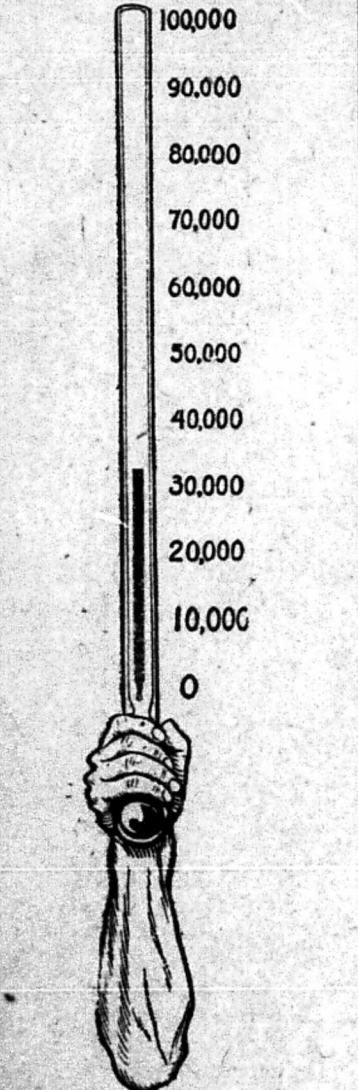


## The Warmth of Labor's Blood—Actions Speak Louder Than Words



## Nearly Thirty-one Thousand Subscribers for Milwaukee Daily—Socialists Showing Their Mettle!

### Comment on Passing Events

By Frederic Heath

Help the thermometer to climb!

Please don't make the mistake of expecting the United Cigar stores to close up and the non-union smokers to leave the drug store cases. Wait and see what happens.

Socialism is the enemy of one kind of individualism, but it is the promoter of a much higher sort. "Nothing in the present day is so likely to awaken the conscience of the ordinary man or woman, or to increase the sense of individual responsibility, as a thorough course in Socialism," says Prof. Ely in his "Socialism and Social Reform."

From Wellington, New Zealand, comes the Maori Land Worker. How the loose spots of earth's covering are being drawn in, to be sure! Seems as if the time would come when every oasis of the great Sahara would send forth its Socialist exchange to the other papers of the globe. Great is human brotherhood, great is the cause that all the powers of cupidity and capitalism cannot stamp out! And, by the way, every publication spot of a Socialist propaganda paper is an oasis in the desert of world wide subjugation and labor desolation.

That Madison professor who tried to lay high prices at the door of the labor union might have carried his logic a little farther. Let workmen work for nothing. Then the labor cost would not enter into the price of commodities and the workmen's families would cease to (in fact would be unable to) make purchases. Goods would be a drug in the market for lack of a purchasing public and sellers would have to try to dispose of them at any price, and the price would go way down. Eureka! But how about the "laborer being worthy of his hire?"

"The manufacturers of foods and drugs are as honest as those in any other lines of business," says the Advertisers' Protective Association. But that isn't saying much. When it comes to foods the people expect the food manufacturers to be more honest, in fact entirely honest. The minute that gentry have full rein it means worse. Their objection to the prohibition of benzene of soda was not so much for the sake of the benzene (which they admitted was not absolutely necessary to keep tinned foods sweet) but because by its use waste materials could be fixed up and worked into the product and thus added profits made.

"Mark Hanna's son has been indicted for illegally rebating in connection with railroads. But what's the use? It only gives a few sleek lawyers fat fees out of the public purse, and nothing ever comes of these farcical attacks on corporation men. Hanna has been two or three times divorced, and one of those standpat Republicans

## Victory Would Put Democrats Between Devil and Deep Sea

THE Democrats are in clover. The special session has proved a godsend to that party.

The Republicans have been at a disadvantage from the beginning. It was a Republican president who was compelled to seek aid of the Democratic party in order to pass Republican administration measures which a Republican house and senate had failed to pass in the last session.

And it must be said that so far the Democrats have made the most of it. The leadership is better than it has been in many years. The discipline is better than it has been in many years.

They passed the reciprocity treaty in the house, also the farmers' free list and corrupt practice act in short order.

The Democratic majority give the Republican minority all the chances that can be reasonably required to talk against the measures proposed. And the Republicans talk, but whenever it comes to the deciding point, the Democratic leaders use the "steam roller" to its utmost capacity, and every Democrat votes with his party. They have never yielded the Republicans one iota.

In fact, our Social-Democratic aldermen, with a great deal of advantage, could learn from the work of the Democratic majority in the house, the art of not budging to the minority under any circumstances.

I said that the Democratic party is in clover. On the other hand, the Republican party is in a very bad fix.

The Republican party seems to be divided into three very definite camps.

There are the stand-pat, anti-Taft Republicans—the "old guard"—with Cannon, Dalmell and Payne in the lead. This crowd cannot forgive Taft for going back on his promise to wipe out insurgency in the Republican party by withholding all patronage from the insurgents.

This crowd is against the renomination of Taft for president, and wants the vice president, James S. Sherman of New York—otherwise surnamed "Sunny Jim"—to be the Republican presidential candidate next year. "Sunny Jim" is a characteristic "stand-patter"—representative of the exploiting class without any "ifs" and "ands."

Then there are the insurgent-progressive, anti-Taft Republicans, led by La Follette in the senate, and by Norris of Nebraska, in the house. And both of them are able men.

They see in Taft the representative of the trusts and the corporation Republicans, and mistrust all his promises and advances.

And as far as La Follette is concerned, there can be no doubt that he can see only one candidate who is fit to get the Republican nomination for president, and that candidate is the Hon. Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin. He will never for-

give Taft that he also is going to be a candidate.

Then there is the third wing—because that poor Republican duck has three wings, and that is the reason why it is a "lame duck"—the administration wing, headed by Taft and his cabinet.

Taft has gone a long way in trying to reconcile the insurgents. Two of his new appointees in the cabinet are so-called progressives. There is Walter Fisher, who took Ballinger's place—a well-known old-time reformer from Chicago. And there is Henry L. Stimson (a man very much of the type of Fisher), who by rising from private to first lieutenant of the New York militia in nine years, has shown his qualifications as a warrior. He is the new secretary of war.

Taft is doing his best to restore harmony in the party. He would even be willing to accept Senator Cummins of Iowa as a running mate and keep that smile which never comes off. But it is doubtful whether he will succeed.

For the trouble lies deeper. The people are restive and discontented, and this restiveness and discontent is simply the outcome of economic conditions.

Not only the working class, but the middle class, is dissatisfied. And the class which has more reason to be satisfied with conditions than any other—the farming class—Mr. Taft by his Canadian treaty has also made dissatisfied, although as a matter of fact reciprocity will not hurt the farmer.

But under these conditions the Republican outlook for 1912 looks gloomy, indeed.

The Democrats, realizing this, have candidates galore for the presidency.

There is the peerless leader, William Jennings Bryan, who has the confidence of the big guns of the house. There is Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, a man who has seen the radical light and has become a progressive Paul after having been a very conservative Saul. And there is also Judson Harmon, the governor of Ohio, who represents the more conservative following of the party.

But it is queer that the south which, after all, forms the backbone of the Democratic party, has so far put forth no candidate.

However, the old curse of the Democrats—the fact that since 1850 they have had no economic basis or no economic program to stand on; that all they could do was to say "no" when the Republicans said "yes," and "yes" when the Republicans said "no"—the further fact that representing the south, which is just awakening industrially, they cannot consistently represent even the middle class opposition, because the south needs capital in order to develop its industries—all this is apt

again to blight the Democratic prospects.

It will be almost impossible to hold the Democratic party to any progressive measure for any length of time. At bottom, the Democratic party is more hostile to new ideas than the Republican party.

It may justly be stated that while the Republican party is conservative, the Democratic party is truly reactionary.

And therefore, should the Democratic party win at the next presidential election, the Democrats will find themselves between the devil and the deep blue sea.

They will either try to interfere with the natural economic progress of our industries, and thus hasten the coming of an industrial crisis—which at any rate is due about 1913. Then they will again simply prove the old story about the "Democratic hard times."

Or, they will let well enough alone and not respond to the "call of the wild," and then be justly upbraided for "not having done anything."

In short, the moment they win they will be whipped. They will be far worse off than the Republicans, who are at least consistent. In fact, a victory may prove the undoing of the poor old Democratic donkey.

As far as the Socialists are concerned, we shall get the best of the situation—no matter what happens—if we only agitate and educate.

Neither the Democrats nor the Republicans can do a single thing to alleviate existing conditions. The Canadian reciprocity treaty, the "farmers' free list," and the recall in the constitution of Arizona, change the general condition of the masses, and even of the middle class, mighty little.

No reform is of any value nowadays that is not anointed with considerable Socialistic oil.

A mere change in the method of elections or in the election machinery will give food or shelter to no one.

The initiative, the referendum and the recall are all well enough in their way to form a part of the political program of the Social-Democracy. They are the democratic demands.

And their practice will work well enough with people who are well taken care of economically, and well educated politically.

But the initiative, referendum and the recall will not add a single dollar to the daily wages of the working class of America, unless the people are taught to make an infinitely better use of their political power than they have made in the past.

And to teach the people how to make use of their political power is the main problem of the Socialist party.

*Victor L. Berger*

## The Sensation of the Year in Milwaukee

### Social-Democrats Put Long-Entrenched Paving Ring Completely to Rout!

[Republished by Request from Last Week's Local Edition]

The paving graft is smashed in Milwaukee for this year.

Former robbery prices for street work shattered.

Work that used to cost the people over \$2.40 a yard will now be done for \$1.40 a yard.

The saving amounts to over fifty thousand dollars already. It will run over a quarter of a million this year at the same rate.

For years every man in Milwaukee who knows his right hand from his left has known that there was something crooked in the paving game. All understood thoroughly that there was scoundgery and humbuggery. We knew that the taxpayers were being hornswoggled.

#### No One Broke Through

We knew there was a swindling game on. But no one was able to come through and break it up.

One of the reasons the Social-Democrats were elected to office was because a lot of people wanted to know what was going on in the city hall. The people of the city wanted to know more about the business of the city.

#### A Big Swindle Stopped

And one of the big real achievements of the Social-Democrats is their attack on the enormous paving swindle. The saving this year will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Those of you who read this article all the way through will get hold of the facts about one of the smoothest big confidence games ever

Bids Opened This Week

Over a hundred people were present when the bids were opened in the public works department office 10:30 a. m. May 24. Three paving jobs were bid on. Two were on Greenfield avenue. One was on North avenue.

The lowest bid was by the Badger



Construction company. It was \$1.40 a square yard. The two bids next lowest on other jobs were by the R. F. Conway company. They were \$1.41 and \$1.45 per square yard.

These are the lowest bids ever made in Milwaukee for work of this kind. And the probabilities are that there is no other city in America that is getting as low prices on this kind of work by contract.

The city will get better pavements for \$1.40 this year than it got for \$2.14 last year and \$2.34 last spring.

#### Three Main Reasons

Here are the three main reasons why the city will get this work at a lower price:

1. No graft. No frame-up. No collusion. The whole business carried on in plain sight for everybody. Every contractor understanding that he would get a fair and square deal.
2. No "closed specifications." The contract conditions are such that open competition from all sides was invited and secured.
3. Changes in specifications effecting economies in the use of materials and at the same time increasing durability of pavements.

Maintenance guarantee abolished, and bonding company's graft abolished.

#### Bids Were Frame-ups

Now follows the evidence supporting these various points:

During the past, the bidding on paving has been a frame-up. The jobs went to those contractors who were in league with the asphalt trust. Some Milwaukee contractors and out-of-Milwaukee contractors knew that it was useless to try to break in. They knew that the cards were stacked and the game fixed. So they stayed away.

