: "We will get the right jury and we'll hang the McNamaras."

Hearst's Los Angeles Examiner played up the most vicious story that has been printed since the arrest of the McNamara boys. Coming out with a first page flare on the opening day of the trial the yellow sheet repeatedly spoke of the younger McNamara as "James Bryce". The whole intent, seemingly, was to prejudice the public against the prisoner on the day he was to be tried for his life.

This following the persistent campaign of the Times in circulating its infamous pamphlet to every jurymen of the county was a particularly vicious procedure.

Clarence Darrow attempted to nullify some of the bad effects of the Examiner story by moving to correct the records and fill in the full names of the McNamara brothers as John Joseph McNamara and James Barnabas McNamara but Prosecutor Ford made a vigorous protest showing that he will late try to prove Jim McNamara's name is James Bryce. This the defense will readily disprove.

Sheff William Hummell is giving his personal attention to the case but McLaren, the Burns bloodhound slips around issuing his orders to prosecutors and sheriff. Burns still occupies the leading position in the case and his operatives are doubling their efforts to keep the professional confessor, Ortie McManigal up to the mark. McManigal is coddled, humored and petted by the Burns men. He goes unshackled on his daily walk on the street, smokes his good cigar and enjoys the sunshine.

In taking the McNamara boys to and from the jails the sheriff heavily manacles them.

On the first day of the trial only did John J. get a breath of fresh air and a look at the green lawns and trees on the court house grounds while the long hours Jim is in the court he enjoyed a moment in the sunshine. Now John sits alone in his cell during room.

Without the slightest hesitation Judge Bordwell ruled that he was a proper person to try the case and he overruled a motion for a change of venue. This apparently disposes of that feature of the case that the filling of affidavits may be looked on as a move on the part of the defense to establish records.

When the time came for the actual beginning of the trial the indictment against John J. and James B. McNamara charging them with the murder of Charles Haggerty, was read and the trial had begun.

Clarence Darrow elected to try the men separately and the District Attorney disclosed his falsehood by selecting James McNamara for the victim. He had declared John would be tried first but he did not deceive the defense and all preparations were made to defend James B. McNamara. The defense well know that the case against John is of an extremely flimsy character and that there was no chance of his trial until after the trial of James B. is ended. The entire frameup so far as the Los Angeles end is concerned is against James B.

The steel trusts case against John J. McNamara is not considered here at this time and it is not even speculated upon as to how much of the evidence they have will be admitted

if John J. is ever placed on trial.

Of course the shadow of John J. will at all times be in the background for it is against him that capitalism's conspiracy is aimed.

The fact that jurors who shall be finally chosen to serve will be virtually prisoners for several months will make it difficult to get a jury. Professional jurors by the score are on the venire and they will be on other venires that follow. Eleven men were held the first three days of the trial but several of them had expressed opinions on the case and not a single juror came out of the first crowd that were subpoenaed.

Despite all newspaper reports to the contrary the Taft tour of the Pacific coast was a frost from start to finish. Little attention was paid to him in Oregon and only the circus parade crowds turned out. The day before he reached California he was met with the news that that state had adopted the recall of ad state officials,

including the judiciary. This was a cruel slap at the President who has been making speeches in favor of the judiciary.

In addition to the recall the Socialists are rejoicing that they got through by an overwhelming vote the initiative referendum and other excellent amendments to the constitution.

In Los Angeles and San Francisco all the powers a labor hating capitalism were thrown against these measures and against woman's suffrage. The Socialists everywhere stood firm for all the progressive measures and are now jubilant over their success.

Job Harriman, candidate for mayor of Los Angeles, ran away with a big suffrage meeting at which his only competitor was to be the star speaker. It was an unintentional stampede and at the overflow meeting in the city had gave it a "good government" political party a terrible scare.

The chances of the election of Harriman and the entire Socialist ticket grows brighter every day.

## Harriman Lines Crippled.

A complete tie up of all the railroads in the country is seen as a possibility in the next few weeks by Louis Preseuble, head of the North Western system federation, as a result of the present strike of the shopmen on the Illinois Central and Harriman lines.

"The American Railway Association including practically all the railroad companies in the United States, is standing solidly behind the Illinois Central and the Harriman lines in their fight, and is giving them all the help they can to defeat the strikers," says Preseuble.

**Railroads Fear Shopmen.**

"They realize that if the shopmen on the Illinois Central and the Harriman lines win out the shopmen on other roads will shortly demand and win the same concessions now demanded by the striking shopmen.

"Even the Hill lines in the northwest, though they are bitter foes of the Harriman roads, are laying off men now, partly, of course, because they need fewer men in the autumn and winter, but chiefly, I think, in the hope that this will enable the Illinois Central and the Pacific to get experienced shopmen for service during the strike.

**Will Grant Demands.**

"So far as financial resources go, the railroad corporations has us hopelessly swamped; but if we stick together through thick and thin with a firm determination to win out in the end, there can be absolutely no doubt they will have to grant our demands.

"If the strike on the Illinois Central and Harriman lines is prolonged on account of the assistance the other roads are giving them, the shopmen on all roads will be compelled to make common cause with our brother already out and completely tie up the entire country."

**More Workers Pledge Aid.**

Secretary Treasurer Carr of the Rock Island system federation, as well as Preseuble, assured the strikers of the moral and financial support of the organizations they represented in case they themselves were not called out on strike in the near future.

A report that Northwestern engines were being used on the Illinois Central was denied by Mr. Preseuble. He said:

"I want to assure you that no Northwestern engines have been or will be used on the Illinois Central during the present strike. They can't spare an engine themselves now, and if they should send even one engine over to help out the Illinois Central, it would be the last they'd send before the Northwestern shopmen would walk out in a body."

**Outlines Shopmen's Fight.**

Preseuble outlined the fight made by the shopmen on the Northwestern for a recognition of their federation and stated that it is now up to the international officers of the crafts represented in the federation to determine what the next step will be, now that General Manager Cantillon has at least tentatively refused to recognize the federation.

If the international officers are unable to obtain a recognition of the federation from the Northwestern railroad they will call for a strike vote

on the system, and if the men then elect to walk out the international officers will recommend a strike, which would tie up the Northwestern system as tightly as the Illinois Central is now.

There are no new developments in the big railroad strike on the Harriman lines. The strike has developed into an endurance contest.

The capitalist press are printing great stories about the strikers wanting to return to work and that he men went on strike against their will. All this is misrepresentation on the part of the capitalist press.

The constitution of the unions involved in the strike read that no strike can be called unless two-thirds of the men involved vote in favor of a strike.

Nearly percent of the men on the Harriman lines who are now on strike voted in favor of the strike. With this number of men desiring to strike, there was nothing left for the officials of the unions to do, but to call the strike.

