

THE MORALS OF MR. WHITRIDGE

An Open Letter to the Receiver of the Third Avenue Railroad with Reference to His Article on "Public Morality and Street Railways."

Mr. Frederick W. Whitridge:

The Century Magazine for March contains an article on "Public Morality and Street Railways," signed with your name.

You seem rather pessimistic about it.

The losses through peculations or failure to collect fares, for instance, have been generally reckoned at from 5 to 30 per cent. I believe this is exaggerated, but while a certain amount of money has been stolen by employees, and in the nature of things will continue to be stolen until there is a universal and efficacious revival of religion, a considerably larger amount is stolen by the public.

I don't doubt that it is true, Mr. Whitridge, and it is a pretty sad showing for our public morality.

But now some questions about your morality. After sketching the history of our street car system, you say, what The Evening Call has said before, only it comes more forcibly from you who are an official of the Court and certainly not a muck raker:

"So far as we can now see, proper laws which were bought for thousands went into the Metropolitan at millions. A paper road was bought for \$600,000; and another road which sold at foreclosure for \$50,000 went into the Metropolitan at more than a million."

What do you call this, Mr. Whitridge?

the shield of legality, which covers so much venality and corruption. You have opened yourself to the same criticism you fling at us.

You bring an indictment of dishonesty against the public, the public which has been mulcted of its transfers, the public which is jammed into the cars you operate, the public which you care kill and injure at a greater rate than in any other city on earth—you throw an indictment at this public for besting the "company" out of fares. You do it on moral grounds. You quote the decalogue at us:

"Thou Shalt Not Steal"

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And you, Mr. Whitridge? It is your turn.

You, better than most of us, know the real character of these securities, on which you insist that we, the public, shall pay the "fixed charges." You know them to represent fraud. You have taken away our transfers to pay these fraudulent "fixed charges." You have refused to run a decent number of cars, because, forsooth, you must need pay the fraudulent "fixed charges." You have refused to install the safety devices necessary to protect the lives and limbs of the public, because it would interfere with the payment of these fraudulent "fixed charges." You have stood by silent, acquiescing in the public theft which is implied in the continued payment of these fraudulent "fixed charges."

I know you have a "legal right" to do all these things.

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A BULLDOG.

Was It Theft?

We are not talking about its legal aspects, but the morals of it.

It was theft, was it not?

A theft does not happen automatically. When money is stolen, somebody steals it.

Who were the thieves?

Never mind their names—we already know them. And it is not the morality of the thieves which interests me, Mr. Whitridge, but your morality.

You have admitted that certain appalling frauds were practiced by the financiers of the Metropolitan.

"The spoils of all this looting is represented to-day by interest bearing stocks and bonds, is it not?"

And now, what is your present job, Mr. Whitridge, except to protect these fraudulent securities, which you know to be fraudulent?

I understand your legal status, Mr. Whitridge.

But what is your moral status?

The Penal Code punishes those who receive "stolen goods," knowing them to have been stolen.

You, Mr. Whitridge, are under no danger from that paragraph—there is no mention of receivers of stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen.

Do you think, Mr. Whitridge, that the Moral Code is equally silent about those who knowingly aid and abet fraudulent financiers in guarding and perpetuating their public thefts?

A number of experienced lawyers have told me that there is no legal way in which the stolen money can be recovered. They tell me that legally your position and that of the other Receivers is unattackable; that your job is to protect the interest of the shareholders; that you have no legal duty to inquire into the moral validity of these securities.

But you, I am sure, with your love of Biblical quotations and your high moral attitude, will agree with me that the moral issue is the real one.

I believe, Mr. Whitridge, that you have done the public a serious and great service in bringing up the question of Public Morality and Street Railways. The men who have brazenly and systematically looted the transportation system of this city have been able to secure legal and judicial whitewash galore. But despite their great wealth, they can not buy moral decisions. There is no higher court to which they can appeal than the one which issued the injunction you love to quote.

"Thou Shalt Not Steal."

It is possible that the lawyers are correct in saying that no "larceny" has been committed. But you, who are in a position to know, state that "frauds" have been committed. This is the real issue—the moral issue.

If the people of the City of New York will cease to be content with the question, "Is it legal?" and ask, "Is it right?" we may hope for some justice.

But Mr. Whitridge, to return to your morals. In throwing down a moral challenge to the community, you have stepped out from behind

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EIGHT HOUSES ARE BURNED

Block of Two-Story Frame Residences at Jamaica Are Wiped Out.

Eight houses were burned to the ground, three others badly damaged, two children were hurt and twenty-five families made homeless by a fire that wiped out a block of two-story frame residences on Rockaway road, south of Jamaica avenue, Jamaica, L. I., early to-day.

The fire started in the jewelry store of Samuel Springer, at 121 Rockaway road, and spread both ways, destroying all the houses from 117 to 127. When the flames reached the second floor the entire block was blazing and the residents were wiped out before they could get a stream of water into place.

One flame leaped across the street and set fire to the houses at 116, 118 and 120.

One volunteer, however, was able to extinguish this blaze after the front of the houses was burned away.

Meanwhile the members of the twenty-five families fled from their homes in panic and stood in a cold, drizzling rain only partly clad and watched everything they possessed go up in flame.

Joseph Springer, aged sixteen, and Cecil, aged nine, were asleep on the second floor when the blaze was discovered.

They found escape was cut off and they took a desperate chance by dropping from the window.

They were bruised and cut with broken glass. They were attended by an ambulance surgeon from St. Mary's Hospital.

Roosevelt and Family are Here

Services at Home Over Stewart Douglas Robinson, the President's Nephew.

President Roosevelt, accompanied by his wife and son Kermit, his daughter Mrs. Nicholas Longworth; Rear Admiral and Mrs. W. E. Cowles, and Secretary Loeb, are in New York today, and will attend the funeral of the President's nephew, Stewart Douglas Robinson, at the Robinson home, 422 Madison avenue.

Mrs. Roosevelt, Kermit and Mrs. Cowles arrived in New York last night. The President and the rest of the party left Washington on a private car attached to the 12:30 train, and came into Jersey City at 7:15 this morning.