How was the game fixed? How were the cards stacked?

#### Closed Specifications

It was through "closed specifications" that the "specifications" of a contract are that part of the contract which "specifies" and tell and describe clearly what kind of material, what kind of asphalt or brick or concrete is going to be used on the job.

If a contract for a pavement calls for a certain kind of asphalt and you can get that asphalt nowhere else but from the asphalt trust, the job is then "closed" to you unless you are one of the few favored contractors who gets asphalt from the trust.

#### All But Trinidad Shut Out

The "closed specifications" that have been used in Milwaukee "closed," shut out, all contractors except those who used Trinidad Lake asphalt. If you didn't use Trinidad Lake asphalt, then "back to the barns" for you. You couldn't get in.

Understand, the contract specification did not call by name outright for Trinidad Lake asphalt. But they did

Here are the most sensational city political facts of the year. The cost of asphalt pavements hammered down from \$2.34 a square yard to \$1.42. Yet all the Milwaukee daily papers suppress and ignore the important facts. Why?

call for material. And no other material except Trinidad Lake asphalt could possibly come within the specifications.

#### How the Trick Was Worked

On page 8 of the printed specifications in the asphalt paving contracts of the city in 1909, the materials are specified as follows: For the binder course, "the asphaltic cement shall be composed of a mixture of 100 parts by weight of refined pure asphalt and about 15 parts by weight of heavy petroleum oil." It is later stated that the crude asphalt "must contain at least 55 to 60 per cent of bitumen, soluble in bisulphide of carbon." Further it is specified "The asphaltic cement shall be composed of refined pure asphalt 100 parts, heavy petroleum 15 parts."

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## FORWARD—A March of the Many—Swelling the Ranks—The Report of the Painters and Patternmakers—Thermometer Passes the \$30,000 Mark—If I Were You—Socialist Solidarity

It is war to the hilt. We were attacked and stabbed in the back by Milwaukee's press. We cannot stand still. Less can we go back. The only movement possible is FORWARD and ON. Labor must rule and be triumphant. It is the mission of the Social-Democratic party to hoist high above the ramparts the standard of emancipation from wage slavery. The system must go. The masters are doomed and victory is ours.

Ten thousand men and women, the cream of Milwaukee's inhabitants and others, those who sweat and do things will rattle up their sleeves and silently build the road to the masses. There is something eloquent in work. There is something of the music of the stars in creation, that no tongue or pen can describe. One day we will see the daily—that will be enough. It will be the period to our work. Another sentence will have been written in the annals of the poor.

Every wage worker, every public official of our class and colors will do his portion to realize that daily medium of expression. We count upon you, in whose heart still dwells and flickers a love for justice and for freedom, a love for your wife and child and kindred, to do your part in this, the greatest task yet undertaken in Milwaukee. We have little time for those unfortunate victims of the system whose senses have been petrified and petrified by the daily grind of life. But you do not belong to this class. Ten thousand men and women of Milwaukee and outside will answer the call and take one bond each. They are going to pay for them in installments of \$2.50. If some cannot afford to do that, they will enlist the others who can. There will be some who will shrink and look on those with

the sleeves ruffled up—they are out of your consideration. Take one bond or get some one else to take one. However, if I were you, I would do my duty.

We register today \$30,530.

The Painters' union No. 222, Milwaukee, hauls out fifty bonds! Think of it! and the boys have been on strike, too. No whitewash about the painters.

The Patternmakers' association, Milwaukee, walks off with ten bonds. That is a new pattern. See if your union can make one as well.

Green Bay Lodge No. 501, of the I. O. of M., Green Bay, Wis., flies away with a bond. Machinists, as a rule, are class conscious, and the Green Bay contingent is no exception.

Cloak Makers' union No. 4, of Baltimore, N. Y., swats the liars with a bond. I was born in Baltimore.

Lodge No. 374, I. A. of M., Birmingham, N. Y., subscribes for a bond. I told you so before.

The Co-operative Printers' Daily club, city, gently touches us up for forty-one bonds. These are our boys. The club has made an agreement that each member if going to get one bond, and the whole bunch is going to help. What plant will be the next to report?

Branch 13, S. D. P., reports with three bonds. There is a feeling about the house that there is an unlucky number, and that therefore Branch 13 will come again.

Branch 21, S. D. P., takes a fall out of bed with three bonds. Seven more

falls are needed to make you a man, Branch 21.

Finnish Branch, S. D. P., Kenosha, Wis., steps to the line with two bonds. No flies on the Finns.

Local Bremerton, S. P., Bremerton, Wash., hits an awful blow—six bonds. There is Socialist solidarity for you. Now, I know where Bremerton is.

German Agitation Committee, S. D. P., New York, N. Y., sends for powder—five bonds. Shades of Bismarck!

Local Mountville, S. P., West Virginia, shows its sunny face—one bond. The climate and the Socialists just agree.

Malo, Wash., Socialist party comes in to join the picnic, with one bond.

## Washington Letter

(By National Socialist Press.)

(Washington, D. C.—Detective W. J. Burns, Roosevelt's "honest man," was proven to be a deliberate liar by Attorney Leo Rappaport of the Structural Ironworkers' Union, at the hearing of Representative Berger's resolution for a congressional probe of the McNamara kidnapping case, held before the House Committee on Rules.

Rappaport submitted a certified copy of the requisition papers, which showed that Assistant District Attorney Ford of Los Angeles swore that McNamara was under arrest at Indianapolis April 15. Ford's affidavit contained a telegram from Burns, in which the detective stated that he had McNamara under arrest at that date.

The undisputed fact is that McNamara was not arrested until April 22, one week later.

Rappaport said Burns lied in that telegram, and perjured himself in that affidavit, which was the basis for the requisition papers issued by the governor of California.

Representative Berger, author of the resolution, President Ryan and Attorney Rappaport of the Ironworkers' Union addressed the committee. A letter from President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor was read by Chairman Henry of the committee.

In opening the hearing, Berger said that he did not want the committee to consider the guilt or innocence of McNamara. The courts are to settle that question, he said.

"I am primarily concerned," said Berger, "with a series of flagrant and outrageous breaches of the law by civil officials in which a citizen's constitutional safeguards have been violated, and I am further concerned with the power of the national legislature to assert its right to intervene in such a case."

He then told the committee how McNamara had been forcibly taken away from his office, denied counsel and in the dark of the night hurried out of the city in an automobile filled with private detectives. The seizure of McNamara's private papers and the ransacking of the office were also denounced by the Socialist member of congress.

In support of his charges, Berger quoted a number of decisions pertinent to the case. One of these was the dissenting opinion of Justice McKenna in the case of *Meyer, Hays and Feitelson*. Berger urged an investigation so that congress may enact stringent laws to prevent a repetition of the Indiana outrage.

President Gompers, who was in New York at the time of the hearing, said in his letter that the president of the United States would give more consideration to a fugitive from justice wanted by a foreign potentate than was given to McNamara by the Indiana officials.

The arrest of McNamara, he said, was a high-handed outrage repugnant to our common conception of human justice. He urged the adoption of the Berger resolution.

The story of the kidnapping and looting of the Ironworkers' office at Indianapolis was told by an eye-witness, President Ryan. He said that the executive board of the union was forcibly detained in the office for nearly three hours.

That the detectives stole \$422 from the safe which they blew up early that Sunday morning, was the sensational charge of Ryan.

Rappaport also gave a detailed account of the lawlessness of the agents of the Erectors' Association on that day and evening. Every effort that he had then made to get these detectives to observe the laws governing arrest and search proved fruitless, he said.

That the Indianapolis newspapers had the story of McNamara's arrest in type hours before it took place, was another sensational charge made by the union's attorney. The whole affair was prearranged for the widest publicity, he said.

The Rules Committee, with the exception of Madison, the Insurgent Republican, seems to be very much impressed with the testimony. Madison seems to be adverse to any action by the committee on the ground that it has no jurisdiction in this case.

At this writing the hearings have not been concluded.

### Manufacturers Oppose Lloyd Bill

Prompted by their hate of organized labor, the various employers' associations of the country have sent a lobby to oppose the Lloyd bill giving government clerks the right to organize. This bill is now pending before the House Committee on Reform in the Civil Service.

Representing the National Association of Manufacturers, James A. Emery warned the committee that should they report favorably the Lloyd bill the men would strike and tie up the postal service.

"Suppose we put a provision in this bill specifically prohibiting government employees who may be organized from going on strikes?" asked Representative Prouty of Iowa. "Would you still object to the bill?"

Emery dodged this question. He showed by his answer that he was opposed to the bill on general principles. In his opinion, government employees should be satisfied with present conditions. He also argued that the Constitution did not apply to employees of Uncle Sam.

The manufacturers' agent took a fling at the American Federation of Labor in the course of his remarks. "This body," he said, "is always rebellious and performing illegal acts."

Morrison, the A. F. of L. secretary, took him to task on this charge, but Emery in ill-like fashion dodged the labor official's questions. Morrison was given permission to file a reply with the committee.

Chairman Godwin of the committee announced that L. H. Scates, representative of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, had been given

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# How About Our Newspapers?

Charles Edward Russell in LaFollette's

If we are ever to accomplish anything in the way of better conditions in America, we shall have to begin by getting an UNCONTROLLED press.

The people will not revolt against bad conditions unless they know how bad the conditions are and they can't know that so long as most of the press is engaged in concealing or distorting the truth about conditions.

Some of them do it consciously and of purpose; some of them don't know; but about 80 per cent of the American newspapers are fighting directly or indirectly on the side of the enemy.

This does not mean that their editors are bad men. As a matter of fact, their editors are generally good men. But they fight on the side of the enemy because they can't do anything else.

Press Is Controlled

Here is the American press (aside from a few independent journals) as at present arranged:

1. The newspapers whose stock is owned by public service corporations or by the men that own public service corporations.
2. The newspapers owned by men closely associated in business with banks, railroads, trolley companies, gas or electric light companies.
3. The newspapers controlled through loans by the banks, insurance companies, public service corporations and by the men interested therein.
4. The newspapers that are owned or managed by individuals whose investments are in the power of the public enemy or whose natural sympathies are on the side of reaction and class supremacy.
5. The newspapers owned or managed by men that would like to be decent but are coerced by the tremendous power of the advertisers.

The last is the most formidable condition and in every instance supplements all the others.

Power of the Advertiser

Here is the way the thing works. In this country we have a vicious system by which we manufacture newspapers at a loss on the manufacture. No other nation tolerates any such folly. We tolerate it and it is almost universal and we pay a terrific price for it, as you will presently see.

# Socialism is the New Patriotism

HUMAN life depends upon food, clothing and shelter. Only those who are assured are freedom, culture and higher human development possible. To produce food, clothing and shelter, land and machinery are needed. Land by itself does not satisfy human needs. Human labor gets raw materials and food out of the soil by creating machinery and using it upon the land. Machinery has control of land and machinery has control of human labor, and with it of human life and liberty.

Today the machinery and the land used for industrial purposes are owned by a rapidly decreasing minority. So long as machinery is simple and easily handled by one man, it does not make the owners so powerful that they can dominate the sources of life of others. But when machinery becomes more and more complex and expensive, and requires the effective operation of the organized effort of many workers, its influence reaches over wider circles of life. The owners of such machinery become the dominant class.

THE MASSES IN SUBJECTION.

In proportion as the number of such machine owners compared to all other classes decreases, their power in the nation and in the world increases. They bring ever larger masses of working people under their control, reducing them to the position where mind and brain are their only productive property. Millions of men are thus reduced to the position of mere slaves of the industrial masters.