James O'Connell, national president of the Machinists' union opposed the strike, and the local lodges of machinists along the Harriman lines sent delegates to the grand lodge convention last month, in Davenport, Iowa with instructions to make a fight on the floor of the convention to have the Grand Lodge of Machinists to order the strike.

The convention after listening to the arguments of the delegates from off the Harriman lines, ordered the grand lodge officers to sanction the strike of the machinists on the Harriman lines.

The whole talk about the men on strike being dissatisfied with the union is all talk, started by the capitalist press at the instigation of the railroad magnates.

Reports reaching this office from men on strike inform us that there are very few practical, or experienced men among the strike breakers, and that those who are acting as strike breakers are only dummy workers put in the shops, who make a pretense at working in hopes that the strikers may become discouraged through the display of numbers in the shops, and declare the strike off.

The railroads are gradually becoming crippled, and it is only a matter of time, until they will be compelled to settle with the men. The strikers expect that the strike will be of two months duration.

The Grand Lodge of Machinists recently in convention, voted to assess each machinist \$2.50 per month for the benefit of the strikers on the Harriman and Illinois Central lines.

The shop foremen who were not called out when the strike took place have been ordered by the unions to cease work, this will have the effect of further demoralizing the working of the shops, as the foremen are the executive heads of the shops and it will be a hard proposition for the scabs or scallies to reorganize the working force.

The machinist union has \$400,000 in U. S. government bonds, but the other crafts are not so well fixed financially and a call has been issued from the strikers for financial assistance to carry on the strike

## Big Trial Has Began

### Labor Hating Plutes do Their Best to Create Sentiment Against Labor

(By National Socialist Press.)

Los Angeles, Cal. Oct. 13—James B. McNamara was put on trial for his life before Judge Walter Bordwell in department eleven of the superior court charged with the murder of 19 men in connection with the fire which destroyed the Los Angeles Times on October 1, 1910.

John J. McNamara will probably not be placed on trial for several months.

The first action was toward selection of the jury, which is to sit in the case.

Attorney Clarence Darrow's predictions were fulfilled when the first of the proposed jurors were placed on their examination.

The effect of the constant campaign of prejudicing the public mind was immediately apparent. In the venire is scarcely a man who is not known as having a prejudice against labor organizations. Members of the M. & M. are on the list and real estate men and merchants make up a large portion of the venire.

Harry Chandler, son-in-law of Otis and general manager of the Times is on the venire as is Baker of the Baker Iron works, and two of the Lewellyns, where strikes have been in progress for over a year. Of course there is not a chance that these men will be called, but it shows that the type of men who have been selected to serve on such juries.

"We don't care what the defense says or does, we've got the upper hand just now and we will put the McNamaras over. Everything is coming our way these days and there's nothing lacking," said a Burns operative to a newspaper man yesterday.

"Not even the jury lacking?" was asked.

"That's all right," replied the detective with a laugh, "we are not at all worried about that."

This seems to sum up the whole situation from the point of the prosecution—for Burns is the prosecution, the sheriff's office, the jailer and, if the present trend continues he will try to be the judge and the jury.

**Infamous Pamphlet Sent to Taxpayers.**

Determined that an unprejudiced jury shall not be secured, the Times has sent a copy of its infamous pamphlet to every taxpayer in Los Angeles county. This pamphlet is calculated to prove the dynamite theory and to still further prejudice the readers against the McNamaras and against all labor.

Judge Bordwell has taken no steps towards stopping this action but has gone calmly about his work of selecting a venire of 150 names.

Among those placed on the list by Bordwell, were the names of a number of bankers, members of the M. & M., reactionary politicians, wealthy ranchers of the Times class and, in fact, every thing but members of the working class. The list of names reads like a group selected to attend ten-dollar-a-plate banquet given to President Taft.

**VENUE Change Denied.**

As soon as court opened the roll of the remaining 54 veniremen was called. The defense then presented affidavits supporting its formal action, davits were sworn to by both McNamara brothers and alleged bias and prejudice on the part of Judge Bordwell. The court immediately denied the motion. The defense excepted the ruling and alleges that Bordwell's action is certain ground for reversal in case of conviction.

These affidavits recited at great length

the means to which Los Angeles newspapers, especially the Times, have resorted to inflame and prejudice the public mind. They reflect the manifest unfairness of the methods adopted by the labor baiting organizations and the extent to which the Times has gone to prevent a jury being selected which might give a fair trial to the accused workers. The affidavits dwell upon the infamous Times pamphlet which declares that "John J. McNamara was the author and director of the plan for blowing up the Times building and murdering its occupants and that he supplied the money for that and other 'jobs'."

The pamphlet is kept moving every hour of the day and the defense has found no way to counteract its evil effects.

**Chances for a Fair Trial Slim.**

"With this sort of thing going on and the unlimited time and opportunity to make 'plants' and manufacture evidence, there is every reason to believe the Burns' bunch has every thing nicely framed and there is little hope for a square deal for the McNamaras," said a prominent attorney, who is not allied with or particularly interested in the defense of the imprisoned iron workers.

Loud and long are the protestations that a fair trial is assured. The district attorney grows indignant at any mention of a prejudiced public or a biased judge or jury.

Among the men who are mentioned as likely to be associated with the prosecution are former U. S. District Attorney Oscar Lawler, who was Ballinger's friend and who succeeded in getting Taft in such horrible muddle just previous to his dismissal by Taft; Former Senator Frank P. Flint, who was for years a henchman of the Western Pacific political machine and Earl Rogers, attorney for the M. & M., who took such a prominent part in the first days of the grand jury investigation of the Times disaster. The alliance with these men is a confession of the complete surrender to the powers that are leading the labor war on the coast.

**SUFFRAGE WINS.**

The amendment to the state constitution of California giving women the suffrage has been adopted by the people of California by referendum vote.

This makes six states in which women have equal suffrage with men.

The next state to vote on the question of giving the ballot to the women is Wisconsin, when the people of that state will vote on an amendment to the state constitution at the November election in 1912.

The cause of Woman's suffrage is making great headway in this country and it is only a question of a few years until the women of the United States will have equal suffrage with the men in every state in the union.

The dues received at the National Headquarters of the Socialist Party, during the month of September were \$5,042.35. This represents a membership of 98,862. Upon first sight it would seem to represent a membership of over one hundred thousand, but a portion of the dues came from unorganized states and territories and members at large, who pay ten cents per month instead of five. The next highest month was March, 1911, when the amount received was \$4,212.55. The average membership for the first nine months of 1911 is 79,494. All party members should get in line and boost for the hundred thousand mark.

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WE'VE WEATHERED THE GALE

During the past few months the Montana News has been in a financial storm, but we are happy to say that we have safely passed the crisis, last Saturday was the day that we had to make good. The notes were met and now the future of the Montana News is assured, and we will go ahead under full steam.