After the funeral the President will return to Washington.

Following the exercises at the home the funeral cortege will move to the Church of Holy Communion, 226 Sixth avenue, where the burial ritual of the Protestant Episcopal Church will be held by the Rev. Henry Mottet, the rector, assisted by the Rev. Leighton Park, rector of St. Bartholomew's Church.

The burial will be in the family plot, Henderson Point, Herkimer County, N. Y.

COURTS AND POLICE

City Magistrates Want Bigger Men in Attendance.

Magistrates Corrigan, Kernochan and House have been appointed a committee to consider the question of appealing, possibly to the Mayor, for younger men to be stationed at the various police courts in place of the older men who are now on duty there.

Magistrate Barlow, president of the board, has expressed his opinion in the matter as follows:

"There is an urgent need of having able bodied policemen in our court rooms, for in the event of any disturbance the effect might be serious to the peace in court, and the influence of such an occurrence would be unfortunate. The police Commissioner declines to give us that sort of men, and I wish to put this matter before the board for discussion. In New York City Court, where I am now sitting, it is about the worst ever."

TRYING TO SETTLE.

Railroad Men in Canada Trying to Settle Differences.

WINNEPEG, Canada, Feb. 24.—The Grand Officers from the United States of the Locomotive Brotherhood of Engineers, Firemen and Trainmen will arrive in Winnipeg Thursday to make a final effort to adjust the differences between the Gank Trunk, Pacific employees and the company.

The grievance committee of the various branches have been in session here three weeks, and finally concluded no agreement could be reached. The men claim the company is not paying the scale of the C. P. R. and C. N. R. and are not living up to the rules governing railway men in Western Canada.

GIRL MAY BE DROWNED.

The finding of several articles of clothing at 196th street and the Harlem River leads the police to believe that Lillian Le Costa, thirty years old, who disappeared on Saturday evening from her home at 295 East 146th street, may have been drowned. The name "L. Le Costa" was inscribed in the lining of a coat which policeman McKoen picked up. The daughter had recently shown signs indicating she may have been a little demoralized.

Special Woman's Edition.

The issue of The Evening Call of Saturday, February 27, will be a special Socialist Woman's Edition. The material for this edition is being prepared under the direction of a special committee of women.

Among the articles that will appear will be the following:

WOMAN AND THE SUFFRAGE, by Mrs. May Wood Simons.

SUFFRAGE AND THE WORKING GIRL, by Gertrude Barnum.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE MOVEMENT AND THE SUFFRAGE, by Morris Hillquit.

HISTORY OF THE SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES, by Anita C. Block.

WHY SOCIALIST WOMEN SHOULD BE SUFFRAGISTS, by Theresa Malkiel.

EXPERIENCES OF A BELIEVER IN SUFFRAGE, by Anna A. Maley.

WOMAN'S SPEECH, by John W. Brown.

CHILD LABOR AND THE SUFFRAGE, by Florence Kelly.

THE ETHICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SUFFRAGE, by Meta L. Stern.

MY EXPERIENCE IN THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, by James F. Carey.

Other contributors will be: Eugene V. Debs, Charles E. Russell, Ellis C. Jones, Margaret Wood, Dr. Anna Meroy, Dr. Antonette Konikow and Franklin H. Wentworth. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Rose Pastor Stokes and Joseph Fitzpatrick will contribute original poems.

There will also be appropriate cartoons.

Orders for bundles of this issue should be placed at once at the usual rate of 50 cents a hundred.

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TWELVE FIREMEN OVERCOME BY GAS

Only Heroic Work of Their Comrades Prevented Death of Brave Fire Fighters This Morning.

Twelve firemen breathed gas into their lungs in a flaming cellar of a tenement house, at 213 First avenue, at 1:30 o'clock this morning, and one by one they fell unconscious with fire all about them. They would have perished had not other firemen rushed into the thick of the smoke and gas to save them.

Thomas Schmidt, of the East 242nd street station, discovered the fire when the cellar doors were belching forth smoke. He sounded an alarm, and then, with Policeman Hoffman, ran through the house. The families living on the four upper floors were aroused and ordered to hurry to the roof. The hallways were so filled with smoke that escape to the street by them was impossible.

The families were not allowed to dress, or save valuables or money. The rain was falling in torrents and the air was thick with steam. The house the fifty or more persons on the roof were panic stricken.

One of the policemen took a plank from the roof and ran it down to the burning house. The roof of which was ten feet below. One after the other, men, women and children tobogganed down the incline, and when the firemen came there were no tenants to rescue.

The men of Engine No. 5 and Truck No. 3 were the first to arrive on the scene. The ground floor of the house was occupied by Fishman & Gottlieb's furniture store. In the cellar were packing boxes and large quantities of excelsior. The fire started in the excelsior.

Acting under orders from Deputy Chief Shay, the men of the two companies broke into the cellar and dived down. They were met by the belching of the flames when there was a terrific explosion as the heat broke the gas meter.

"Get out! Quick! Gas!" shouted Shay.

Fell in Heap.

Some of the men close to the street door managed to reach the sidewalk, but most of them were in the rear of the cellar. As they made their way out they were met by the belching of the flames over one another until they lay in a heap.

Then came other firemen. They ventured down into the gas-filled cellar and the rescue of their companions was begun. A tarpaulin was spread on the street under an awning, and a temporary hospital was established.

The police came from the East 242nd street station, and the firemen worked in relays to hold the flames in check, the police began artificial respiration on the firemen.

One of the first of the unconscious men to revive was Jim Reilly, of No. 5. Here the policeman could hold him back he was in the fire line a second time, and a second time he collapsed. Again he was revived, and a third time he took his place in the gas filled cellar, only to collapse. His condition was such that he was ordered to quarters in an ambulance.

The gas pipes all through the foundation of the burning house had melted from heat, and the situation was coming alarming, when a man from the Consolidated Gas Company came running up and shut off the gas supply on the block.

This left the block in darkness and the smoke was so thick that the firemen could not see where to turn their hose. After two hours' work the flames were under control.