The more the economic power of the ruling class grows, the less useful does it become in the life of the nation. The great wealth of the few is the result of the labor of the many. The wealth of the few is the result of the labor of the many. The wealth of the few is the result of the labor of the many.

A bitter struggle over the division of the products of labor is waged between the exploiting class on the one hand and the exploited, propertyless class on the other. In this struggle the wage-slave class cannot expect adequate relief from any reform of the present order from the dominant class of society.

The wage workers are therefore the most determined and irreconcilable antagonists of the ruling class. They are also the class which suffers most from the curse of class rule. The fact that a small number of capitalists is permitted to use all the country's resources and social tools for their individual profit and to make the production of the necessities of our lives the object of their competitive private enterprises and speculations, is at the bottom of all the social evils of our time.

MODERN INDUSTRY PLANLESS.

In spite of the organization of trusts, pools and combinations, the capitalists are powerless to regulate production for social ends. Industries are largely conducted in a planless manner. Through periods of feverish activity the strength and health of the workers are mercilessly undermined, and during periods of enforced idleness the workers are frequently reduced to starvation.

The aimless of this chaotic system of production are the regularly recurring industrial depressions and crises which paralyze the nation, destroy the health of the workers, and in its mad and reckless race for profits the capitalist class is bound to exploit the workers to the very limit of their endurance and to sacrifice their physical, moral and mental welfare to its own insatiable greed. Capitalism keeps the masses of workmen in poverty, destitution, physical exhaustion and ignorance.

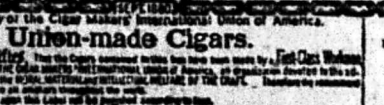
**Demand This Label On All Packages of Beer, Ale or Porter**



**WHEN PURCHASING CIGARS SEE THAT THIS LABEL IS ON THE BOX**



**IT IS A GUARANTEE THAT THE CIGARS ARE NOT MADE BY THE TRUST**



to be blamed here is chiefly a system. In most cases the newspaper owner does not consciously desire to be a valet for the interests, but under existing conditions he can't do anything else. He must steer the course laid down for him, and that course is really decided by his advertisers who lean upon the bank, which leans upon the interests, whose sympathies are and must be extremely reactionary and opposed to the public, for the simple reason that the interests thrive upon privilege and upon nothing else.

Hence we have practically no such thing as a free press in America.

It is not the editorial utterances of the controlled newspaper that hurt the popular cause.

Nobody reads editorials except the proof-reader who is paid to read them and, all things considered, is much underpaid. The newspaper editorial has become a mere piece of stage property. It exists not to influence public opinion but for the sake of appearances. A newspaper without editorials would not look right. The newspaper reader likes to feel that the newspaper he is reading is thundering about something. He doesn't care what, but it must have some opinions and some serious purpose as a backbone and skeleton for the rest of it.

Editorial Influence

The conclusion that as a rule newspaper editorials are not read is not reached haphazard, but is based upon years of careful observation and many interesting tests. For instance, when I was in charge of a newspaper property I tried the experiment of printing the same thing in the editorial columns and then in the news pages. I found that nobody would respond if it were in the editorial columns; many persons would respond as soon as it appeared in the news columns.

For this the real reason is fundamental and not at all discreditable. The American people have formed the habit of making up their minds for themselves and from events, not from editorials.

Until a few years ago the average American newspaper, whatever might be its editorial policy, felt or professed an obligation to be impartial in its news columns.

This condition has largely passed away. It is in the news columns now that the greatest injuries are inflicted upon the people's cause, both in the suppressing of news and in the distorting and coloring of what is printed.

The advertiser is editing the news columns even more carefully than he edits the newspaper's opinions.

## "Coloring" the News

To ridicule a man obnoxious to the newspaper's policy, to distort his sayings, to lie or to print half-truths about him, to discredit him in every way, is now a part of the policy of the newspaper conducted for the interests. As much a part of its policy as to suppress disagreeable facts or misrepresent conditions.

About three years ago a very prominent merchant and extensive advertiser of Philadelphia was arrested in New York on a sensational charge. After he had been released on bail he committed suicide. No mention of the story appeared in any Philadelphia paper. If he had not been an advertiser and if he had been unconnected with the interests these papers would have printed many columns about the affair.

## Don't Get Excited

By John M. Work

(Written for The Herald.)

In a previous article I pointed out that it is one of our great tasks to break down and destroy the economic conservatism in the minds of the people, so that their minds will become ripe for Social-Democracy.

We are doing it very fast.

In the past ten years we have been able to see this conservatism, this prejudice against Socialism, gradually disappear before our eyes.

We have destroyed at least half of it in these ten years. I do not mean that half the people have come to the point where they vote the party ticket but at least half the prejudice has disappeared.

In other words, the people of the United States have swung at least half way over to Socialism in the past ten years.

In a few more years the rest of the prejudice will disappear and they will swing the rest of the way.

Then their minds will be ripe for Socialism.

And we will then have Socialism.

But, do not think the task of battering down the remainder of this prejudice is going to be easy.

Recent events have been inspiring. We shall make the most of them.

But do not allow yourself to be fooled into believing that our troubles are over. Do not imbibe the idea that the path from here to the co-operative commonwealth is a smooth and gentle incline.

If you do, you will find yourself terribly mistaken.

On the contrary, there are mountains to climb, cliffs to scale, jungles to penetrate, rivers to ford, and wild beasts to overcome, before the goal can be reached.

We shall see plenty of reverses before our final victory.

And when the reverses come, the faint-hearted will sneak to cover as usual and leave the old guard to fight the battles.

But the old guard constantly increases in numbers.

The battles will be fought. All obstacles will be overcome. The goal will be reached.

The ranks of the old guard are always open for recruits.

Don't be a faint-hearted Socialist. Don't be a faint-heart.

Join the old guard and make up your mind that you will be on the firing line in the thick of the fight, at the times that try men's souls, as well as when the enemy is in retreat.

## Money for Mexican Revolution

In Mexico today the old and the new are locked in the death grips. As in all struggles for progress, the Mexican conflict embraces the different elements of the existing capitalist society. The two divisions of the capitalist class are struggling for supremacy over the resources of that country. The new capitalism is in revolt against the domination and restriction of the semi-feudalistic regime of Diaz.

The working class of Mexico are also in revolt. It is they who have been the chief sufferers under the rule of Diaz the "Bloody." It is they who will continue to suffer under the new regime, unless they are in a position to enforce better conditions for themselves.

To gain relief they must have the power to enforce their wishes; to protect their rights in any settlement that is made in the present struggle. To do this means they must have as large and fully equipped force in the field as possible.

They are in need of assistance — funds with which to get the much needed equipment. They are in need of the moral support of their class in the United States to rouse a sentiment that will prevent the army and navy of this country from being used to place the yoke of Madero around

tiser of Philadelphia was arrested in New York on a sensational charge. After he had been released on bail he committed suicide. No mention of the story appeared in any Philadelphia paper. If he had not been an advertiser and if he had been unconnected with the interests these papers would have printed many columns about the affair.

## Labor Falsified

At the time of the Philadelphia street car strike in March of 1910, the local department stores desired to have the strike "minimized" because it was hurting business. All but one of the newspapers faithfully obeyed instructions. As a result, a great part of the people of Philadelphia never really knew anything about the strike. Bloody riots in the street were briefly mentioned as "slight disturbances," and daily events of the gravest import to the citizens were never printed at all. On one occasion nearly 100,000 men and women joined in a sympathetic strike and the number appeared in the "minimizing" newspapers as 17,000.

When the panic of 1907 had run as long as its projectors had decided to have it run, the newspaper managers of New York were told in very forcible terms what they must and what they must not print about it. When the traction interests were foisting a tricky franchise upon Chicago they caused most of the newspapers to print untruthful news about it and then to lie about anyone that opposed it.

These are only a few trifling illustrations of a universal condition. They could be multiplied indefinitely and from every city of the country. I have no need to go further into them but I desire to ask one serious question of the readers of this magazine:

## How About Our "Rights"?

The newspaper of today is regarded with general distrust. People at large do not know why, but they feel that the newspapers have ceased to battle for their cause. That is the reason why the magazine has supplanted the newspaper as the leader of public thought.

This fact everybody acknowledges. Here is the reason for the change.

If, then, the right of a free press has been so largely lost in this country — by whatsoever means — how about our other rights?

It was a free press that maintained and safeguarded every other right.

## How About It?

If this great champion has been taken from us, not by statutory enactment but by secret encroachment and sinister control, how sure can we be of any other fundamental right?

Including the right of fair trial, the right of peaceable assembly, the right of petition, the right to a share in the government, the right to freedom from unjustifiable arrest and illegal imprisonment?

Can one fundamental right be interfered with or abolished and other fundamental rights remain in unimpaired respect?

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# Misrepresenting Milwaukee

It is amusing to read the statements in papers of the old parties that the Socialist administration of Milwaukee has not brought about all the reforms and improvements that are needed there. The Socialists have been in control of Milwaukee just one year. In that time they have not wiped out the city debt, abated all social evils, found a job for every man, corrected every abuse in business, reduced the cost of living or abolished poverty. How very wonderful! It was such an easy task after sixty years of Republican and Democratic government of the city. I wonder if such campaign argument really has any weight outside of plume newspaper offices and idiot wards in insane asylums. Milwaukee is well administered, according to non-Socialist residents of the town. The government is clean and efficient and the banks have not been looted nor the corporations lynched and there has been no enforced dividing up of property and wives. Socialism to a finish may not work out right, but so far as it has gone in Milwaukee, it has wrought no harm, but only good. And Socialism can only benefit through Republican and Democratic lying about it.—William Marion Reedy, in St. Louis Mirror.

public ownership of the transportation facilities.—J. A. Wayland.

Recognition Will Come.—Mercantile life has come to be in America a gentleman's employment. Who can help seeing that it only involves a question of time for mechanical occupations to receive the same recognition? Who can go into a machine-shop of the present day without thinking how much more of intellect dwells in those wheels and bands than in the majority, not merely of counting rooms, but even of court rooms and pulpits?—Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

In Search of His Home.—A peaceable resident of West Sixty-fifth street was rudely awakened from sleep last week, at about 2:30 a. m., by a loud ringing at his door bell.

Throwing open the window, he stuck his head out and in no very pleasant manner demanded to know what was wanted.

"Seuse me, sir," answered a muddled voice. "Does Jones—hic—hic—live here?"

"Jones?" said the party addressed, angrily. "Of course not. What the devil do you mean by ringing people's bells at this time of morning? Who are you, anyway?"

"Who'm I?" asked the disturber, apparently surprised at not being recognized. "Why, I'm Jones."

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If you insist, therefore, on bringing sentiment into the matter (which any Socialist filled with good, red blood can scarcely avoid doing), the sentiment must be expended merely in picking this investment in preference to the many non-Socialist investments that are at hand. Even here, while sentiment may be the motive, matter-of-fact business advantage will step in to the benefit of the investor. For we have placed this opportunity before you on its merits, and you are guaranteed that absolute integrity is back of it—which you can not be sure of in the case of the many capitalistic propositions.

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If you would place your savings where they are safe for your old age, here is your opportunity. We know, and you know, of many cases of people whose savings have been swept away, leaving them stripped to face the world in their old age.

Under the capitalist system it is often as much a problem to know what to do with money saved as to save it in the first place.

It is important to note that this project of the Milwaukee Social-Democrats has come about normally. It was a thing bound to come, an incident in the steady growth of our movement. It is no mere contrivance, no mere chance dream, or adventurous scheme. It was bound to come. It was part of our evolution, just as the great building of the Berlin Vorwaerts was a logical step in the evolution of the great Social-Democratic party of Germany.

We have been forced to it naturally. Natural growth is safe growth.