While we have met the issue successfully, we must not let up in our efforts to put the News on a sound basis.

There is a great fight to be made before the working class can achieve anything like a substantial victory in Montana, and the Montana News has a great fighting program laid out before it, to be successful we need your aid to build up the circulation. With a large circulation the Montana News will be able to assist in accomplishing considerable for the benefit of the wage workers in Montana.

SOCIALISTS OPPORTUNITY

The Socialists of Montana have a great opportunity before them, and if they fail to grasp this opportunity and make good, they will be criminally negligent.

The reapportionment bill passed by the last legislature, is more favorable to the Socialist Party than to either of the old parties, and advances the possibilities of the Socialists breaking into the legislature considerably.

The counties in which the Socialist vote is high the representation is increased and in those counties in which the Socialist vote is weak, the representation is decreased. This state of affairs is not brought about by the old parties in order to favor Socialism, but is caused by the tide of immigration, the new comers having a large percentage of Socialists among them, and where the new settlers are locating the Socialist vote will increase.

The counties settled exclusively by the old pioneers are the ones in which the Socialist vote is small.

With such a condition as this, the Socialist party should concentrate its efforts in the districts in which the Socialists can be elected to the legislature.

It is in the legislature that the work must be done before anything of consequence in the Socialist platform can be accomplished.

Another matter of importance that should not be overlooked by the Socialists of Montana, and that is the new counties.

With the division of counties and the creating of new ones, gives the Socialists a greater opportunity to elect members to the state senate.

The new county of Musselshell has a large number of Socialists within its boundaries, but very poor party organization.

There is to be a special election in the northern part of the state, in Chouteau county on the question of creating Hill county.

In the proposed new county are a large number of Socialists, but only one small local in Havre. The Socialists in the proposed new county, are made by new comers, and should be organized at once. With a strong organization in these new counties the Socialists stand a show to win in the election of 1912.

The creation of new counties is favorable to the Socialist Party, as the political machinery of the old parties are never efficiently organized in the new counties, and with a good active campaign of organization and education in the new counties, the Socialists have few obstacles to overcome at the first election, and the party capturing the new counties at the first election, usually holds the county for years.

The state organization should give considerable attention during the winter months to organization in the districts that can be carried by the Socialists legislative ticket at the next election.

THE TRUST ON A FARM.

One of the most interesting exhibits at the Montana State Fair recently held in Helena, was in the cattle sheds and was an exhibition of thorough bred Hereford cattle from Glenbrook farm, which is owned by the Amalgamated Copper company, in Deer Lodge county.

This live stock exhibit of the Amalgamated Copper company composed 10

per cent of the total cattle exhibits at the fair, and the copper collar (Amalgamated) cattle captured the blue ribbon in every class. There were no favoritism shown the Amalgamated copper company, for the cattle from the Amalgamated Copper company's farm were superb, perfect specimens of the Hereford breed.

The Amalgamated Copper company is owned by the Standard Oil interests, and it is clearly seen that they intend going into farming on the large scale in Montana.

The cattle exhibited by the Amalgamated Copper company were marked "For Sale". This would indicate that the Amalgamated is going into the business of raising thorough bred stock to be sold to farmers for breeding purposes, and clearly marks a new trend in trust development in Montana.

Evolution of the Sex.

The inroads that are being made by women into the trades and occupations is astonishing when one contemplates it, especially as these trades were up till recently considered the sole domain of men.

Ten years ago a woman was admitted into membership in the machinists' union. She was receiving the minimum rate of wages paid machinists in the district she was employed in, and as there is nothing concerning sex qualifications for membership in the machinists union, she was admitted to the union upon her application taking its regular course.

This woman machinist was looked upon by the men machinists as a curiosity and her membership in the union was passed as a joke.

However, things have changed now.

The rapid inroads that the women have been making in the machine shops are such as to cause the machinists union to amend its constitution at the recent convention of that union. The women employed in the machine shops are working for less wages than the men, they are not receiving the minimum rate of wages, therefore could not be admitted into the union.

The new constitution of the union will allow the women to be organized into the International Association of Machinists regardless of the wage they are receiving.

The women are employed in watch factories as well as in tool works. In fact she is making her appearance in all kinds of machine shops in the eastern states, running turret lathes, and milling machines. It is estimated that there are over 10,000 women now employed in the machine shops of America. Of course a large number of these are young girls, who run bolt cutting and nut tapping machines.

The women in the machine shops are becoming so plentiful that labor journals will be carrying a new advertisement, calling attention to shirt waist and bloomer overalls for women machinists.

The rapid strides being made in improved machinery makes it possible for women to enter into competition with men in the machine shop. In the past she was physically unfit, but, with air hoists, travelling cranes, the sledge giving place to the pneumatic hammer, the machine fits the physically unfit for the work. The advent of modern machinery in the machine shop takes the handicap off the women, and places them into keener competition with men.

The rapid economic development of women brings about a natural development in the demand for woman suffrage.

A PROGRESSIVE UNION.

The way the anti-Socialist, pseudo-labor papers are attacking the Socialists in the machinists union, and supporting the conduct of President James O'Connell in the recent convention of the machinist union, indicates that the Socialists have evidently scored a bull's eye.

The machinists are a progressive lot, and today their union is the most aggressive fighting organization in the American labor movement.

In the past two years the machinists union has had more strikes than any other organization, in fact of nearly any other two unions, during the past two years.

There are few unions in America that have greater tenacity than the machinists. For nearly six years they carried on a strike against the Santa Fe railroad, before they gave in, yet, in the face of apparent defeat, they have ever since carried on a silent strike on the Santa Fe railroad and it is only a matter of time until that railroad will be forced to make its peace with the machinists.

The machinists have had more injunctions fired upon them by the courts than any other organization, they have been continually on the firing line of the class struggle. It seems impossible for their union to

build up a strong treasury, if an assessment is levied on the members of the machinists to build up a large fighting fund, then some new attack is made upon them by the capitalists. It is war to the knife, and the knife to the hilt between the corporations and the machinists union.

Fifteen years of this kind of life has made the machinists union an active fighting force and put them in the vanguard of the American labor movement, as well as making the greater per centage of the machinists Socialists.

In the recent election for international officers of the machinists union, the issue was Socialism, the candidates were fought for being Socialists, or anti-socialists, and it is the first time in the history of any American labor union that the lines were drawn so closely on Socialism. The Socialists were victorious, regardless of the fact that religion was made an issue, and religious orders fought the Socialists candidates.

At the international convention of the machinists, held last month, the Socialists controlled the convention, and delegates who were not Socialists were present with instructions from the lodges they represented, to vote with and support the Socialists and their progressive measures.