How the fire started is a question. The firemen say it may have been incendiary and it may not. An investigation is being made by the Fire Marshal.

RECLUSE'S ESTATE.

Oliver R. Hale, the recluse who was found dead in a chair in his apartments at No. 44 West 137th street yesterday, is said by his lawyer, L. S. Quackenbush, of No. 3 East 94th street, to have been worth about \$30,000 in real estate and other holdings. Hale was sixty-five years old. A canary was his only companion.

CRETIC RUNS ON BOSTON ROCKS

White Star Line Had Trouble With Steering Gear—Tugs Drag Her to Safety.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—The White Star liner Cretic, which, with 1,100 passengers aboard, twice ran aground in the outer harbor last night, was pulled off and towed to Quarantine by tugs early this morning. There was lots of excitement aboard, but nobody was injured.

The Cretic first went ashore about 10 P. M. on Centurion ledge, off George's Island, owing to an accident to her steering gear.

Red rockets, firing in the darkness and shrieks of big siren whistles were the first notification that the vessel was in danger. The Cretic, unlike the Republic, is not equipped with wireless, and the first call for assistance that reached this port came from Fort Warren, a few minutes after the rockets had been observed.

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JUDGE DOES NOT LIKE FARMERS

Anderson Will Not Allow Rivals to Heat Evidence Against Standard Oil.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 24.—Following Federal Judge Anderson's action yesterday in barring a farmer jury in the second trial of the Standard Oil case in which the Supreme Court set aside Judge Landis' \$29,000,000 fine, jury commissioners to-day began the task of selecting a new venire composed largely of business men of Chicago and Cook County. This venire will report to-morrow.

Meanwhile the great battle of the trial is to be fought. Attorneys for the Government and defence agreed to take up the issue of the "Unit of offense," and it will be argued to-day.

The decision on this point will determine whether, in case of conviction, a maximum fine of \$10,000,000 or a maximum of \$20,000,000 will be possible. As soon as Judge Anderson took the bench yesterday and called the case for trial, attorney John S. Miller, leader of the oil companies' counsel, moved that the entire venire be grown out because it was not a representative body. He said that only three out of the 40 men were residents of Chicago, the rest being farmers.

The Government's attorneys elect thirty-six counts in the indictment, and the question left in doubt by the opinion handed down by the Circuit Court of Appeals on the former trial.

It will be a contention of the oil companies' attorneys that only thirty-six offenses could have been committed, because only thirty-six settlements were made with the Chicago and Alton Railway for shipments of oil made from Whiting, Ind., to East St. Louis during the period in which concessions are alleged to have been accepted. The Government will contend that each shipment of oil during that time at a rate less than the legal rate of 15 cents per 100 pounds, constituted a separate offense, and that there were about 500 shipments. The maximum fine which can be imposed is \$29,000,000 for each offense. The fine of \$29,240,000 was imposed by Judge Landis in the former trial on the theory that each car of oil was a separate offense.

MAY BUILD MOVING PLATFORMS

Max E. Schmidt, president of the Continuous Transit Security Company, submitted yesterday to the Public Service Commission plans for eight routes for moving platforms in this city.

The board is asked to invite bids for any or all of these routes. After he had presented the plans to the commission Mr. Schmidt had a long talk with Chairman Wilcox. He told Mr. Wilcox that his company had ample financial backing, and that among those interested were Cornelius Vanderbilt, Stuyvesant Fish, E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe Railroad, and Moses Taylor Pynes.

CONFISCATION EXPOSED.

Saturday's issue of The Evening Call will contain another installment of Gustavus Myers' "History of the Great American Fortunes." No one who wishes to understand the real character of our ruling class should fail to read this record of the confiscation of the people's wealth by one per cent of the people.

TWO MEN BOILED IN HUGE COPPER TANK

Edison Company Employees Shut In with Boiling Vapor—When Released Had to Crawl to Hospital.

Frantic with pain and with the flesh literally boiled from their faces, necks and arms, Patrick Malone, of 159 Park Row, and Volney Liddell, of 41 Winthrop street, Brooklyn, dragged themselves into the courtyard at Bellevue Hospital yesterday morning, as they reached the reception room they collapsed.

The physicians found that the men were in a shocking condition. One man's nose was almost completely burned off, and their eyes were like huge red blisters. After they had been bandaged and oil poured over their faces and hands the men revived. Liddell immediately rushed to the yard, the doctors after him. He begged piteously to be allowed to remain in the air, declaring that the heat of the room caused him excruciating pain.

Malone was too weak to move, though he made efforts to follow his companion. After their pain had been relieved somewhat they told how they had come by their burns.

They said they were employees of the Waterside Station of the Edison Company, at 38th street and First avenue. Malone was a foreman of the plant. Early yesterday, they said, they were repairing a huge vat or boiler that was used to clean certain parts of the electrical apparatus. While they were "climbing" some of the rivets the top suddenly closed down upon them, leaving them with no chance to escape until some one on the outside opened up the cover.

Both men thought it a strange occurrence, but then decided it was simply a joke on the part of some of their fellow workers, and they returned to their task, expecting every

moment that the top would be opened. Then the light they were working by suddenly was extinguished. They kicked on the side of the metal tank and struck it with their hammers, but there was no answer. Then, standing on Malone's shoulders, Liddell tried to reach the top and push it open, but he could not reach it.

They were debating what to do, when suddenly from a feed pipe came a hissing noise and a little stream of hot water started over. Malone began to scream at the top of his voice and beat on the sides of the boiler.

Then there was another spluttering of boiling water, and the next instant there was a rush of steam into the vat. The men ran from side to side, trying in vain to escape. Again they screamed and beat upon the sides of the boiler, but to no avail. Meanwhile the steam was steadily rising, and the heat and hot water from the pipes again raised Liddell to his shoulders in a vain effort to reach the cover. Liddell fell, almost unconscious, but was able to regain his feet and grasp Malone for support.

Both men were fast being overcome, and they stood there holding to each other until they fell in a heap. Malone said last night he could feel the heat of the steam on his face and neck, when his companion mercifully left him. Liddell had become unconscious a moment before.