The Social-Democratic Herald be-

gan its Milwaukee career in 1901. At that time it was located at 614 State street. The local movement had a paper in German, the Vorwaerts, and there was crying need of an English organ. The Herald was moved to Milwaukee, and besides the regular established national edition, a local edition was provided. In former issues we have told you of some of the tribulations of those poverty-stricken days, how we used to feed the coal stove with newspapers to keep the place warm when even coal by the bucket was beyond the exchequer of the establishment.

The Vorwaerts was printed in the basement on an old flat bed newspaper press that reminded one of a horse with the heavens and kindred other ailments. The printing of The Herald had to be done outside.

But the movement grew, the papers increased in influence and circulation. And in the course of time historic 614 State street became too small. Two blocks away, at 344 Sixth street, a vacant store building, one floor could be had. We summoned up courage and branched out. From that time we have kept on expanding.

Again the quarters became too small, and the owner of the Sixth street building was prevailed on to build an addition for us in the rear. In time the printery and bindery and our book business began to cry for more space. So the second floor of the building next door was rented and the editorial rooms, the organization departments and state secretary's department were moved into it. But even this enlargement, as you know, lasted only a short time.

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## Sensation of Year in Milwaukee

(Continued from 1st page.)

leum oil 12 to 15 parts. The asphalt surface of paving mixture shall be composed of 14 to 18 per cent of asphaltic cement. There are a few other physical properties designated which altogether make the material called for Trinidad Lake asphalt.

This is the trick of the game. These are "closed specifications."

### Too Late for Last Year

You can't get asphalt such as is called for in these words except from the asphalt trust, which handles Trinidad Lake asphalt. It was absolutely impossible for anybody who did not have connections with the Barber Asphalt Paving company (the trust) to get a "look-in."

The trick by which the swindle was worked was uncovered by Supt. Mullen. It was found out last year too late to be attacked.

This year, however, the specifications were changed. They were made open. They were fixed so as to permit other asphalters aside from Trinidad to be used.

### Best Pavements Ever

The specifications prepared by Supt. Mullen were the most complete, detailed and thorough thus far ever issued from the Milwaukee public works department. The tests through which the material must pass are so described that with the inspection which will be instituted, Milwaukee is this year going to get the best pavements ever laid in this city. It is seldom that the cheapest is the best. But this is an exceptional case. The graft and the velvet has been cut out. There is now only a "legitimate profit" in the work. It is nearer cost than anything in street work that Milwaukee has ever bought.

### Good-bye, Trinidad

When the contractors assembled to watch the opening of the bids on the morning of May 24, Commissioner Briggs gave them copies of the old specifications used in 1908, 1909 and 1910. He asked them what kind of asphalt they would have to use under those specifications.

They replied, "Trinidad."

### All in the Open

Then more questions were asked. And it was brought out that all of the bidders except two were against the old specifications. The two who were not against them were the Badger Construction company and the White company. These two companies have been among the favored in the past. Through their Milwaukee political connections, these two have carried away all asphalt jobs in recent years. They were the only ones among the bidders who admitted that they could get the trust asphalt. The

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## Senatorship Cost \$111,385.49

That the re-election of Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin to the United States senate cost him \$111,385.49, and that the United States senate will have to undertake another investigation on a par with the "Lorimer case" is charged by Alfred Henry Lewis in the June issue of Cosmopolitan Magazine.

Mr. Lewis says in part: "Having organized his campaign, Mr. Stephenson knocked in the head of his barrel—he confessed that it contained about \$112,000—and told Mr. Edmunds, Game Warden Stone, Mr. Puellier, and the others to get busy. They got busy, as appeared by the evidence taken before the senate investigation committee, in every corrupt fashion known to politics and politicians.

"There were quorum-breaking and deadlocking, and the days dragged on. If a quorum were in the room, a majority of that quorum would elect. But always and ever Mr. Stephenson lacked that majority. At last there came a tired day, when many Democrats and anti-Stephenson Republicans—of that sort that fell asleep at the switch—were absent. In all one hundred and twenty-six were present and voting—a quorum. If Mr. Stephenson could not pull a majority, sixty-four, he would win. But the most he could muster, and do his best, was sixty-three. So the vote stood.

"Then the unexpected, not to say the suspicious, came to pass. Three Democrats arose—looking like sheep-killing dogs—and left the chamber. The whole vote following this desertion was one hundred and twenty-three. Mr. Stephenson, still polling his sixty-three, was declared elected."

Corroboration of this startling charge is given in the testimony of

Ex-Sheriff Knell. Says he:

"I looked at the campaign as a plain business proposition, and paid a corps of workmen to get the best results. I hired men and paid them to work because of their being well acquainted, having a large circulation of friends and being able to get those people. There were a lot of my friends who came to me and they said, 'Billy, if you were a candidate for office we would not only devote our own time but spend our own money; but why should we do it for Stephenson, who is advertised broad cast in this state as being worth thirty millions?'"

Mr. Lewis concludes: "Mr. Stephenson should lose his place in the senate. There is little question as to the bribery and corruption by which he compassed his election. The present is not a Lorimer senate. To be sure, its membership cannot be described as altogether virtuous. Considered for its honesty, it isn't wholly snow-white. And yet it will refuse to applaud corruption, and by endorsing those Stephenson bribes declare that seats in its own sacred body may be bought and sold for money.

"Mr. Stephenson will go. And in that going, criminal money will lose a senator, the people will gain one. The senate will be relieved thereby of a utility, Wisconsin washed of its disgrace, Mr. La Follette granted a new colleague."

The military authorities at Fort Myers, Va., have excluded Kirkpatrick's great book, "War—What For?" They drew it. Our book department mails one copy upon receipt of \$1.20. Three copies, at 80 cents each. Brisbane Hall, Milwaukee, Wis.

## Westmoreland, Pa., Is Russia of America

By Silas Hood.

(Written for The Herald.)

(Concluded.)

THE story of the persecution of the working class and the arrogance and criminality of the capitalist industrial rulers in Westmoreland county is best told in the language of John Ruffner. The writer found Ruffner at his farm house about a quarter of a mile from where he and his little band of marchers were attacked. He was born in that farm house 52 years ago and his father was born in the same house before him.

He is a fine type of the American workingman, is this Socialist candidate for sheriff of Westmoreland county. He weighs fully 200 pounds, is six feet in height, he is willing to fight and will give a good account of himself when forced into a conflict. When the writer found Ruffner the part of his anatomy above his shoulders that was visible was his face. The rest of his upper story was wrapped in bandages to cover the wounds inflicted on many parts of his head. He was also suffering from two deep cuts above his eyes. He said he was not suffering as much as his injuries would indicate and he promised that he would be as good as new in a few weeks. His wife, who is an invalid, seemed to be in the worst physical condition. The shock to her following the riot had resulted in nervous prostration and the constant worry for her husband's safety is having the effect to shorten her life. They have one son, a boy of eleven.

### Denied Use of His Own Land.

"My grandfather bought the farm house where me and my father were born," said Comrade Ruffner to the writer, "and I have walked along that with that old grandfather of mine when he was alive; walked along the road that we were denied the right to walk on yesterday. What right has any judge to say that working people must not walk on a public road? The two judges of the court of common pleas are Judge McConnell, a Republican, and Judge Lucien Doty, a Democrat. They hold court at Greensburg, and it was Judge McConnell who issued an injunction against me, denying me the privilege of permitting the strikers and their families to erect tents on my farm. I spent the first years of my life on this farm and only got the education that a country boy got when I was a kid. Then I went into the mines and after sixteen years of that kind of work the companies ceased to have any regard for the men, and as I was not able to make a decent living at mining I quit and went back to the farm. I have worked all my life, but I still have an \$800 mortgage on that farm, and that in spite of the fact that I don't spend any of my hard-earned money in the saloons. Naturally I have a friendly feeling for the miners, and when this strike began I was only too glad to offer the use of some of my fields for the unfortunate."

"But the mine owners didn't like me for this. They went to the judges and the first thing I knew I was ordered into court by a Republican judge, and told that an injunction had been issued against me preventing me from making such use of my property and in addition to that \$13.50 costs was tacked up against me in the court proceedings and I was told to get busy and pay it. I promptly told the judge that I would not pay such an assessment and I never have. I also told the court that I couldn't call this a free country if I couldn't make use of my property as I saw fit providing it was not injuring any one. I was blackguarded and threatened by company officials and their representatives but I have refused to turn those homeless people away from my land, and I will not go to jail before I'll pay any \$13.50 that I don't owe. I got my real education from an old German miner, who was a digger alongside of me, and I am going to try to pay back what I owe to that old German who was a Socialist. He got me to subscribe to the old Coming Nation and I have read the Appeal to Reason ever since its first issue. I also take the Social-Democratic Herald, as I want to know how they are doing things in Milwaukee, and I also am a yearly subscriber to the Chicago Daily Socialist. And I always pass my papers along after I have read them, and the result is that the men in the vicinity of Jamieson mine No. 1 are a mighty rose spot with the company, for they sure do hate a Socialist, and especially one that votes."

"That injunction lawlessness has been going on so long that we had got kind of used to it up here, and when the same judges a long time ago issued another injunction which said that no one would be allowed to parade along the public highway in front of the coal company's property, we took it to mean that it was another case of lawlessness on the part of the judges and didn't pay much attention to it at first."

### Paid to Start a Riot.

"May day we marched along the road where the fight took place nine days later, and not one of those hired thugs dared to interfere with us. At any rate, they didn't attempt to stop us, and when the day of the meeting at Greensburg came along we started out like peaceful citizens to march along the same old public road. But when we arrived at the point near the front of the public office where we were stopped by the hired thugs. They said we were violating a court order by marching along a public road and they declared they would not let us pass. I told the spokesman of the gang—that a constable mounted policeman—that if we were doing anything illegal that it was his duty to arrest us. I said I was a deputy sheriff, I having been sworn in by the sheriff, and was serving without pay. I said I would be willing to march the men to the jail if he would prefer a charge against the marchers. But this he refused to do, as he evidently was trying to stir up trouble. The mounted thugs had evidently had their instructions from some one who was not the ground to be hurt, and the gang was determined to carry out its instructions. And so to carry out its instructions, what to do, and when we were as peaceful as it is possible for a crowd of men to be, the state constabulary spokesman fired off his revolver in the air. That revolver shot was evidently a prearranged signal, for the rest of the lawless mounted thugs to get busy and they galloped toward us and ran their horses into the midst of us. It was also a signal to begin firing to kill and to club to hurt. I got a crack on the head—several of them—before I knew what had happened, and then I saw one of the mounted police shoot three times at Tony Drago and when I saw blood running down the miner's face and saw the thug clubbing Drago, I ran to protect the man and used a club I had to save the Italian's life. I was the only one with the marchers who was armed, and I had a right to be, as I had a deputy sheriff's star and authority to be armed. And when I had used my club on that fellow I turned in time to see Harry Hooker, a hired thug, who claims to be from Scranton, Pa., take deliberate aim at me at a distance of twenty paces and fire three times at me. In taking aim at me he rested his 44 calibre gun on his left hand and I could see by the way he acted that he was making a deliberate attempt to kill me. But the dog missed me every time and when I was rushing toward him I was attacked by one ruffian in front and three in the rear, and the four were too much for me, and you can see what they did to me. I could have killed two ruffians in front of me as I had two revolvers in my pockets, but I was determined not to kill anybody if I could avoid it, and I called to them to quit or I would use my gun."

### Company's Gang and Ruffians.

"At that time I did not know that the murderers had shot my brother and had beaten him after he was shot. If I had known that and had seen the cowards beat him up after he was wounded and was down and out, I might have had a life on my hands today, for I believe I would have lost my head and have shot to kill; and if I had killed any of them the world would have been better off, for the coal company seems to have been successful in finding the most disreputable gang of ruffians I have ever had the misfortune to meet. I have heard that the people in the places where they came from have expressed a hope that the strike will keep up forever if it will keep them away from the neighborhood where from all accounts they made life miserable for everybody there and kept up their record for crime."