President James O'Connell fought the Socialists bitterly in the convention, and denouncing the Socialist teachings in the "Machinists Monthly Journal". The convention endorsed the teachings in the Machinists Journal and passed resolutions congratulating the editor, D. Douglas Wilson on his efficient work, and advising him to continue his valuable work of education. (The Machinists Journal is one of the best labor magazines in the country, and is strongly socialistic.)

The Militia of Christ was represented in the machinists convention, as well as certain other religious orders, that are fighting Socialism.

One delegate from Rock Island was recalled by his lodge for fighting the Socialists in the convention.

The machinists true to their tendency of the past twelve years took an advanced step towards industrial unionism, and laid plans to bring class solidarity into a reality, instead of craft division.

The convention took very radical steps towards making the machinists union a more aggressive fighting machine and taking it all in all the convention was one of the most progressive and inspiring conferences held by any labor body in America for years.

Nearly all the officers elect of the machinists union are members in good standing of the Socialist Party, and it is safe to say that International President elect, William Johnston, will be heard at many Socialist rally urging the workers to vote the ticket of the working class—the Socialist ticket.

A stockholders meeting of the Union Printing and Publishing company will be held on November 21, at this meeting the subject of securing new machinery will be considered, it very desirable that we get sufficient machinery to make us independent of any other print shop.

The outlook for the Montana News at present is brighter than it has been for over a year, and if conditions continue as favorable in the future as they have been during the past month, the Montana News will soon be in a position to carry on a militant campaign for the working class of Montana.

The sale of stock in the Union Printing and Publishing company is being subscribed for extensively, which argues well for the standing of the Montana News.

One share of stock costs \$5.00 and is a good investment for a wage slave.

COAL FAMINE IN CANADA.

That the union miners in the northwest are still conducting their fight in an effective manner is assured. "Fuel" an authority on coal mining has this to say: "The coal famine in Alberta is still acute. The operators are hundred of thousands tons behind in orders. Four small mines, Hillcrest, McNeil, Canmore and Royal Collieries at Lethbridge, have started up with small gangs at work in each. Dozens of cots are arriving at various collieries to accommodate strike breakers, and it looks as if the operators are determined in their efforts to start up again."

Advices from the strike district say that the famine is "kely to become more intense, if a settlement is not reached between the strikers and the operators. That the miners have the situation well in hand and are prepared for emergencies.

S. D. Herald.

DIRECT PRIMARY HUMBUG.

There is an attempt at present to foist upon the people of Montana a direct primary law by the disgruntled, down and out democratic politicians. They are endeavouring to apply the Initiative law in order to have it submitted to a vote of the people.

Those down and out democrats, who are endeavouring to mislead the union men into supporting the primary law, are harping on the Wisconsin primary law, and have patterned the law they are trying to have adopted, after the Wisconsin law.

In order to show the wage workers the practical operation of the primary law in Wisconsin, we print the following from the Social Democrat Herald, the organ of the Milwaukee Socialists.

"U. S. Senator Stephenson who has admitted that it cost him \$107,000 to be elected to the American house of lords, is being investigated by a congressional committee in Milwaukee this week, and the scandals of the memorable primary campaign picked open. One of the first shocks the investigating committee got was over the testimony of reliable politicians as to the expensiveness of the primary system. Whatever its advantages it gives the men of money the inside track for the more advantageous "positions of trust". It practically puts the lucrative offices up for sale. And some of the more recent reformer fads will be still worse—the non-partisan elections for instance."

Significant Statement.

"We never had talk of corruption in this state before. It all came about since we got the direct primary law." —Statement of Attorney General Levi H. Bancroft of Wisconsin, in Stephenson investigation.

Some Amazing Testimony.

When Uncle Ike Stephenson, the timber pirate who bought himself a seat in the United States senate for \$107,000 was running his primary campaign in which that sum of money was spent he made use of the Wisconsin game wardens. The chief game warden gave \$2,500 to the then governor of the state, a leading republican. The ex-governor's testimony before the investigating committee is a pitiful exhibition, and reminds strongly of some of the explanations made by Milwaukee's recently deposed fire chief, whose money manipulations when a grand jury was in session were of the most shocking kind.

Here is ex-Gov. Davidson's explanation: The money was placed on his desk in several sealed envelopes. He did not know (sic) what they were there for so he let them lie round his desk unopened for "several months", and then trying of seeing them there put the money they contained into the bank, in his personal account!

If the recording angel heard that testimony he must have shed more than one tear! —Social Democrat Herald of Milwaukee.

THE STEEL MEGON

By Hugh McGee. . . .

The 20th century has introduced a new factor into human society, a new force, a new power, a new producer, a new maker and builder which has changed conditions throughout the entire world.

Thus new thing is the only perfect creation in the world. It is not human, it is not aliving thing, it does not eat or drink or sleep, it only works, it is made of steel and iron and it will live forever.

This new thing has for nearly 100 years been taking the "Jobs" of men and women and doing the work that they were doing, and tomorrow newer machines will throw more men and women out of "Jobs" and into a state of starvation.

The use of machines and machinery has very nearly done away with the need of human labor. So true is this that for a man to be unable to find any work to do, does not seem strange to anyone.

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A GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY.

Through the joint action of the Woman's National Committee and the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, a petition for equal suffrage is now being circulated for signatures.

We Socialists propose to bring about conditions wherein we can enact whatever laws or amendments we desire, without petitioning anybody.

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But, there is no occasion for any such result. Women are going to secure the suffrage during the next decade or two anyhow.

The best way for us to insure that they will vote against us when they get the ballot is by showing indifference in their struggle for the ballot.

And the best way for us to insure that the women will rally to the Socialist Party when they get the ballot is by making a bold and vigorous struggle to get the ballot for them.

The Socialist Party in many coun-

tries has scared valuable legislation out of the old parties by working up public sentiment to a point when the old parties considered it necessary to their own continued political existence that they should make concessions.

In the same manner, the Socialist Party can secure equal suffrage out of the republican and democratic parties. The women will then have the ballot several years earlier than they otherwise would.

No, grab these petitions and get busy. Give every woman and man in your community a chance to sign. Let's land a petition in Congress that will make their eyes bulge.

While every utterance in Congress is duly recorded by stenographers and appears in the Congressional Record, and while hearings before committees and commissions are likewise a matter of record, yet, owing largely to the voluminous printed documents the greater portion of vital matters are lost to view.

Children's dresses are paid for at the rate of 50 cents per dozen. The average daily out put for one person in thirteen hours is one dozen.

Violets are made for thirteen and one half cents per gross, and a mother three girls and a grand mother earn 60 cents per day.

The average wage of an entire family at garment finishing is from 60 to 70 cents per day.

Making cigarette wrappers brings 10 cents per 1,000 and a woman working from 6 a. m. to 12 p. m. can make \$2 per week.