How long they were prisoners of the hot steam is not known, but their faculties were so badly injured that they were lying on the floor near the boiler. They asked some of the standing about to send for an ambulance, but Malone says, their request was refused. They lay on the floor, their screams until they were so weak they dragged themselves to hospital.

No one at the electric company would discuss the matter last night.

TAFT WANTS MONEY TO EDUCATE NEGRO

With Booker T. Washington, Makes Appeal for Funds to Support Hampton and Tuskegee Schools.

An interesting meeting was held last night at Carnegie Hall, which was addressed by President-elect William H. Taft and Booker T. Washington. They had been invited by the Armstrong Association, which arranged the meeting, to arouse interest in educational work in the South.

Mr. Taft in his address scouted the idea that the two races—white and black—could not live together in peace, and said that the negro, with a little help, would work out his own salvation. "The help that is needed," he said, "is education; not education of the mind alone, but a training of the hands—industrial education. Teach them how to use their minds and hands and legs in a productive education."

Mr. Taft went on to give as illustrations of the negro's self-initiation some of the things he had seen recently in the South. One thing was a home in Augusta kept by an old negro and his wife, where the orphan negro children of the city were sheltered.

"It is very difficult," said he, "to speak in parliamentary language of the advocacy of the doctrine that we ought to keep the negroes in ignorance. I think the statement refutes itself and it does not awaken the sympathy of the intelligent South. One of the difficulties in the South is that it is not the negroes only that need education, and I mean that literally."

"There are some who propose that we should move them bodily out of the country. They do not say where they do not say how, and they do not say when, but out of the country they are to go. And when there is an attempt to move 500 of them out of the state in which it is said their relations to the whites are most harmonious, you have a riot the minute you propose to move them, on the part of and by the very men with whom they cannot live."

"It seems to me that that is the reductio ad absurdum with reference to a suggestion that expatriation is a solution of this question. The solemn, scientific statement of a man that the races cannot live together, even though it appear in the 'Congressional Record,' ought not to occupy our minds for a moment."

"The negro is absolutely essential to the development of the South. His labor the South needs, and the more you instruct that labor the more valuable he becomes to the South. Hence it is that the work of the Hampton Institute has its intense importance. It is the solution of the race question."

Hampton Institute, it was announced, needs \$1,000,000 for an endowment and Tuskegee Institute

ought to have an equal amount. Mr. Taft said that it doesn't speak for the intelligence of the rich, but for the country when two institutions like these are in need.

Booker T. Washington, who preceded Taft, made an impassioned appeal for the necessary funds. He said of the work that he had done, "I am proud and apoke of industrial and intellectual activity as the solution of the race problem. He said:

"A few months ago it was my privilege to return to the old farm in Virginia upon which I was born. I spent my early years as a slave. It had been absent for forty years, and it is my first visit since the day of slavery. I met on this farm one of the grandest of the old-fashioned masters of the South, a man who was made the executor of a former master's estate. Among other interesting things, he showed me the inventory of the estate, which was free to him. As I read it, I found so many dollars and cents, and so many acres of land, valued at so many dollars; so many horses valued at so many dollars; so many cows, valued at so many dollars; furniture, harness, and other items I found so many dollars; so many words 'Boker,' valued at \$400; during the years that have passed, I have been able to make my mind and body worth more than \$400 to the country. It is all due to the influence and the work of Hampton Institute, where I was educated, and where I received the inspiration that led me to devote my life to the cause of education in the Southern States. It is all due to the recall, when this gentleman handed me the inventory, that the same proclamation which made me free, and free two races instead of one, are now free to me. I feel sympathetic with each other to help each other to work and bear the daily burdens and responsibilities that confront us in our communities."

The audience were so interested in the appeal that they were doing Hampton and Tuskegee schools. Just before Mr. Taft spoke, a curtain was lifted to disclose about fifty young negroes, all of them working clothes and busy at the occupations which the Hampton Institute is teaching them to follow. Three or four were pounding away on the framework of a good sized house, while on the other side of the stage two were laying a brick wall, and in the center of the stage sparks were flying from an anvil where two other young negroes were welding a piece of steel.

On a table near by three colored tailors to be were stitching away at a great rate, and there were besides painters, tinmen, steamfitters, plumbers, cabinet makers, upholsterers, shoemakers, harness makers and printers—all of them going at a great rate.

Then the curtain was dropped and the industrial exhibition and the boys came forward and sang several plantation songs which were greatly appreciated by the audience.

The police took unusual precautions to guard Mr. Taft. A platoon of mounted men escorted the President-elect from the home of Dr. William J. Schieffelin, president of the Armstrong Association, where he dined, to the hall, and lined up in front of the main entrance for him to enter. On the 54th street side of the hall there were two rows of policemen, and no one who was not provided with a stage ticket could enter the building that way.

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According to a report just issued by Health Commissioner Darlington there were only 51,007 marriages in Greater New York during 1909, a decrease of 20 per cent compared with 1907.

SUFFRAGISTS DEMAND RIGHTS AT ALBANY

Thousands of Advocates of Votes for Women and Their Opponents Invade the Capital City.

ALBANY, Feb. 24.—Women suffragists from almost every section of the state arrived here yesterday to be present at the hearings which will be held by the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and Assembly to-day on the Hill bill, which proposes an amendment to the Constitution giving women equal suffrage.

SOCIALISTS AT WORK

Branch 2, of the 23d A. D., of King's County Gets Busy.

At the meeting of the executive committee of Branch 2, of the 23d Assembly District, of the Socialist Party, Kings County, last Sunday, M. Fischer was elected corresponding secretary.

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Eleventh Avenue Track Removal Association Takes Up Neglect of Public Service Board.

The Evening Call is in receipt of a letter from the Eleventh Avenue Track Removal Association. The objects of the association are stated to be: "To make Eleventh Avenue safe; to get more flagmen and safeguards; to make 'The Central' obey the laws; to remove the 'DEATH' AVENUE tracks."