"No decent man will take a job as a coal policeman and no decent man will wear the uniform of the state constabulary. They are rightly named when they are called Cossacks."

"Harry Travis is the name of the thug who shot my brother, and he is another worthy who is apparently a professional strike-breaker, for he claims residence in several places in New Jersey and in other states. He was reported arrested, but I am quite sure he got away, as I have not been able to find anybody who saw him arrested and he has not been seen

## A Judicial Outrage!

WILLIAM SHAY was elected mayor of Starr City, W. Va., on the Socialist ticket, Jan. 7, 1911. Four councilmen were also elected on the Socialist ticket. They were J. W. Kennedy, John Brazner, Frank McShaffery and G. B. Strausberg. Judge Mason of Morgan district, very carefully viewed the situation and qualifications of the elected Socialists. At last on Feb. 14, 1911, he ruled: That said William Shay was not eligible to the office of mayor, because the law requires that the mayor shall pay taxes on property amounting to \$500 or more, and the deed for the property of William Shay was a joint deed made to William Shay and his wife. Tax receipts were produced to show that taxes had been paid on more than the required amount of property, but the crime was that Mr. Shay had permitted his wife's name to enter the deed.

Now, according to this new peculiar wisdom, citizens, be careful; be very careful, if your faithful wife helps you to get a home that you take it from her and make her a pauper; if you fail to do this you are a criminal and unfit to act as mayor of a city, even if elected by an overwhelming majority.

Is a man who fails to rob his wife of everything or who permits her to share his home a villain?

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manded. The miner could not speak English very well, but he understood what was wanted, and as his name was on the union card he showed his name where written. The company murderer knew that he would not make any mistake in killing a union man and without any further provocation he shot this helpless foreigner dead, the bullet entering his forehead. And that murderer was never arrested and never will be as long as the company rules with such an iron hand.

### Capital's Illegal Votes.

"Another thing that makes the company particularly sore at me is because I will not permit the company to poll 300 votes at a polling district where there are not a hundred entitled to vote. At the Jamieson mine polling place the company would rush foreigners into the booth who had not been in this country three months and they would vote them all for the Republican ticket or the Democratic ticket, just as they pleased. And one of the company officials would be in the booths to mark the ballots, too. No more of that now. We have too many Socialist watchers now, and our organizer, William Adams, sees to it that watchers are in every election district and also a strong crowd of workers, who will insist upon a square deal. We are fighting for our lives down here, but we Socialists are hopeful of the result, as we are convinced that the working people will soon know their power. The miners are slow to wake up, but this strike has been an eye-opener, and the Catholic worker and the man with no religion at all, are beginning to learn that their interests are identical and if it is right for them to organize in unions irrespective of what their religious beliefs are, it is just as important to be together politically. I think it is more important for them to be together politically than it is industrially, as the men have no chance to organize as long as the companies have the privilege of getting a court order which gives the paid thugs the right to beat up men who are on strike. And when a union is organized and gets a good fat sum in its treasury, some old party politician of a judge comes along and robs the treasury and the strike funds are gone. I passed through several strikes as a miner and one of those strikes lasted four years. The company does not seem of late to hate the strikers as much as they do the Socialists. And if he is a striker and a Socialist, too, then he is surely an object of hatred."

### What Are You Going to Do About It?

Now, you free born American citizens, what do you think of this recital of this czarism and judicial tyranny in Westmoreland county? And what will you think when you learn that John Ruffner and two of his companions in that peaceful march have been arrested and are now out on bail of a thousand dollars each, charged with inciting a riot and with intent to kill? What do you think of that, you workingmen who believe in justice? Not a shot was fired by any of the marching party and that truth can be testified to by hundreds of boys and girls and women who witnessed the murderous attack. And the trial on this charge is to be before Squire Truxal, who owes his office to the generosity of the coal company and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Unarmed men charged with attempt to kill and armed men who should be arrested for murder cannot be found. Is it any wonder that they refer to Westmoreland county as the Russia of America? And who are the real inciters of this anarchy? The answer is not difficult. The real anarchists and law-breakers are the judges who issue such vicious injunctions, and lack of them are the officials of the Westmoreland Coal Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. These are the real murderers of the hundreds of babies and mothers who have been the victims of all this tyranny. And back of these law-breakers is Senator Penrose and the Olivera and the Mellons and the Morgans, who are stockholders in all of these thieving and avaricious trusts. And the root of all the evil and murder and injustice is the capitalist system which it is the mission of the Socialist party to destroy.

And right here we wish to notify the capitalist murderers and the judicial crew that goes with them, that such outrages as have been enacted in Westmoreland county within the past year, and especially within the last month—the lockout of the railroad shompen just over the Westmoreland county line, and the McNamara kidnaping being two of the incidents—that such capitalist criminality only hastens the day when the working class will achieve its own emancipation. One more riot similar to the Jamieson outrage will insure the election of a Socialist as sheriff and along with it the rest of the Socialist ticket, and a few more McNamara outrages will insure a Socialist president. So come along with your judicial and capitalist outrages, Mr. Coal Baron and Mr. Railroad Trustee and Mr. Socialist Hater and Mr. Strike Breaker. It is all good propaganda for us. There is a limit to the endurance of the working man, and the limit surely has been reached in Westmoreland county—the worse than Russia of America.

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Young Winslow graduated from the University of Wisconsin four years ago. At that time, he was not known as particularly radical. He wrote a

### Turner Societies Disgraced

#### Their Memorial Day Observance Used for Partisan Politics

[TO THE EDITOR.]

The Turner society "Milwaukee" arranged a celebration on Memorial day, which must have been a surprise, if not a disappointment to many of those who were present.

Special invitation had been issued to other Turner organizations, and the hall was well filled. Bahn Frei Turners turned up with their drum corps, but had to go way back and sit down, using a side entrance. Master of ceremonies was Speaker Krauthofer and the former speaker, Emil Wallber. After having led the veterans to the seats reserved for them, Mr. Wallber delivered an address, in which he claimed that the Turners went to war in support of the constitution and the flag. He felt impelled to say that both were in danger to this day, but had to be defended to all eternity. Our constitution, which gave liberty to the world at large, is as up-to-date as a hundred years ago, and must always remain unchanged.

Consul Wallber forgot that the war's result consisted, as far as the constitution was concerned in THE FIFTEENTH and SIXTEENTH AMENDMENT!

We will not expect him to read McMaster's History of the United States, nor Prof. J. Allen Smith's book, "The Spirit of American Government" at his age. But it would be well if speakers who address a gathering of men and women would know what they are talking about.

The Milwaukee Maennerchor sang

### Trade Union Directory

In the following list, name and number of the union is given first, date and place of meeting follow. The name and address is that of the union secretary. These secretaries are not fully performing their duties unless the corresponding secretary of the Federated Trades Council is at all times kept informed of any change in time and place of meeting, or of secretary or of his office.

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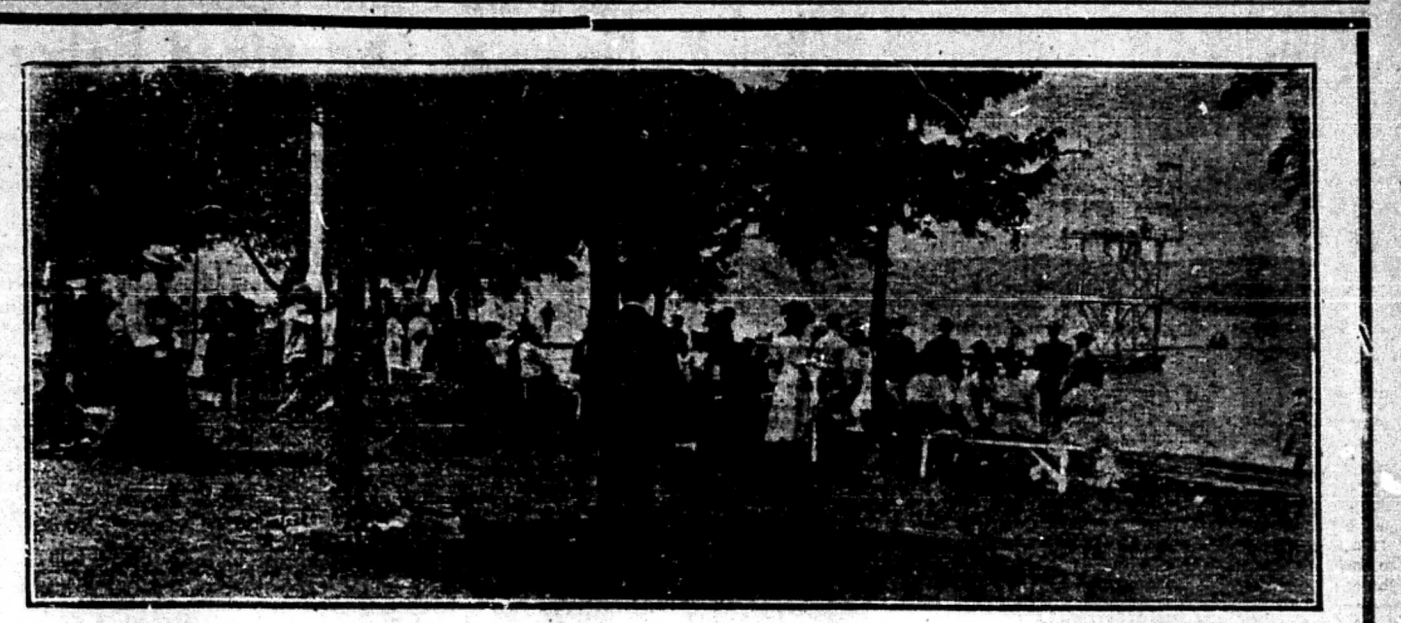
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# News of Organized Labor

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## Brewery Strike Won

The strike of the machinists and the members of the Building Trades department, which has been on at the breweries in the city for the past month, was settled last week by the signing of a blanket agreement which includes all trades with the exception of the carpenters, who are not members of the Building Trades department. This is the first contract signed by the Brewers' association with the Building Trades in which the machinists were included. The ending of the strike is a complete victory for the men and the new contract carries an increase in wages ranging all the way from 2 1/2 cents to 10 cents per hour. Under the terms of the new agreement the wages for the various trades will be as follows: Machinists, 4 1/2 cents per hour; electrical workers, 4 1/2 cents; helpers, 2 1/2 cents; sheet metal workers, 4 1/2 cents; steamfitters, 50 cents; helpers, 25 cents; painters, 50 cents; and shellackers, 55 cents per hour. The men will all have the eight-hour day and the Saturday half-holiday, except in cases of necessity and extra work, when the pay will be time and one-half.

**State Federation Convention**  
 The Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, one of the most progressive state bodies in the organized labor movement in this country, will hold its annual convention in the city of La Crosse this year, opening on Wednesday, July 19, and remaining in session for the balance of the week. Quite a number of organizations will hold elections during the next month for the purpose of sending delegates to this convention. In fact, some have already elected delegates. The call for the convention will soon be sent out by Secretary Brockhausen, and Mr. Union Man, when it reaches your organization, "get busy." If your union is not affiliated see that it becomes so at once, and then see that it sends a full quota of delegates. There will be a couple of night sessions this year for the benefit of the unions and the general public. We will be able to announce a full program later.

**Lima, O.**—The Plumbers' union of this city signed a new agreement with all the shops but two, whereby the men receive an increase in wages of 50 cents per day.