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For, women are likely to cast their ballots for the party that is most active in giving them the suffrage.

The Socialist Party National platform declares in favor of unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women and pledges the party to make an active campaign to secure the same.

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Victor L. Berger, the first Socialist Congressman, delivered a lecture at the Auditorium, in Butte, last Monday evening. A large and enthus-



astic audience were present to hear the veteran Socialist of America.

As introductory to his lecture, Mr. Berger defined the word "Socialism" in his meaning to him. Capitalism, he termed the present day way of conducting business. Socialism, he said, was the name for the new epoch of civilization in which each man would serve society, one for all and all for one.

Freedom by Socialism. A synopsis of his remarks is as follows: "Social freedom, complete justice, can only be accomplished by the collective ownership and democratic management of the social means of production and distribution.

"I realize that all this cannot be brought about by a single stroke—by a one day's revolution. But I know that all legislation, in order to be really progressive and wholesome, must move in that direction.

"And the only party that is going in that direction is the Socialist party. "With the Socialist political issues are of minor consequence, and economic issues are the important questions.

"That is the reason that we refuse to be diverted or led astray by political reform, like the initiative and referendum. Each in itself is a good enough reform and has been agitated for a long time by the Socialists and forms a part of our programme today.

Mere changes in the mechanism of expressing the will of the people are, however, of minor importance when compared with the reform of economic conditions.

"We want the initiative. But we want much more, the old age pension for every working man and working woman of 60 and over.

"We want the referendum. But we want insurance against being out of work much more.

"We want the recall. But a pension for orphans—at least for those who have no father—and a pension for working women during the period of child bearing is of indefinitely greater importance than the right to recall a judge.

"Of the political reforms a new constitution is of most importance. Because, with the old constitution social reforms are almost impossible. No matter how good and beneficial a law may be, it will as a rule, be declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. And, as a rule, it really is unconstitutional, because our constitution was framed at a time entirely different from ours, and for an entirely different people.

"When the constitution was framed this was a nation of frontier farmers and hunters, with a few merchants in the seaports.

"There was no machinery used, and there was no manufacturing to speak of. There were no railroads, no telegraphs.

"There were no millionaires and no proletarians. There were no corporations in the present sense—a corporation in the days meant a city. And

there were no trusts, of course.

"Says Constitution Is Worn Out. "If Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Hamilton could get up from their graves today, they would not know the country. We live in a different world. And yet we have to wear the same political cloak—live under the same constitution.

"In other words, a grown-up nation still has to wear its baby clothes. They do not fit anywhere and have been torn and patched in the most miserable way by decisions of the supreme court—but anybody who dares to suggest a new suit is considered a traitor by the 'interests'.

"Again I say, though political reforms are desirable, they are of little account when compared with the necessity of changes in economical conditions.

"Moreover, the changes in political conditions are upon us. "We see the trusts not only doing away with competition, but also asking for government interference and government regulation of prices.

"In other words, we have the spectacle of the trusts surrendering part of their ownership and practically offering that part of the ownership to the government.

"That the trusts—or at least some of the trusts—are willing to part with their ownership because they now feel that their business has ceased to be a private concern. Because the trusts feel that their business has become a public utility—of the most public and most utilitarian sort.

"But the change is also coming from the other side.

"The great majority of the people have no interest in keeping up the present system. And especially the working class is bound to become revolutionary as a class.

Workingmen in Hovels. "Our workingmen of today build a few palaces and many hovels. The workmen live in the hovels and a few capitalists live in the palaces.

"Our workingmen in the woolen mills make a small amount of fine clothes and millions of yards of shoddy. The workmen wear the shoddy and the rich idlers wear the fine clothes.

"Workingmen and their children have to go down into the mines—workingmen and workingwomen and their children have to go into dingy ill-ventilated factories and work shops, and toil there from 8 to 12 hours a day. They ruin their health by over work so that a few people who have the money can ruin their health by doing nothing.

"The great majority now degenerates through poverty so that the small minority shall be able to degenerate through luxury.

"Again I say, the great majority have no interest in keeping up the present system.

Ruling Class Not Superior. "There is also this: "In former epochs the ruling class was by far the abler and stronger—physically and mentally.

"In former years a few nobles, clad in iron and trained and accustomed to warfare, could hold in subjection 20 times their number of common people.

"The ruling class was also at that time the only class that was in possession of the wisdom of the world—whatever the world was then.

"The ruling class also had in its favor the belief that this system was God ordained, and that anybody defying it was a rebel to God.

"Things are different nowadays. "The working class not only builds the houses, ships and machines, but the working class also teaches in the public schools, writes the papers and the books. Not only the man who sets up the type for the papers and books is a workingman, but also the man or woman who writes them usually belongs to our class.

"The capitalist class depends upon us not only for a living, but also for information and defense.

"The capitalist class surely has no better fighting qualities. It's the working class that has to furnish most of the men in case of war—although the capitalists may start the war. Even in order to hold our class in subjection the capitalists have to hire some men of our class who are for sale to do the fighting for the capitalist class.

"We deny that the capitalist class is our superior in any way.

Public School Makes Us Equal. "And as long as the public schools exist—and men and women are learning how to read and write—no priest or clergyman can make us believe that this system is God ordained. That it is God ordained that a trust magnate shall make fifty or sixty million dollars a year, or more, and that his employees should earn \$1.75 a day on the average, so that the trust magnate's daughter shall be able to marry some broken down English earl or French

count.

"Moreover, we have the ballot. No subjected class before had the same political basis as the ruling class. We have it.

"On election day your vote is as good as Rockefeller's. And you are many and the capitalists are few. However, if you choose to throw your votes away and to vote with your exploiters and for your exploiters, that is your own fault, not theirs.

"The old Romans used to say: 'It is lucky that the slaves never had a chance to count us,' because there were 10 times as many slaves as free men in Rome.

"Now there are 10 times as many wage slaves as there are free men in America, and there is a chance for a count on every election day.

"Therefore, I say, make use of this advantage that no subjected class in history has ever before had. Make use of your numbers on election day.

"Ad you have to do is to stand with your own class and be counted. All you have to do is to stand for your wives and children on election day and be counted.

"All you have to do is to stand for your country and for humanity, and for a new world, and be counted."

J. P. Morgan is taxed on an assessed valuation of only \$300,000 instead of a few hundred million.

Who pays his proper share of taxes? Can you guess?

Of late, somehow, I seem able to read my newspapers and periodicals with some interest.

I know the reason now—I meet Roosevelt's name about once a week, and God knows that's enough for a little, quiet-loving fellow like me.

The farmer receives one fourth of the product of his toil. This statement is borne out by figures, which cannot lie. The farmers must support the idlers in their leisure, this is necessary as otherwise the "BIG MEN" would have to be productive in order to live.