The letter is as follows: "This association directs me to send you the following resolution unanimously adopted by its executive committee after your publication of Charles Edward Russell's letter to the Public Service Commission, February 18."

"Resolved, That the secretary be directed to prepare for The Evening Call the evidence of the neglect by the Public Service Commission and city and state officials to secure for the safety of the West Side and their cable cars, and the unencumbered passage of Tenth and Eleventh avenues on their way to and from work, school and home."

"Very truly yours, 'C. CULLY, 'Acting Secretary.'"

The secretary of the association calls attention to the fact that a bill is to be introduced into the Legislature this week which purports to be for the good of the West Siders, but is in reality framed for the benefit of 'The Central.'

A Bloody Record. The directors of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, by maintaining their grade tracks on Tenth and Eleventh avenues, have killed, between 1898 and 1908, 225 persons, 199 on Eleventh Avenue and 126 on Tenth Avenue.

In a letter addressed to Governor Charles E. Hughes the association makes the following statement about the Public Service Commission: "The one measure of regulation by which the lace curtains of housewives above 60th street are protected from soot coal smoke is the solitary improvement it can, with truth, claim."

The Evening Call is glad of this opportunity to express its entire sympathy with the people of the West Side in their struggle against the sinister gang in control of 'The Central,' the directors and coupon-clippers, who in rank violation of the laws are drawing continuous profits from conditions which mean death and disablement to the people of this city. The Evening Call will be glad to aid to the extent of its power the people who are making this fight.

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News Briefs. LOCAL.

Head Broken in Subway Door. William F. Harverstein, forty-two years old, of No. 1561 Park Avenue, tried to board a subway train at the Astor place uptown station yesterday just as the door was being shut by the guard. The door closed, catching his head fast. When the door was opened Harverstein fell unconscious on the platform. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, his skull being fractured.

Ten Years for Mrs. Peck. Ellen Peck, the seventy-nine-year-old confidence woman, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Crain in the Court of General Sessions to ten years in Auburn prison. She was convicted of grand larceny in the first degree as a second offense two weeks ago.

Fell Six Stories; Only Bruised. Eli Kesin, an electrician's helper, living at No. 102 East 114th street, fell from the sixth floor of a building in the course of construction on 144th street, between Broadway and Amsterdam avenue, last evening, and landed in the alley, escaping with a few bruises.

Judge Crane on Jewish Arrests. Magistrate Crane, in a sharp talk to a policeman in the Essex Court, yesterday, declared the high percentage of arrests among the Jewish population is due to police in arresting janitors instead of bringing them into court on summons, where they were accused of violating the sanitary ordinance in mixing ashes and garbage.

Life Savers Need More Funds. ALBANY, Feb. 24.—The difficulty encountered in getting sites to further its work and the lack of sufficient funds to carry on its operations on a broader scale, is pointed out in the annual report of the United States Life Saving Corps, which was submitted to the Senate yesterday. The report shows that last year 376 lives were saved.

Six Killed by Tornado. MARKED TREE, Ark., Feb. 24.—Six persons were killed, more than a score were injured and every building except two in Fisher was wrecked yesterday by a tornado.

Negroes and Mexicans Clash. ANSON, Tex., Feb. 24.—A pitched battle with guns took place Monday night at Leuders, (this county), between opposing forces of negroes and Mexicans. On the Mexican side one man was killed and one wounded and on the other side one negro was wounded.

William Rockefeller at Court. LONDON, Feb. 24.—At the King's levee, held at Buckingham Palace yesterday, the following named Americans were presented: William Rockefeller, James Stillman, L. Hamilton MacCormack and Lieutenant Commander Chester Wells, U. S. N.

England May Engage the Wrights. LONDON, Feb. 24.—Secretary War Haldane announced in the Commons yesterday that the government is considering the advisability of trying to secure services of the Wright brothers and their aeroplane for aerial experiments.

Russia Forbids Darwin Celebration. KIEFF, Russia, Feb. 24.—The local police have forbidden the celebration at the university here of the centennial of Charles Darwin on grounds of religious objections to the Darwinian theory.

Alterations. 72d street, 428 and 440 East, to four story brick loft building; Fink, premises, owner: O. L. Spahnake, architect; cost, \$5,000.

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MR. AND MRS. STOKES IN MASSACHUSETTS

Socialist Speakers Address Enthusiastic Audience—Lawrence Workers Deeply Interested. (Special to The Call.) LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 24.—The Socialists of this town are jubilant over the sensation caused by the lecture delivered by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Phelps Stokes, of New York, before a crowd of about 500 persons at the Socialist party headquarters, Monday night. The Socialist movement is now the topic of the day, and known Socialists are being besieged by workmen who wish to learn more about the doctrine of economic justice so ably outlined by Mr. and Mrs. Stokes.

ARGENTINE SOCIALISTS DENOUNCE GOVERNMENT

Official Admits That Election Was Crooked, but Nothing Can Be Done Now. By MAXIMO F. MOSER. (Correspondence to The Call.) BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 22.—Several big protest meetings have been held in this city against the course of the government during the last election. Votes were bought before the eyes of the authorities in public places, the prices of which ran from 20 cents to \$1. Nearly all the newspapers, even the most conservative, protested against the board of elections, and, especially against the President of the republic. Where the ballot boxes had been controlled by half-witted honest people, the boxes remained nearly empty, because the majority of the citizens do not go to the ballot boxes, fearing that if they vote against the controlling government they will be shot down by spies. Several honest men, the candidate of the Socialist party, and when some other citizens (not Socialists) started after the aggressor they were clubbed by the police, and one of them was arrested while the honest man was at Dr. Palacios remained at liberty.

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PRESTON AND SMITH WARN SYMPATHIZERS

Victims of Nevada "Justice" Afford Certain Wretches a Chance for Grafting. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—The union men and Socialists of this city are highly indignant at learning that some unprincipled scoundrels have been taking advantage of the efforts being made to liberate M. R. Preston and Joseph W. Smith, the two members of the I. W. O. who are serving prison sentences in Nevada for the shooting of a scab, restaurant keeper named Silva, in Goldfield, in what is said to have been a self-defense, about two years ago, to collect money for their own purpose.