**Indianapolis, Ind.**—The Sheet Metal Workers of this city recently obtained an increase in wages from 42 cents to 47 cents an hour. Hoisting engineers also obtained an increase from 50 cents to 56 1/2 cents an hour.

**New York, N. Y.**—The big strike of the bakers, in which thirteen hundred members of the Hebrew locals in this city were involved has been settled with a complete victory for the bakers. The question at issue was an increase in wages of two dollars per week all around.

**Toledo, O.**—The differences between the Brewery Workers and the proprietors in this city have been satisfactorily adjusted and a two-year contract has been signed, which includes brewery workers, bottlers, drivers and apprentices, in substantial increases. The new scale provides for \$1.50 per week increase on all inside work. The bottlers and drivers each get \$1 per week increase. The apprentices will receive an advance of \$1 per week for the first year, and \$2 per week for the second year.

**Taylorville, Ill.**—The Carpenters of this city have increased their scale of wages from 40 to 50 cents per hour and reduced hours from nine to eight.

**Providence, R. I.**—Department store chauffeurs have secured an increase in wages of \$2 per week.

**Berlin, Ont.**—The Laborers' union of this city has secured an increase of 2 cents per hour.

**Pittsburg, Kan.**—The Carpenters of this city have secured an increase in wages from 37 1/2 to 42 1/2 cents per hour.

**White Plains, N. Y.**—The members of the Electricians' union have just secured an increase in wages of 25 cents per day.

**Grand Forks, N. D.**—The Printers and Pressmen recently secured an increase in wages of \$1.50 per week.

**Lorain, O.**—The Stationary engineers employed in the municipal water plant in this city have secured an increase in wages of \$5 per month.

**Reading, Pa.**—The Brewery Workers have secured an increase of \$1 per week. Engineers and firemen also secured \$1 increase and an eight-hour day.

**Troy, N. Y.**—After a strike of five weeks' duration, the painters have won out and secured an increase in wages of 20 cents per day.

**MACHINISTS WINNING**  
 Strike On in Greater New York to Establish the Eight-Hour Day Meeting with Success.

On May 1, 10,000 machinists in Greater New York went on strike for the eight-hour day. President O'Connell states that the strike is being successfully conducted, and that sixty firms have already signed up with eight hours as the basis. The Splendor Magneto company, employing 1,500 men, is one of them.

During the past few weeks the members of the International Association of Machinists have made many new agreements in different parts of the country with substantial increases in every instance. At Memphis, Tenn., an increase of 3 cents per hour has been secured in the contract shops. The Iowa Central railway has just signed an agreement which carries an increase of 1 1/2 cents per hour for the machinists. At Baltimore, Md., they have just executed an agreement with the Crown Cork and Seal company which calls for an increase in wages of 25 cents per day.

## Number of Wage Agreements Rapidly Increasing and Providing Beneficial to Employees

Washington.—From consular reports just issued it is stated that wage agreements between employers and employees of Germany are increasing. Reports are available for the years 1907, 1908 and 1909, and are as follows:

In 1907 there were in force 5,324 wage agreements in 111,050 plants, with 974,564 employees.

In 1908 there were 5,671 wage agreements in 120,401 establishments, affecting 1,026,435 employees.

In 1909 there were 6,578 wage agreements in force, covering 137,214 plants, and affecting 1,107,478 employees.

These reports, considered accurate and reliable, add that it is now a pronounced policy of the German trade unions to establish definite trade agreements wherever possible.

## STRIKE OF UNORGANIZED Slaves Quit Work in Edged Tool Plant of the Collins Company at Collinsville, Conn.

Washington.—At Collinsville, Conn., there is in progress a strike of unorganized slaves in the establishment of the Collins company, manufacturers of edged tools. The company is an old one, and recently a new style of axe was introduced, in the making of which the grinders were virtually reduced in pay by the added work on it. This caused dissatisfaction and a number of the employees quit, followed by others. The slaves are the seventh nationality employed by the firm, the employers in turn having displaced Yankees with Irish, then Irish with Germans, then French, then Swedish, then Finns, and finally the slaves.

## ANOTHER VICTORY FOR PRINTERS

**De Vinne Press of New York City Enters Into Agreement with Typographical Union**

Washington.—One of the oldest and best known book and job printing establishments in the country, the De Vinne Press of New York City, will hereafter conduct its composing room as a strictly union department. James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical union, has just notified Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, of this important accession. Through the efforts of President Lynch, and President Tyle of No. 6, this desirable result has been attained. Beside other important and large contracts for printing held by the De Vinne Press, the Century Magazine and St. Nicholas is gotten out.

## CHARTER ISSUED

**Western Federation of Miners Granted Full Affiliation with the American Federation of Labor**

Washington.—President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners, under date of May 6, notified President Gompers that canvass of the referendum vote overwhelmingly endorsed the proposition to accept the charter upon the conditions laid down by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor at its meeting Jan. 16-27. On May 9 the charter was issued.

## COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPHERS

**Employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company to Go to an Eight-Hour Day with Increased Pay**

Washington.—Information seemingly authentic states that the key men in the employ of the Western Union will be granted an eight-hour day on the first of June, together with a substantial increase in wages. As near as can be learned the increase amounts from 5 to 15 per cent. The most pleasing feature, however, is the announcement that President Vail of the company has gone on record as being opposed to any discrimination against telegraphers who belong to a union.

## Labor Notes

Painters and cement workers of Sacramento, Cal., have obtained an increase of 50 cents per day without strike.

Garment workers of Alton, Ill., recently organized and secured the eight-hour day and standard wage scale.

Stone masons and painters of Kan-kakee, Ill., have secured an increase in wages.

At Rock Island, Ill., the painters secured 7 cents per hour increase, carpenters, 5 cents per hour; bricklayers, 10 cents per hour; plumbers obtained Saturday half holiday, and the hoisting engineers secured an increase of 16 cents per hour and an eight-hour day.

Stove molders at Spring City, Pa., obtained an increase of 5 per cent.

The first eight-hour day ever granted by a railway corporation to its mechanical department employees was conceded by the Denver & Rio Grande railway recently.

New unions of brick, tile and terra cotta workers have been organized at Kingston, N. Y., and Oakland, Cal.

Painters of Guelph, Ont., have secured an increase of 5 1/2 cents per hour.

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# Was a Desperate Resort

This latest decision of the United States supreme court will by no means increase the veneration of the people for our judiciary.

The Gompers-Mitchell-Morrison contempt case had developed into a political issue. Why was the decision not given a year ago? For political reasons the supreme court's decision was not given before last fall's congressional elections.

The decision simply relieves President Taft and his Republican machine in Washington of a very embarrassing situation. The political powers in Washington fully realized that with Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison in jail the American working-class might do some serious thinking concerning the conditions created by the capitalist class under the protection of the Republican and Democratic parties.

The days of the A. R. U. strike and Debs' imprisonment in Woodstock jail are not yet forgotten, and Taft & Co. learned by experience.—St. Louis Labor.

## John Deitz Defense Committee Reorganized

The Deitz Defense committee was reorganized at a meeting in Mr. G. Schulte's place, 331 Wells street, last Saturday night. A \$10,000 fund, with which to secure a new and fair trial for J. Deitz, will be raised, and a thorough investigation into the first trial will be undertaken, in an effort to learn how the jury was influenced in its infamous decision, and to lay the guilty parties to trial.

The following members to solicit funds were announced and furnished with special printed stub receipt books. Joseph Pachler, William Selin, William Uebele, Fritz Bruhn, Joseph Rapel, George Nero, Frank Hosenberg.

The committee, which is to plan further arrangements, consists of Joseph Rapel, Edward Fischbeck and Frank Hosenberg.

Mrs. Deitz and Leslie, who are now in Fond du Lac, where Clarence is recovering from an appendicitis operation, will come to Milwaukee as soon as Clarence's condition improves. Meetings will then be held at several halls of the city, and Mrs. Deitz and her children will give the public a true story of all the hardships they suffered during the many years of defending their home and family against a powerful trust and its hired tools of murderers and from ambush assassins.

Meetings will be held every Thursday, at 8 p. m., at 331 Wells street, at which all subscriptions will be accounted for.

F. Hosenberg, 1125 Vliet street, Milwaukee, May 30, 1911.

## Loan Sharks Must Go

Introduction of Bill to Prohibit "Shylocks from Operating in the District of Columbia.

Washington, April 27.—It is a matter of common knowledge that the city of Washington harbors countless numbers of loan sharks that prey upon government employees, extorting from them fabulous rates of interest and frequently dictating promotions as the result of their debt grip upon the salaries of their victims. It is said that many "respectables" assume the detestable Shakespearean role, and with a "stand in" with heads of department have been beyond the reach of any one desiring to prohibit this practice.

But the obnoxious practice is now to be actively fought. Many of the residents are at last aroused, and there has been a bill introduced in congress to correct this abuse. The bill provides that each person, firm or corporation loaning money in this manner must be licensed, furnishing a bond in the sum of \$5,000. In violation of the law penalties are provided from a fine ranging from \$25 to \$200 and by imprisonment from five to thirty days, or both fine and punishment.

## Big Circus Announced

**Barnum and Bailey Greatest Show on Earth to Exhibit Here Soon.**

The billboards and dead walls about the city are announcing that the Barnum and Bailey Greatest Show on Earth is to visit Milwaukee Monday, June 19. Great interest attaches to the event because it is again the policy of this foremost circus to present a street parade in the forenoon. Their new open-air spectacle is the wonder of the age. It cost the management over \$1,000,000.

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This year's program is one of unusual interest even for this circus. It embraces all the European talent of the last winter season. The menagerie has been increased and the new parade is an exposition of the world's curios. The performance is given under the largest canvas ever erected. Beneath it are seats for 15,000 persons, three rings, two stages, a vast hippodrome track and an aerial enclave filled with a bewildering labyrinth of apparatus. The circus employs 1,500 people, 1,200 of whom travel with the organization. There are 700 horses, forty elephants and 1,200 other animals. The train upon which it travels is more than a mile long and is divided into five sections.

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# The Escape from the Asphalt Ring!

Specifications in Milwaukee for asphalt paving are open. By that we mean that any good asphalt whose physical properties make it a good paving material may be admitted for street work. This was not the case under the old specifications, and as a direct result, by far the major portion of the city's asphalt work was done by two companies, viz: the Badger Construction company and the White Construction company, both of whom used Trinidad Lake asphalt.

There are other good asphalts, viz: Cuban, Bermudez, Gilsonite, California and many others. The California asphalt itself admits a number of competing concerns. It is highly desirable that the city obtain all of the benefit derived from open and free competition and this has been accomplished by the opening of the specifications for this year's work. When Mr. Mullen was appointed in August of last year, he found the city laying a three layer asphalt pavement—a foundation course, a top course and a binder course. Since the top and the bottom layers of a pavement are the only ones of any importance, he immediately eliminated the middle or binder course. Up to that time prices ranged \$2.38, \$2.40 and \$2.43 per square yard. Immediately the prices dropped to \$2.15, \$2.10, \$2.05, \$1.99 and \$1.95. It was impossible, however, in the brief time intervening between the appointment of Mr. Mullen and the letting of these contracts to open the specifications, thereby permitting free competition among the sellers of desirable asphalts. This job was the work of many weeks, and during the winter and spring, with the help of Mr. Lester Kirschbraun of Chicago, specifications were finally drawn so as to permit the use of all desirable asphalts.