Recent dispatches declare that the veniemen in the McNamara trial are unwilling to eat restaurant cooked food.

There are thousands and thousands who would be glad to get a chance at uncooked food and eat it any place from palace to adey.

Who are these aristocrats who are going to try McNamara anyway?

Taft is touring the west in a desperate attempt to secure a renomination. His travelling expenses will amount to between \$75,000 and \$125,000.

Who pays his bills of this electioneering?

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The Montana News is the only paper in the Rocky Mountain states that advocates the right of labor at all times and in all places. Regardless of what the grievances may be we stand by the strikers in the struggle of the union against the corporations.

In more than one instance we have turned public opinion in favor of the strikers, and in more than one city and camp have we made the union label respected. The Montana News is supported exclusively by the workers and the profits from job work of the labor organizations of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah.

Perhaps your union has not required the assistance of any paper in times of trouble, but rest assured, should you organization ever become involved in a strike; the Montana News will be found on your side and ready to give all the assistance that press and pen can do to win the strike.

A labor press should be built up, and we need your assistance will you send us your order for the printing of your union? Why support print shops whose paper attack you or treat your cause with silence and indifference when you are involved in a strike?

The capitalists know the power of the press and control the papers accordingly.

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# News From Milwaukee

Still the Milwaukee Anti-Socialists are worrying over last Sunday's big mass meeting. How did the Socialists do it?

How did they secure the subscription of \$8,000 to the bonds of the Socialist daily in about ninety minutes? In an off year—when there was no campaign, no excitement, no political fireworks—why should 7,000 men and women meet just for the privilege of paying their money and starting a Socialist daily paper? That is the puzzle which is bothering our capitalist politicians.

Never before, perhaps, did the Milwaukee Socialist movement show its real strength as clearly as at this meeting last Sunday, since the enthusiasm with a well-planned and deliberate purpose behind it is far ahead of the hurray excitement of a political campaign.

The big hall in the Auditorium was filled to the roof. The speakers were: Mayor Seidel, Congressman Berger, President-elect Johnston of the Machinists, and Carl D. Thompson. All presented the necessity of a Socialist daily in Milwaukee.

The applause and more especially the financial response, showed that they carried with them the hearts of the audience. Besides the \$8,000 subscribed for the daily bonds, a collection of nearly \$300 was taken to defray the expense of the meeting.

A party which can do that in an off-year is not going to be defeated at the polls next spring!

Here is an interesting fact for trade unionists. The Socialist supervisors of Milwaukee are starting an Agricultural Academy in this city—an institution, by the way, which will be of solid benefit to our farming community on this side of the state. Now this new building will employ a great many men and a good many trades. But every part of the work will be done by union labor, in all trades where union labor can be obtained. This is the first time in Milwaukee that a building of this size has been constructed under union labor conditions. The trade unionists of Milwaukee are realizing the benefits of a working class organization.

Compare with this the recent action of the Milwaukee School Board. There are only two Socialists on this board.

The question of appointing non-union teachers in Milwaukee Trades School came before the school board last week. The two Socialist members fought against these appointments, justly contending that in a trades school only trades unionists should be permitted to teach and train the future wage-workers of Milwaukee. The Socialists, however, were voted down. Non-union teachers were supported by these school directors who were elected on the so-called Anti-Socialist ticket. It will be remembered that these Anti-Socialist tickets were distributed in the churches of Milwaukee, that the priests brought women in carriages to the polls with instructions to vote this ticket, and these women were told that it would be a "mortal sin" not to vote for the Anti-Socialist candidates! The workingmen are beginning to find out who are their true friends and who are their real enemies.

E. H. THOMAS.

## WORK AMONG WOMEN.

There are a number of reasons why the Socialist party should carry on special propaganda among women. Among them are the following:

Woman is disfranchised. The Socialist party demands equal suffrage for all, regardless of sex, color or race. Woman's disfranchisement is a great factor in holding her in economic slavery.

Woman's position in industry is of a much lower status than man's. She seldom receives equal wages for the same grade of work.

Woman has become a very large part of the industrial world. She is the most formidable competitor man has in the industries.

Woman is the mother of the race. She needs education that she may intelligently point the way to freedom to her children.

Woman is one-half of the race. Without her support we cannot bring in the Co-operative Commonwealth.

As Franklin Wentworth has said, "We must never for a moment neglect the propaganda work we can do within the walls of our homes; for until women enter heart and soul into our councils and all our efforts, I can not bring myself to have great hopes for Socialism, and I know that capitalism will have small fears of it."

Make money and all the world will conspire to call you a gentleman.

## NEW CASTLE FREE PREEES WINS SEDITION LIBEL CASE

By Jack Britt Gearity.

"Not guilty" was the verdict of the jury in the celebrated seditious libel case at New Castle.

Thus victory crowns the struggle of the famous fighting Socialist weekly, the Free Press, after a bitter battle of eighteen months duration. The four comrades, Hartman, McCarty, McKeever and White, being acquitted Saturday, September 23. But three of them, White having been dropped for lack of evidence, must pay one half the costs of prosecuting the case against themselves.

Indictment against the four comrades was found in March, 1910. The case was tried at June term of court that year, and jury agreed to acquittal of defendants, but could not agree on placing costs. Under the law of Pennsylvania a jury may find a man not guilty, but charge the whole of the costs or part of them against him or upon the prosecutor, or divide them between defendant and prosecutor.

After the trial last year attorneys for the Free Press argued for the quashing of indictment, but Judge Porter did not hand down his opinion until too late for September or December term of court, and nothing was heard of the matter until March of this year. The comrades here thought the case would never be heard of. When they heard of the intention of the officials of the Free Press published a series of caustic comments on the attempt of the servile Steel Trust tools to force a conviction on the charge of seditious libel. These comments stung local officials, especially Judge Porter, with the result that a new charge—that of constructive contempt of court—was made against them.

The June grand jury this year indicted them. The district attorney then attempted to try the contempt case first. The defendants carried the case to the Superior Court, but lost the fight there. Meanwhile the seditious libel case, the first of its kind in more than a century, was adjourned to September court.

At the September term of court just closed at this writing, both cases were tried, the contempt case coming first. Conviction was obtained in that case, under old English law, but an appeal has been taken to the higher court.

Immediately after the close of the contempt trial the prosecution put on the seditious libel case, hoping to use conviction in the first case as a club for conviction in the bigger case. The legal battle lasted four days, and the jury was out fifteen hours before reaching agreement.

The decision in the seditious libel case is the most important decision handed down in any labor struggle in recent years. The action against the Free Press for seditious libel was tried under old English common law also, and a verdict of guilty would have menaced the Socialist press in every state in which the common law is unabridged. Local Socialists are jubilant over their triumph, as it assures freedom of the press.