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SOCIALIST NOTES

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To-Night's Meetings.

MANHATTAN AND BRONX. Business. 18th A. D.—(Branch 2, Slovak).—22 East 3d street. 21st A. D.—250 West 125th street. Lecture by Leo Wax on "Capital and Labor," a 10 P. M.

BROOKLYN.

6th A. D.—223 East 3d street. Isaac Saksen on "The Earth and Other Planets." Business. 15th A. D.—555 Graham avenue. Important. 22d A. D.—(Branch 2).—Halsey street and Central avenue.

JERSEY CITY.

Socialist Fifth and Drum Corps.—Gersheberg's Hall, Congress and Pierce avenue. 2d Ward.—Estler's Hall, Grove and 3d street.

WEST HOBOKEN.

3d Ward (2d Precinct).—543 Angelleque street. Business.

PASSAIC, N. J.

The Passaic city Socialists are keeping up the good work, and the several branches are in a flourishing condition. Since January 1 twenty-five new members have joined the party.

GENEVA, N. Y.

The Rev. K. Gifford, of the Christian Socialist Fellowship, gave two lectures here last Sunday, under the auspices of Local Geneva. The first lecture was before the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon. An audience of about 150 was present.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

At the regular meeting of the Christian Socialist Fellowship, to be held Thursday evening, February 25, in the Church of the Advent, York avenue, above Bittonwood street, Oliver G. Pringle will talk on "The Concentration of Capital," as illustrated by his personal experience in a farming community on the eastern shore of Maryland, which was "frozen out" and the plant appropriated by the moneyed interests of the place. A discussion will follow, and all are welcome.

NATIONAL.

The current weekly bulletin issued by the national office of the Socialist party contains the following interesting items: The national committee is now meeting at Motion No. 2, which provides that ballots for national executive committee and national secretary shall include a statement of the trade, occupation or profession of the candidate. Vote will close March 9.

UNORGANIZED MEN STRIKE.

Because one of their number was discharged without a just reason, eight employes of the Ideal Vacuum Cleaner Company, of Newark, have declared a strike. The men are unorganized, but intend to join the ranks of organized labor.

FERRI COMING TO BOSTON.

Famous Italian Socialist Will Lecture at Harvard University. ROME, Feb. 24.—It is reported here that Enrico Ferri, the well known criminologist and Socialist leader, has accepted an invitation to lecture on penal legislation before Harvard University (Boston) this spring.

GRAND EQUAL SUFFRAGE DEMONSTRATION

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BROOKLYN SOCIALISTS HAVE PLENTY OF FUN

Mr. Marks, of the Civic Federation, Preaches the Harmony of Capital and Labor. Marcus M. Marks, of the Civic Federation, involved himself in a good deal of discussion at the People's Forum, of Brooklyn, last Sunday afternoon.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Socialists and others who are interested in the organization of a co-operative society of distribution are asked to attend a meeting to be held this evening at 8 o'clock at 25 St. Mark place for the purpose of perfecting such an organization.

HOBOKEN IN LINE

Socialists Will Give Several Fine Entertainments Next Month. HOBOKEN, N. J., Feb. 24.—The city committee of the Socialist party is busily engaged in making arrangements for a lecture and entertainment, which will be held on Saturday, March 6, in Vasek's Hall, 129 Adams street.

Another speaker also disagreed with Marks' statement that "capital and labor were Slimese twins," for how could the twin go to Europe and the other one working in a filthy sweat shop; one twin lives in a palace, the other in a tenement.

Mr. Marks finally replied by condemning Socialists for being hot-headed, and reiterated that European American ability and thrift will take a man out of the working class into the employing class, as witness his own career.

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ARTISTS TO AID CALL FAIR

That some of the most prominent artists before the public to-day to contribute to the CALL FAIR AN EXHIBIT was made known at the meeting of the art committee, held last Sunday at the Rand School Restaurant, 112 East 19th street.

ATTENTION, BOSTONI!

All comrades interested in the New York Call come to Homestead 724 Washington street, Thursday, February 25, at 7:45 P. M. A Purchasers' League will be organized and the election of officers and executive committees of the Workers' Press Conference will also be held. A members of the Workers' Press Conference are especially requested to attend.

QUEENS COUNTY

The Queens County Call Fair Conference will hold a meeting to-night in Gimpe's Hall, Onderdonk avenue and Bleeker street. All those interested in the success of The Call Fair should be present.

FAIR NEWS TO OUR FAIR WORKERS.

To our fair workers and comrades we must look forward for the many things needed for the Fair, a list of which was published in yesterday's Call.

To our lady comrades is due a good deal of success of various undertakings of the past, and we therefore look to them in our "hour of need."

Those of our comrades who are skilled mechanics or are able to make articles of usefulness or beauty, or both, are requested to do their best for the fair.

Let us all work now and make the fair a great success. Write us what you are doing and what you expect to do. We want to hear from you.

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Despite the wretched weather the pugilistic club was packed to the doors last night. The attraction was the Moore brothers—Frankie, "Reddy" and "Pal"—of Philadelphia, who were to box three local boys, Frankie Lango, Al Schumaker and "Kid" Nutt.

SIX-DAY WALKERS COMING

Twenty-one teams have been selected for the international six-day go-as-you-please races in Madison Square Garden, March 3 to 11. The number probably will be increased to twenty-five before the race starts.

NOTED BALL PLAYER DEAD

John V. B. Hatfield, who thirty years ago was one of the best known base ball players in the United States, died at his home, 154 E. 17th avenue, Long Island City. He was sixty-two years of age.

ERLICH WHIPS O'DONNELL

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—The downpour did not prevent a large crowd visiting the Douglas Athletic Club last night, although the car was exactly as scheduled for Nathan Erlich was substituted for Jimmy Moran, of New York, who was to have met Eddie O'Donnell.