On Wednesday, May 24, the first bids under the new specifications were received at this office and opened according to law. Heretofore two bids for asphalt work were usually received. This time, however, six were presented. Before the envelopes were opened each bidder was requested to state to us the kind and brand of asphalt he proposed to use. The answers were Trinidad, Cuban, California and Gilsonite. This selection of material covers a wide range in the asphalt field and it was immediately proposed that we abandon the specifications we had drawn for the 1911 season and revert to those used during the 1910 season. Objections to this substitution were immediately received from four of the six bidders on the ground that the specifications for 1910 would not permit the use of the material they desired, and that, therefore, they could not present bids if this substitution were made. The other two bidders, being the concerns who had already done work under the old closed specifications, which permitted the use of only Trinidad asphalt, did not object. This proves clearly without any question of doubt, that the old specifications were positively closed and that different asphalts are permissible under the new.

Mr. Carney's statement in the Free Press under the date of May 24 was a denial that the old specifications were closed. I simply call attention to this statement of Mr. Carney on the one hand and the statement of the bidding contractors on the other, that the old specifications were closed.

The successful bidders on the contracts recently let are Badger Construction company, on Greenfield avenue and North avenue, at \$1.41 and \$1.45, respectively, per square yard. The lowest price we were able to secure last year on exactly the same kind of pavement was \$1.95. The price this year under open specifications is \$1.40—a drop of 45 cents per square yard. It is interesting to note, however, that the Badger Construction company bid and received a contract for work in 1910 at \$2.43 a square yard, and that they bid on and obtained a contract in 1911 for \$1.40 a square yard.

The difference of \$1.03 in the above prices is chargeable first, to the elimination of the binder course which is superfluous so far as the life and quality of the pavement is concerned; second, to the opening of the specifications which permits a healthy competition; third, to the elimination of the guarantee which is recommended by the National Association for Standardizing Paving Specifications, on the ground that where adequate inspection and proper selection of

material are secured the guarantee is absolutely unnecessary. The elimination of the binder course has cut the price about 35c a yard in Milwaukee. The opening of the specifications has reduced the price 61 cents a yard as based on last Wednesday's lettings. The elimination of the guarantee has made a further reduction of 2 cents per square yard, making a total saving of approximately 68 cents based on the prices of three-layer asphalt pavements laid under the old specifications, and those received last Wednesday for a two-layer asphalt pavement, let under the new specifications.

The total number of yards to be paved on Greenfield and North avenues is 60,000, of which 31,592 yards are to be charged to the street railway company, leaving 28,408 yards which were let under contract at \$1.40, \$1.41 and \$1.45 per square yard. Under the old specifications with the old price of \$2.40 per square yard, and under the old method of assessment, the total yardage had these jobs not been rescinded last year, would have cost the city street and alley fund and the abutting property owner approximately \$219,000. Fifty-nine thousand six hundred and sixty-seven square yards let under the new specifications at the new prices, the average of which is \$1.42 per square yard, will cost the city street and alley fund and the abutting property owner approximately \$81,500. The proposed saving is, therefore, \$134,500.

The city attorney's department has already taken steps to compel T. M. E. R. & L. Co. to pay their share of the new pavement, but should this for some reason, due to court litigation or otherwise, prove unsuccessful this year, the absolutely net saving secured on last Wednesday's lettings is approximately \$90,000.

The city of Milwaukee will probably lay from 200,000 to 250,000 yards of permanent asphalt paving during the season of 1911. Figured on the basis of approximately \$1 a yard, the net saving to the city due to the drop in cost of asphalt paving will be from \$200,000 to \$250,000. If T. M. E. R. & L. Co. pays its share of the new pavement, it will make an additional saving of many thousands of dollars.

This is interesting to me personally because at the factory gates I have talked about beefsteak. And a short time ago an article of mine was published in the Herald on the subject, "Why Is Meat High?"

Beefsteak is high because a small group of men operating the National Packing Company have gotten control of the meat supply of the country and are able to dictate markets, transportation and prices of meat.

## A Working Class Majority.

The only way this power of organized capital can be broken is by a political fighting organization of the people, the men at the factory gates. When the men in the shops stand together and vote solidly for their own class representatives in city, state and national governments, a strong beginning will be made.

And when there is a working class majority in Madison and in Washington, there will be such control and ownership by the people—the men at the factory gates—that every workman, every producer, will have good beefsteak, beefsteak that can be turned into good red blood and tissue and brain.

## What We Really Say.

Therefore, the garbled quotation of "Slippery Joe" ought to read this way: "Put a revolutionary majority of us Social-Democrats in office in city, state and nation, and we'll see that you get beefsteak just as good as your employers have now."

# Carney's Beefsteak

By Carl Sandburg.

When Ald Joseph P. Carney debated in the West Division high school, he made one statement worthy of notice.

It is worthy of notice because it comes from the one man who today is the chief speaker for the office hungry battalions of Rose Democrats.

## At the Factory Gates.

"Those who have not been at the shops and heard the speeches that the Social-Democrats make at the factory gates have no idea of how the Social-Democrats are deceiving the ignorant workmen," said Ald Carney in the West Division high school May 19.

"They say to the workmen, 'Put us in office and we'll see that you get beefsteak just as good as your employers have.'"

"These are the false hopes the Social-Democrats are holding out to the workmen. And some of the men at the factories are misled by these promises. They believe these things. And I say it's wrong to deceive ignorant workmen in this way."

Some Questions. Question: What Social-Democratic campaign speaker has ever made the statement to a crowd of workmen, "Put us in office and we'll see that you get beefsteak just as good as your employers have?"

Question: In what shops in Milwaukee are the ignorant workmen

who believe that a Social-Democratic minority in state and nation could accomplish this?

Question: If it is a fact that these workmen fail to understand the real and actual statements made by Social-Democrats, whose fault is it that they have had no little education? Is it their own fault? Or is it the fault of vicious economics and vicious politics?

## More Questions.

Question: If it could be realized, would it not make a healthier, happier and more efficient nation of people if workmen could have as good beefsteak as their employers?

Question: Is it not a shameful and degrading fact that one class of men should have proper, nourishing food, while another class, a toiling, producing class, lives on scraps and has to get along year in and year out without ever tasting a genuinely good beefsteak?

## Why Is Meat High?

Question: Isn't this statement, "Put us in office and we'll see that you get beefsteak just as good as your employers," the same kind of miserable, fabricated lie as the statement attributed to Ald Seidel, "Put me in the board of public works office two weeks and I will find work for all the unemployed?"



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The city has been at the mercy of the material men for years. Time and again has the common council tried to open the specifications for asphalt paving. Every effort met with failure. Either the mayor vetoed the resolution, or it was referred to a committee and died a natural death. The present administration has opened the asphalt paving specifications without any request from the council. They introduced economies into the use of materials and prices of laying which has eliminated from 20 cents to 25 cents of the cost to the contractor. In the bids recently opened a drop of approximately \$1 was obtained, which proves conclusively that the city has for years been in the hands of one of the most vicious, relentless, money-getting corporations in the United States.

In conclusion, it is only necessary to call your attention to the fact that the exorbitant prices of \$2.30, \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.25 have prevailed in the city for years. The possible savings to the taxpayers of Milwaukee due to the opening of specifications and careful supervision and inspection is simply staggering. We do not even attempt to estimate what the savings might have been during the last ten years.

Harry E. Briggs, Commissioner of Public Works.

## What Is Patriotism?

Many foggy and strange ideas about patriotism are abroad in America. Some people believe in a patriotism of hate and dissension. Others believe in a patriotism of brotherhood and unity.

The following interviews with Milwaukee Social-Democrats are an attempt to throw a little light on the subject.

E. T. Melms

Patriotism is too often a lot of words that don't mean anything. When some patriots get through with their speeches about the flag and the constitution, nobody knows what they've been talking about.

A few years ago I spoke at a celebration in Marinette. The man before me was an old lawyer who had been making Fourth of July speeches all his life. He talked for an hour and waved his hands and threw out a long line of language.

When I followed him, I asked those in the audience who were sure they understood what he had been talking about to raise their hands. Only seven hands went up.

Patriotism is too much connected with war. Most of the wars of the world have been for annexation purposes. One country wanted some land that another country had. And the war was started for the purpose of getting the land that was wanted.

In such wars, the soldiers have not understood what they were fighting for. The workingman who wants to go to the front and fight for the class that is exploiting him can do so. That is a privilege he has. But I don't want to fight against my class.

The Russo-Japanese war and the Spanish-American war were fought in order to get more territory. The workingmen who shot and stabbed each other didn't know why.

Carl Minkley

If patriotism means love of country, then there are two duties for every patriot. In the first place, he ought to do all that he can to improve his own country. He ought to do all in his power to make his country a better place to live in.

In the second place, he ought to fight for his country if it is attacked, but only when it is attacked. A real patriot will never join in a war to attack another country.

Understand, there are two kinds of war. There is (1) economic war and (2) military war. And if working men know where they stand in the economic war, they will have very little to do with military war.

The military wars have almost all been fought for markets and economic advantages. As workingmen learn to read and think so that they realize the causes back of war, they will not fight each other. A fine instance of this was the French and German workingmen, who shook hands across the border and refused to shoot and kill each other for the sake of grabbing some economic advantage far over in Morocco.

## That Model Franchise

The model franchise, whose main terms and stipulations were made public this week, represents the first determined step by a city government in Milwaukee toward municipal ownership of street railways.

Negotiations were begun last summer between a group of capitalists and the members of the city administration. For several months negotiations were held. But no agreement was effected.

The real reason why successful conclusions were not brought about has not yet been publicly stated. In principle and by platform promises, the Social-Democrats are absolutely committed to municipal ownership where possible.

The franchise was an attempt to secure for the people of the city every advantage that could possibly accompany the privilege accompanying a franchise. It was the first time in franchise-making in Milwaukee that there was an attempt to get more privileges for the people than for the corporations.

The attempt failed. Fully and frankly and fairly, it failed. The necessary capital could not be procured for the enterprise. On this line there will be more information later.

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**At the Theaters Next Week**

**DAVIDSON—"A Man's World"**

Miss Frances McHenry, the leading woman of the Davidson stock company, will make her first appearance in Milwaukee on Monday evening, when she assumes the principal role in "A Man's World," a play which has only recently been released for stock purposes. Miss McHenry was engaged at the beginning of the season, but her popularity in Des Moines was so great that it was impossible to secure her release until this week. "A Man's World" essays the discussion of



a subject which has been a psychological puzzle for ages. It takes up the almost universally accepted idea that there is one standard for women and another for men in the same circumstances. That it is impossible for a woman to retrieve her lost position which for a man it is comparatively easy, is not only a theory, but a fact which every day life proves. "A Man's World" will begin on Monday evening and ending on Sunday night. The usual Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday matinees will be given.

**EMPERESS—Vaudeville**

Noodles Fagey, the king of the newboys, heads the new bill at the Empress, which opens Sunday. The



balance of the program promises many unusual features. The feature of the bill is the Six Lady Cyclists.

**PABST—"Elishah ben Abuyah"**

Paul Horwitz of Milwaukee and Ivan Abramson of New York will present at the Pabst theater on Monday evening, June 3, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Adler, and an all-star cast direct from Adler's Thalia theater, New York, in the masterpiece—"Elishah ben Abuyah"—of the late lamented Jacob Gordin. "The Jewish Ibsen."

The play as interpreted by the dis-



tinguished author, and which was written exclusively for Jacob Adler, is composed entirely of passion, heroism and a multitude of brilliant ideas. The drama played in New York for a whole year and has won recognition and high praise from Jew and Gentile alike. It is said.

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**MAJESTIC—Vaudeville**

Cecil Lean and Florence Holbrook, co-stars in a dozen successful com-



edies and who have a record of 2,000 consecutive performances in one Chicago theater, are coming to the Majestic theater for the week beginning June 5, to headline a bill of exceptional merit. They will come with two of their former song hits and several new ones they have composed themselves. Another strong act on the bill is that of Mlle. Bianci Froehlich, appearing in several new dances. Then there are the International Polo teams, who will play real games of polo on the stage, using bicycles for horses.