The fight has dragged along for eighteen long months, and has cost several thousand dollars. The local Socialists have given to the limit of their resources, the Free Press is in financial straits as a result of the heavy expense it has been under, as well as from the crippling of its plant during the trials. Outside aid is coming very slowly.

The real prosecutor is undoubtedly the Steel Trust, Chief of Police Gilmore being a mere figurehead. Unless help is forthcoming from Socialists all over the country the Trust may win, and the Free Press silenced.

The fight against the little weekly paper grew out of its loyalty to the tin mill workers during their strike in 1909 and 1910 against the Steel Trust. That strike lasted sixteen months, and the workers were defeated and forced to return to the mills on the Trust's terms.

The workers are lining up behind the Socialist Party in large numbers, their eyes having been opened by the strike and the attack on the Free Press, and unless all signs fail New Castle will be in the hands of the Socialists after November 7th. So the victory of the Socialist Party will undoubtedly be a twofold victory.

## THE ONLY WAY.

"Why did he leave all his money to the black sheep of the family?"

"He said the other children were too good to go to jail."

"Well?"

"And he wanted to fix it so the black sheep would be too rich."

## TIED AND UNTIED.

Said he—So your friend found marriage a failure, did she?

Said she—No, indeed! The jury was kind and granted her \$50,000 alimony.

## BOOSTERS' COLUMN.

Comrade Johnson Strong sends in \$1.00 for *Good Work for Socialism*.

Comrade Henry Wickhorst sends \$13.50 for subs. Wickhorst is some scout for the "Red Flag."

A fighter in Butte sends in 8 subs. You are in the right direction and with a little practice you will be perfect.

The N. P. boys in Helena are sending us about 20 to 25 subs per month the last list is for 20. How is that for hustling?

Comrade Brown sends 9 by wireless. That's heading the rascals off.

Comrade Hall of Missoua takes two dozen copies of "The United States Constitution and Socialism." He knows good propaganda matter when he sees it.

The Coal Miners give us lots of job work this week. 5,000 letterheads and 4,000 envelopes.

Comrade Sorheim is working hard for the News. The News is working hard for him.

A warm hearted hot air artist in Kansas says that he would die for the working class. Why so sad? Live and be useful. Hustle for subs for the Montana News.

A comrade signed "Machinist" sends in \$1.50 for ammunition and wants to get the price on bundles of the News. One cent per copy Pard, and we would like to send you just such a bomb every week.

Dad English sends in \$1.50 for subs and buys 6 sub cards at the same time. Dad was a switchman and knows the tactics of the capitalists. Evidently he knows just what kind of tactics for he workers to use.

The circulation of the News this week is walking right along, this is because the workers of this state are with us in all we do.

The workers of the state are waking up very fast, that is because the News is with them in all they do.

William Penn buys five copies of the United States Constitution and Socialism. Tommy Devore takes three of the same. Price 10 cents per copy at this office.

Socialists of Lincoln county assure us that they will elect a Socialist to the legislature in 1912. The News is helping them.

## IS THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT OF A MILITARY NATURE?

R. A. Dague.

Recently there has been so much public criticism of the Boy Scout Movement, that its promoters are beginning to deny that the organization is of a Military Character. Mr. C. de Vidal Hundt, Commander of Boy Scouts, of Southern California, in a published article in the "Los Angeles Examiner," denies the military nature of the movement. As quoted by the "Santa Paula Chronicle" he says: "The Boy Scouts are not a military organization. Our military drills are given for the purpose of discipline and order and with the object in view to produce an erect carriage and develop the boys' breathing apparatus and muscles."

"The Boys Scouts are peace scouts. At one of the recent scout encampments a young lady who had been watching the boys said that if she ever married she would try to get a boy scout, because boy scouts can cook their own meals and sew on their own buttons. Which only goes to prove that the scouts will be fully prepared to avoid wars, domestic or otherwise."

Now the movement in California may be that innocent sort as to have for its sole object the development of the boys physically, and to teach them to cook and sew on buttons, but it is very certain that its organizers had, and still have in view, quite a different object. Let us now briefly allude to the history of the movement.

The Associated Press says that the Czar of Russia, about two years ago, gave orders that the 3,500,000 boys between the ages of twelve and fifteen years, in the elementary schools, should receive military training. Gen. Baben-Powell induced the Czar to change his plans, and adopt the "Boy Scout Plan," as laid down in Gen. Baben-Powell's book. Army officers therefore organized, the past year, a great many thousands of the peasant boys. The Associated Press of Sept. 16th. gives an account of a brilliant review of these scouts by the Emperor, recently at St. Petersburg. The

account says:

"The emperor and several of the grand dukes, including Michael Alexandrovich, formerly heir presumptive to the throne, with a brilliant suite of generals, all on horseback, rode down the four lines of troops, the emperor getting the regular salute from each company, replying to it, and getting in response an enthusiastic response of youthful hurrahs."

A thrilling sight were the faces of the youngersters as they marched past their emperor with eyes keen on carrying away a good picture of him, and a note of contagious enthusiasm was carried to the thousands of spectators in their parting salute: "We are eager to exceed, your Imperial majesty."

The Emperor and his cabinet are so pleased with results so far, that steps are being taken to enlarge the movement. The despatch further says: "These juvenile regiments are to be under instructions of regular army officers so that the boys will be taught the rudiments of warfare as practiced in this 20th century."

"First and foremost, it is thought that the military training provided in the schools will awaken interest in the army at an early age and thus tend to facilitate the transformation of raw recruits into perfect human fighting machines. Hopes are also entertained that the early awakening of enthusiasm for the army will operate against the spread of seditious Socialism among the youth of Russia."

Despatches from Berlin, last July, stated that Emperor William and military men of Germany, have taken steps to inaugurate the Boy Scout Movement in that country. They are quoted as saying that "Germany's fighting efficiency can thus be augmented greatly, and the war spirit strengthened." The Socialists throughout Europe as well as non-socialists who oppose war, are strenuously contending against this Boy Scout scheme. It would seem that no one in Europe questions the object of the movement as being to develop the war spirit in the boys.

Some of the more cautious monarchists have raised warning voices "to remind the government that the juvenile militia thus created may, unless proper precautions be taken, develop into a revolutionary army, so that, instead of being a national asset, the boy soldiers would become a serious danger to the safety of the empire." In the face of these well known facts, published in Europe and America, it would seem that Commander C. de Vidal Hundt, and others are presuming much on the gross ignorance of their readers, when they claim that the Boy Scouts are organized to make a little fun for the youths and to teach boys how to cook, sew buttons on their garments, and to excite the admiration of their girl friends.