COULON TO FIGHT COSTER

Johnny Coulon, champion bantam weight of the world, and Joe Coster, the champion bantamweight of Brooklyn, signed articles yesterday at the Bedford Athletic Club, Wyckoff avenue and Halsey street, Brooklyn, on next Monday night.

BONHAG BREAKS RECORD

TROY, N. Y., Feb. 24.—George V. Bonhag, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, of New York, lowered the world record for the five-mile event at the big athletic meet Monday evening in the local armory. Bonhag's time was 24 minutes 58.1-5 seconds.

SPORTING BRIEFS

John Heron, of Pittsburg, was yesterday re-elected captain of the Yale hockey team last night and was prepared for Yale at the Shady Side Academy, of Pittsburg, and is one of the best forwards of the country.

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By HARRY CHAPIN PLUMMER.

Ultra-modern, to the degree, almost of the "realism" production of the latter-day composers of Italy is Gustave Charpentier's musical romance, "Louise," which is among the important reveals of the closing season at the Manhattan Opera House.

KAUFMAN QUARTET IN PEOPLE'S CHAMBER CONCERT

Ludwig van Beethoven's G-major string quartet, (opus 18, No. 2) and Anton Dvorak's Quartet for piano and strings (opus 81) in A-major, are the ensemble numbers of the program which will be presented at the fifth chamber concert of the People's Symphony Auxiliary Club.

STAGELAND

Messrs. Cohan & Harris announce the first production in Philadelphia, March 25, of J. Hartley Manners' comedy of to-day called "The Majesty of Birth."

PARISFAL DRAWS RECORD

Richard Wagner's great festival music-drama, "Parisfal," was a holiday offering at the Metropolitan Opera House, on Monday, and the largest gathering of "Wagnerites" that the present season thus far has recorded at the Broadway Temple of Music.

IN VAUDEVILLE

Jefferson De Angelis and company in the comedy sketch "The Rehearsal" is the headline attraction at Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theater.

FLATS AND SHARPS IN THE LOCAL SCALE. H. C. P.

SECOND CONCERT OF AMERICAN MUSIC SOCIETY.

Songs by H. L. Brainard and harmonizations by Arthur Harwell and Charles Troyer of negro and Indian melodies, and pianoforte solo by the late Edward MacDowell and Walter Morse Rummel will be rendered at the second concert of the New York Centre of the American Music Society, in Mendelssohn Hall, to-morrow evening.

BRUNO HUHNS SINGS AT SHERRY'S

Bruno Huhn will give a concert at Sherry's, 44th street and Fifth avenue, on Tuesday next, at 3 P. M.

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HOW THE DIAZ GANG RULES MEXICO.

(Continued.)
Assassination of Editors.
The list of newspaper editors and cartoonists who have gone to their death either by assassination or imprisonment is a long one, and includes some of the brainiest men in the country.

ron. Coahuila, because of his well known liberal ideas was shot down by two government agents at the door of one of the Torreon hotels. The murderers were recognized as they left the scene of their crime, but they were never called to account.
Women Kept in Vile Prisons.
In the dungeons of Belen prison, in the City of Mexico, are now languishing Isabel de Ruiz and sixty other women. Besides several times that number of male prisoners, whose only crime is that they politically oppose the administration of Diaz. These women are of the highest type intellectually and morally. In the twinkling of an eye they were arrested by brutal soldiers and locked up in foul smelling cells with male convicts, where between the night to protect their virtue and the light for their very lives because of the extreme unsanitary conditions of their quarters, existence for them has been removed not many degrees from hell. In Guadalajara Editor Ramon Torres, of El Obrero Socialista, is enjoying solitary confinement, and denied a trial, because of his radical writings. Felix C. Vera, another labor editor of socialistic tendencies, has just been sentenced to three years' imprisonment in San Juan de Ulua; Alvarez Soto and Perez Hernandez, well known writers, because of inadvertent criticisms of some of Diaz's henchmen, have been frequently jailed; in the prison of Rio Blanco, Orizaba, state of Vera Cruz, is Jose Neira, editor of La Revolucion Social, of Orizaba; in the same inferno Plutarco Gallego, a writer, is serving a two years' sentence; Olmos y Contreras and Jesus Echegaray, writers and radicals, are serving similar sentences, and serving seven year sentences in the state of Sonora are Lazaro Puente and Juan Diez, writers against the Mexican government, who were shamefully sentenced to Diaz by the authorities in Arizona. This list is far from being complete. (THE END.)

TWO LINCOLN BOOKS.

REMINISCENCES OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN. By Distinguished Men of His Time. Collected and Edited by Allen T. Riddle. New and revised edition. Harper & Bro., 1909. Pp. 428. Price, \$2 net.
ABRAHAM LINCOLN. By Brand Whitlock. Boston. Houghton Mifflin Co., 1909. Pp. 205. Price, 50 cents net.
"Reminiscences" were published in 1855 and 1858, and had a large circulation, but the centenary of the great War President's birth makes their republication very acceptable. As the publishers frankly state, the book is not intended as a contribution to critical history. It contains the first-hand impressions and the personal reflections of a score of men who saw and knew Lincoln from as many different points of view. All, it goes without saying, were his friends. Most of them were not capable of writing critical history or of stating the subject with objective impartiality. Much of what they have to say is trivial in itself; but even trivial observations may be important as well as interesting, when they have to do with such a man of the person's distinction and the historic fame of Abraham Lincoln.
The volume opens with an introduction by the editor, chiefly devoted to a brief chronological sketch of Lincoln's life. It closes with Walt Whitman's appreciation, "Dear to Democracy," and Robert G. Ingersoll's eloquent eulogy, "The Gentlest memory of my world." The intermediate chapters are with all their qualifications, reminiscences in the true sense.
Especially interesting are "Some of Lincoln's Problems," by General Benjamin F. Butler; "Lincoln and the War Department," by Charles F. Dana, Assistant Secretary of War during Lincoln's administration; "Lincoln and the Colored Troops," by Frederick Douglass, the colored orator and journalist, and "Lincoln the Man," by Donn Platt, the young editor who got himself into trouble by recruiting slaves to fight for their freedom in Maryland. The other contributors are Leonard Sweet and Lawrence Sanders, Lincoln's personal friends and colleagues at the Illinois bar; E. B. Washburne, R. E. Fenton, and George W. Julian, members of Congress during the war; Hugh McCulloch, Lincoln's Comptroller of the Treasury; Charles F. Usher, his Secretary of the Interior; Charles Carleton Coffin and Benjamin Perley Poore, journalists; E. W. Andrews, Henry Ward Beecher and George S. Boutwell, clergymen.
As different in character as in size, Brand Whitlock's little volume on Lincoln in the Beacon Biographies. A jaunty and neat little book it is, just what is wanted of this sort of book to put in his pocket to read on the street car (when he is lucky enough to have a seat) or wherever he may get a few minutes' leisure. And, small as it is, it has the story of Lincoln's life in full, and tells it in a way that reads, it and for those who care for more, this will serve well as an introduction and guide, especially as a compact little bibliography is added, noting twenty-four of the best works on the subject.
Mayor Whitlock is himself too really big a man to be a mere worshiper of Lincoln, but, on the other hand, to fall of appreciating what was great and majestic in his words and his life, as he tells us in his preface, "of original research or new material; he has contributed nothing of his own save the labor of condensation and a love of the subject which fits him to resist the temptation to write at as great length as any of them. He would urge the reader to get the other books about the greatest American, and to seek out for himself the secret that were in his words and his beautiful life—the secret that, let us hope, was revealed to America for the saving of the world."
With this enthusiasm for his subject, he yet does not, as do too many of the biographers, hide his faults—particularly the fault of being just a little too much of a politician, especially in his earlier days—or to make him a demigod and so spoil his genial human character. Altogether, Whitlock's book is well worth while. L.