**CRYSTAL—Vaudeville**

The program scheduled at the Crystal tomorrow afternoon promises to be one of the classiest and most entertaining of any that have been offered. Manager Raymond has booked "Arnoldo's Leopards" for the feature act next week. An audience could not desire a more sensational offering than the five beautiful and fero-

cious leopards and two jaguars. These animals are put through their paces and do stunts that would seem impossible to believe, that domestic animals would do, let alone wild ones. Elenor Otis and company, in a pretty and winsome sketch of stage life, "De Vere of the Chorus." This is one of the prettiest bits of acting that the vaudeville stage can offer.

**RAVENNA PARK—Amusements**

Headed by Dunker's band, there will be no want for good music at Ravenna park when it opens Sunday, June 11. Mr. Dunker and every one of his musicians are very enthusiastic over securing the opening engagement. In years past local musicians have not been given a fair chance when it came to secure the opening date at the local amusement resort. Director Dunker, no doubt, will be in the right channel, for his intention is to give the local amusement going public good American and popular music, coupled with selections and operas that will not require an expert to tell what is being played. This sort of music is expected will again create a demand for large band concerts in amusement parks. The big opening free attraction will be by Granada and Fedora, known as the king and queen of the aerial cable. Sunday, June 4, is free inspection day and a large crowd is expected to turn out to see the present condition of the large and popular resort.

**PAPST PARK—Amusements**

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annual outing in Pabst park on Sunday will form a part of the working fund. It is estimated that 10,000 people will be present. The holder of the right ticket will receive a handsome kitchen range valued at \$45. Pabst park is a pleasure ground which has won popularity through the diversity of its many amusements. It is a pleasant place to spend an afternoon or evening. Concerts are given in the pavilion by Mayr's band, with solos by Miss Hattie Lurad. Young men and women have expressed a decided preference for the new scenic coaster which was built at a cost of \$25,000. The coaster is one of the longest and highest in the country and a ride on it is a thrilling experience.

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**[TO THE EDITOR.]**

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On all sides except from a few politicians of the old school, it is acknowledged that the breaking of the "closed specifications" and throwing the jobs open to competition is a big step in advance. At the same time it is generally understood that the saving of \$54,000 represented in the first three jobs let this year, is only a beginning and that the total savings will run above a quarter of a million dollars during the year of 1911.

**Facts Not Disputed**

All the facts of the paving swindle stand as published last week. That a graft of hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly was made out of the "closed specifications" game has not been disputed thus far.

Even Ald. Carney, formerly chairman of the streets and alleys committee, makes criticism only on minor details. He has announced his opinions through the daily papers. He comments on the maintenance guarantee, discusses the binder course which was eliminated, slaps at the ability of Briggs and the competency of Mullen. But the big main facts that the city of Milwaukee has been robbed of hundreds of thousands of dollars through the game of "closed specifications" and that a saving of over \$54,000 is already made—these big main facts are not denied nor discussed, even by "Slippery Joe."

**Charter Complied With**

All the contracts will be completely valid and legal. A majority of the property holders concerned in the North avenue work have signed petitions for the work and according to the provisions of the city charter (page 153) this makes sure that the work will go ahead in a legal manner, even though Ald. Koch of the Tenth ward was in a hospital at the time the work was recommended in the common council.

The charter says clearly that when a majority of the residents, owning a majority of the feet in front of all the lots, fronting on a proposed improvement, shall file a petition for an improvement, it shall be the duty of the public works department and of the common council to grant the request.

**Some Varnish**

The daily papers came out with a hoary varnished story to the effect that because Ald. Koch was absent when the proposed improvement was passed on in the council, therefore the new contracts were not legal. The papers stated that this was the claim and the opinion of "minority aldermen."

Who the minority aldermen are that made this claim was not stated by the papers. Either "minority aldermen" are being misquoted by the daily papers or, these "minority aldermen" are making fool's guesses without even haphazard knowledge of what the city charter states very clearly.

The contracts are perfectly legal and the contracts will hold.

**S—Sh!**

The point on which the "minority aldermen" are keeping their lips closed is that of "closed specifications." On this subject a deep hush of thick silence clings to Ald. Carney, who was chairman of the streets and alleys committee under the Rose gang rule of the city.

On the day the North and Greenfield avenues contracts were bid upon and the bids opened, May 24, Ald. Carney appeared in a morning paper with a long letter in which he still stood for the old "closed specifications." Since the opening of the bids, however, Ald. Carney has held his head quiet.

**Was Carney Double-Crossed?**

Carney now understands that somebody got big huddle out of the "closed specifications" asphalt paving jobs. And he knows that if he didn't get his share of the huddle his pals gave him the double-cross.

Positive proofs are in the hands of the Social-Democrats to show that the Rose gang board of public works asphalt specifications were "closed." These proofs are of such a character that no judge or jury would hesitate over a decision.

**What an Expert Says**

Lester Kirschbraun, director of the Chicago Paving Laboratory, is acknowledged as one of the foremost, if not the leading, consulting and testing engineer on pavements and paving materials, in the United States. In a letter to Supt. Mullen May 26, he analyzes the old specifications in detail, and states:

"The result of a strict adherence to these specifications and compliance with the requirements, would be to create a monopoly, giving the opportunity to only those who use Trinidad asphalt to lay pavements under these specifications. The natural result of such monopoly has been made evident upon innumerable occasions in placing a city at the mercy of such contractors as are able to obtain exclusive use of or advantageous price upon such asphalt from the company producing same."

**New Pavements Will be Good**

The complete letter from Mr. Kirschbraun is published in full with other testimony in another part of this issue.

The Herald, regarding the new specifications, Mr. Kirschbraun says, "I find these to be practically identical in regard to the kind of asphalt admitted, with the specifications adopted in 1910 and 1911 by the Organization of Officials for Standardizing Paving Specifications, which specifications are largely in use in cities throughout the country where competition exists in asphalt paving. These specifications admit the use of Trinidad, Bermudez, Gilsonite, California, Cuban and Maracaibo asphalts, each with their proper fluxes and under such conditions as to provide for the laying of good and durable pavements."

**A University Professor**

Prof. Leonard G. Smith, a consulting engineer of the University of Wisconsin, making a preliminary report on Milwaukee pavements, with "suggested changes in old specifications," says:

"Trinidad asphalt has been used exclusively in Milwaukee under all conditions of drainage. The experience of other cities suggests the wisdom of trying more than one kind of asphalt. The wretched condition of Milwaukee asphalt pavements is an added business reason."

**There Was Monopoly**

Just before the bids were opened May 24, the representatives of the bidders were asked if they had any objections to the old specifications being substituted for the new.

The R. F. Conway company, which was awarded two of the three contracts bid upon May 24, stated clearly that it could not have entered on the bidding under the old specifications. John J. McCarthy, president of the company, writes Supt. Mullen May 26 as follows:

"The specifications formerly drawn and used in your city for asphalt paving restricts entirely the asphalt to be used to what is known as 'Trinidad Lake asphalt,' this asphalt being entirely controlled by one supply company, thus creating a monopoly. The specifications now in use in Milwaukee are so open as to obtain the broadest possible competition, allowing the use of any good asphalt now on the market."

From the facts thus shown, it is clear why Ald. Carney and some of the minority members of the common council are silent about specifications.

**A Maintenance Guarantee**

On a pavement has always been more or less of a joke. This was chiefly because the guarantee is seldom for more than five years.

The first five years, it is easy to "maintain" and repair a pavement. It is after the first five years, after the guarantee has expired, that the pavements get bumpy and ragged and crumbled and worthless.

In Detroit last year, the total cost of maintenance was \$251.23 on 1,089,008.23 square yards.

"Maintenance guarantee" in the past has been a fake for extortion.

**About the "Binder Course"**

Supt. Mullen says that the best reason for abolishing it is that there is no good reason for having it. If Mr. Mullen is asked, "Why have you abolished the 'binder course'?" he replies, "Well, why do you want the 'binder course'? What use is it? And to this question there is no answer. It is cut out because it is useless."

**Will We Get Good Pavements This Year?**

Watch and wait.

Let the Social-Democrats do the watching. If the public will wait, there will result this year the best pavements at the lowest cost thus far known in Milwaukee.

## Town Topics by the Town Crier

Three cheers for the Sane Fourth!

Singular, wasn't it, that the Memorial Day committee, whoever it was, picked such a fellow as W. G. Bruce, a Neely lieutenant, to make an oration? And yet, not so strange.

Now for the municipal electric light plant! And after we get it, we want laws that will permit its use in our homes as well as for lighting our street.

May was the greatest building month in Milwaukee's history since 1907. Permits issued aggregated \$2,086,480, the largest in the city's entire experience save in the one year noted.

Now it appears that Bogk only allowed the use of his name for the bringing of the charges against the librarian. It was a lawyer that was back of it. But who was back of the lawyer?

Certain commercial "patriots" would prefer to have the conservative United States constitution read at the Sane Fourth celebrations instead of the radical Declaration of Independence, we haven't a doubt.

Henry Weber, a Rose politician, and the proprietor of a politicians' saloon, that in the palmy days of Rose had a gambling house upstairs, has been chosen president of Milwaukee's park board.

It comes to us that the politicians had quietly passed the word that the Memorial Day services were to be the occasion of an attack on the Socialists. These scoundrels would debase any occasion for the purpose of advancing their common interests.

Socialistic members of the Turn societies who were present at the West Side Turn hall Memorial Day observance were much incensed at the cowardly attitude of Judge Wallber, and surprised and pleased at the high tone and utter fairness of the address of Henry Fink. The tableaux were criticised as breathing the man-killing spirit instead of the spirit of peace and brotherhood.

From the reports that have come to us, there must have been, fully one-third of the audiences at the Pabst theater and the West Side Turn hall who were Social-Democrats. Mayor Seidel was in the audience at the West Side Turn hall. It is to the credit of our people that they passed over the insult heaped on them in noble silence. But it will not happen again, we promise you! Another Memorial Day there will be decent people chosen as speakers or we will know the reason why.

The Journal of Monday seized on a fragment out of a local address by a woman from the Pacific coast, calling herself a Socialist cyclone, and played it up strong simply because it bumped Congressman Berger for something, the unreliable Associated Press said he said about some early American patriots. The incident simply emphasizes the burning anxiety of the Journal to smother the Socialists and the recklessness of a woman soap-boxer who like a number of others bob up from time to time with the self-imposed task of providing indispensable help and council for the Milwaukee Socialists now that they have carried the city. The Milwaukee

childish and foolish that the audience simply could not help laughing at them. Still this dirty pair can go about with their heads up because a dishonest daily press protects and keeps them in countenance before the public.

**Another Graft Abolished!**

The canvas of the votes for the election of 1909 by the county supervisors cost the taxpayers \$330. This year the canvas of the votes for the election cost the county treasury just \$87.50, a saving of nearly two-thirds! On the latter occasion the three canvassers attended strictly to business and did not kill time in order to make their bills against the county as large as possible.

Score one more for the Socialists!

**How is This For Popular Representation**

Here's a fine go! As a result of the recent school board election in Milwaukee there are now six out of the fifteen members of the board from the Eighteenth ward! In other words, the Eighteenth ward has over ONE-THIRD of the board that is supposed to represent all parts of the city. We take off our hats in "congratulations" to the lucky Eighteenth ward, but we feel a little sorry for the rest of the town. And it shows that the Social-Democrats were not so far off some years ago when they battled against the reformers for the election of school directors by districts. What do you think?

**Union Label Sustained by Supreme Court**

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