The solemn truth is that Gen. Baben Powell, the monarchs of Europe, and the plutocrats of America, invented and are promoting the Scout organization or the purpose of defeating the world-wide movement for peace and for international courts of arbitration and to raise up an army with which to suppress all efforts oppressed peoples, who may make a struggle to improve their conditions of living. The scheme was adroitly planned, and its real object hidden, while the supposed advantages accruing to the youths are painted in brilliant colors. The lads are told about the bright uniforms, the grand picnics, the fun and good times, but they will be taught to implicitly obey the orders of their officers. Little do they suspect that they are to have the killing instinct in their hearts cultivated and strengthened until they can go forth with torch and gun and bayonet, and mercilessly wound and murder their fellowmen, whom they do not know and who have done them no harm, and who, like themselves, are deluded victims and slaves of designing, ambitious tyrants, or selfish millionaires, who care nothing for the common soldier except to use him to burn, destroy and murder.

The Boy Scout Movement was invented by a professional mankind. It is wicked and unchristian, and I hope that no boy who reads this will join the cunningly devised plan to convert innocent boys into "fighting machines". Gen. Sherman said, "War is hell". My advice to boys is to think good thoughts, do kindly deeds, speak friendly words, stand up manfully for peace and good fellowship, and if the Kings and Nobles of Europe, and the grafting monopolists of America want to get up killing bees and wars, and thus "raise hell" by wholesale murder, let them do the killing themselves.

## ELECTION DAY IS COMING!

Politician: Well, I'm back again! How are you?

Voter: Oh, no use kicking.

P: You know, I thought I'd drop

# Montana News Prospectus.

The Montana News will be issued hereafter by the UNION PRINTING and PUBLISHING COMPANY, from its offices at Helena, Montana. The said company is incorporated under the laws of the State of Montana. Authorized Capital Stock \$10,000 Shares \$5.00 each

## Object of Corporation.

To print and publish at the City of Helena, Montana, a weekly newspaper to be devoted to the interest of the working class of the State of Montana and the Northwestern States, and for the purpose of transacting, carrying on and conducting a printing and publishing business in all its branches.

## Need of Local Paper.

The working class movement must have a powerful local press before it can hope to influence the government or the state as a party. Such a press can be a power in the Northwest as the expression of a working class remarkably aggressive and devoted to freedom and justice. Without a paper of protest against the horrors of a system of profit and plunder it would have been impossible to expose the Donohue Militia bill passed by the late legislature!

There is tendency to reaction in the state at present. Franchisees are being given away lavishly to the exploiters of the working class—street cars, electric lines, electric lighting, and gas— with no provisions to allow the public to own these necessities in the future; whereas, ten and twenty years ago such franchises contained specifications for the transfer of such property to the commonwealth.

## Blows at Labor.

The last legislature in Montana appropriated \$10,000 for the purpose of bringing in labor to compete with the laborers already here.

Montana employers are even advertising in Europe for men to work in the state, while we are already overladen with idle men.

## Little Revolutionary Reading.

There are only 9,000 subscribers to Socialist papers in Montana. We must have at least 50,000 persons reading Socialist papers before the spirit of protest can be aroused or the workers make their impress upon the state and municipal governments.

There are 80,000 voters in Montana, and a population of about 375,000. Cold figures tell the tale of work to be done.

## Purposes.

The News will fight the battles of the workingclass through all present evils and obstacles of exploitation.

It will point out the emancipation from exploitation in the abolition of the private ownership of the industrial machinery.

It will direct the workers to co-operate production.

It will expose the outrages of capitalism which we encounter at our door.

It will enter the arena and struggle with strong and self-interested opponents to construct better laws, institutions, and opportunities.

It will at all times inform the populace of malicious laws passed and enforced by our law making bodies.

It will also be a center from which the Initiative and Referendum will circulate.

## Plans of Operation.

The News will henceforth be a Socialist party paper, but not a party-owned paper. It will be handled exclusively by the Union Printing and Publishing Company. This company will own its own machinery, equipment, linotype, motors, and presses, and is pleasantly and commodiously situated at 19 Park Avenue, Helena, Montana. It makes a specialty of union job work, bills constitutions, by-laws, letterheads, and whatever organized labor may require in the way of printing. We support you; you support us. Labor withdraws its support from its enemies and co-operates with its friends.

It will issue special editions dealing with the local issues in any town or community at the minimum cost, so that any such point may have all the advantages of a local paper, and scatter it by the thousands.

## Advertising.

The News will carry a special line of high class advertising, covering a widespread territory. It has applications from and companies, book firms, library associations and other enterprises of a general character to advertise on a large scale, and will give special attention to this valuable feature in the future. The News is an unusually able medium as a publicity organ because of its extended circulation, entering almost every state and territory in the United States, crossing the borders of Canada and Mexico, and going also to many foreign countries. It is read by the buyers, the chief consumers, the workers, who are 90 per cent of the population.

## Policy and Program.

The News will stand for the constructive program of Socialism. It will work for the industrial revolution through the conquest of political power by a new class, the workers. It will take an aggressive part in all political and municipal activities. It will encourage and serve in every way the organization of the workers both Politically and Industrially. It will be first to serve the unions in time of trouble and to reprove them for errors that obstruct their progress. It will be labor's staunchest friend when in trouble no matter what the cause. It will be the fearless advocate and labor leader of the Northwest, and the rallying center for the activities of the Socialist movement.

## Financial Support.

If you want to help in this grand world movement of labor you want to put some money into it and be a part of it. You want to take several shares of stock and get your union and neighbors to take some. You can pay \$5. down for each share of stock or you can pay \$1.00 a month for five months, or for as long as you please, and every \$5.00 you pay will give you an additional share of stock.

This method is a sure winner so far as a solid support for Socialist enterprises is concerned. It is what has made the success of the Kerr Publishing Company, The Social Democratic Herald, and the Chicago Daily Socialist. Everybody's business is nobody's business, but definite system will make a paper in the west as successful as those in the east.

The News is 50 cents a year, one cent each in bundles.

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around to see you about your vote.

V: Yes?

P: Of course, you know I made a lot of promises last year—

V: Sure I do.

P: Well, I want to tell you that I haven't made the slightest effort to keep any of them. I've been grafting just as much as I could and I'd like to keep it up. Will you help me?

V: I sure will. You can count on my vote.

P: That's good. I was afraid you might switch over to those greasy Socialists.

V: No danger, old man. They don't stand a chance of getting my vote—it'd be thrown away.

P: Ta! Ta!

Some years ago I got a job on a city directory. I did splendidly until about four o'clock when I met my Waterloo.

"What is your name?" I asked a strumpy-looking chap. He told me "What do you do?"

"Nothing."

"Don't you work?"

"Haven't you a trade?"

"Nope."

I was puzzled.

"How do you earn your living?"

"Don't earn any."

"Well then, how do you live?"

"I get a check every three months."

When I returned to the office I told the manager of my difficulties.

"Oh," said he, "We mark them

guys down as gentlemen."