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For the stern work at hand, and the time comes shall under the shell from the pearl, and the chaff from the grain,
And the heart that through danger and death will be dutiful, would shake hands,
With a life like a palace-house built for the beautiful,
Freedom of all her beloved demands.
He is gone from us! Yet shall we march on victorious,
Hearts burning like beacons fixed on the goal!
And if we fall fighting, we shall all like the glorious dead,
With face to the stars, and all heaven in the soul.
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Price of pattern, 10 cents.

WHAT WE WANT.
Life attains a generous height and a perfect stature only when its roots are nurtured in the soil of nourishing economic conditions. What we want, then, is equal economic opportunities for all. And until that end has been attained as long as the foul, dark tenement casts its black shadow over our cities, the song of brotherhood will be unsung, a prophecy, not a reality of life. And so long will our streets and our market places abound with broken and degraded human figures, driftwood and waste of the human struggle, doomed failures, disinherited of man's divine estate. This claim for equality of opportunity as the right of every human child, I submit, is contestable and unanswerable. It is the rationale of modern Socialism.—John Spargo.

WHAT WE WANT.
Emma Goldman's father died in Rochester last month. He and his wife were educated Russian Jews. Decent people, apparently, who gave their daughter due education. They did not admire Emma's views. The "World" says that Abraham, the father, once said to "World" reporter, "I am not an anarchist. My wife and I are business people, and we pay no attention to anything else." That seems to have been the course of life that shaped Emma into what she became. Business people who pay no attention to anything else are about as good hands to raise anarchists as modern life produces. Business and nothing else is not nearly enough to raise children of Life.

ALTOGETHER TOO TOO.
"Did you know that there is at least one sentence in English that can be spoken, but that it is impossible to write?" asked a University of Pennsylvania senior quoted in the Philadelphia Record. "Yes, it's correct English, I suppose, and then, again, it isn't. Here is the sentence, although I swear I don't know how you are going to write it: There are three twos in the English language. You see, if you spell two, t-w-o, the sentence is incorrect, as it is if you spell it either 'too' or 'te. Catch the point? Really it is incorrect to say it, although it certainly should be possible to express the thought. This thing has got me going, and it simply goes to show what a mess the English language is. There certainly is a word 'two' and a word 'another' and they are all three pronounced alike, too, or to, or two, which makes it correct to say: 'There are three twos, or 'three too' or 'three too' in the English language. But what's the use?"

THE GREAT PROBLEM.
The great problem is not the Rooseveltian problem of race suicide; rather, it is a problem of race homicide. What ought most to alarm us is not a low birth rate but a high death rate. Our ideal ought not to be a tragic race between the birth rate and the death rate, motherhood versus the twin agencies of bearing and burying babies. Given fair economic conditions, there need be no fear either that nature will fail to maintain the existence of the species or that population will overrun the means of subsistence. It is beyond conjecture that in a single state, like Texas, for example, we could grow food enough to feed the entire nation. It is probably not too much to say that the United States could to-day feed all the civilized world.—John Spargo.

ON THE FIRING LINE

By MONOSABIO.

"My Own United States" was the name of a new "national anthem" which was sung at the Majestic Theater in this city on Lincoln's Birthday. It evoked much applause, but think of the success it would have attained if Mr. Rockefeller, for instance, had been allowed to sing it as a solo.
The New York Herald has discovered that the tariff "is a matter of life and death to the wage earner." Well, well; we didn't know, but probably all the poor souls who passed away this winter shivering and hungry and desperate really died of tariff—and we thought they starved to death.
Hudson Maxim is drawing "striking word pictures" of war with flying machines. In order to keep the aerial death machines really died of tariff—and we thought they starved to death.
Press dispatches announce that the coal barons have heaped up ten millions of tons of coal which they dare to assert their right and make war. Right! But must have had a dream, like that other distinguished taskmaster, King Pharaoh of Egypt. Some day he may have as rude an awakening!

The New York Chamber of Commerce recently met and solemnly declared that more than \$30,000,000 of the city's money is "wasted" annually, whatever that may mean. A fine system that, which yields such results! And yet will you hear any of the respectable business men and buccannery who compose the Chamber of Commerce suggest a change?

According to the Pennsylvania Railroad's own figures, 1,479 "tramps" were killed on its tracks in two years, and many more injured. The president of the road calls "for more stringent laws to keep vagrants away." No use; there is only one way that will ever keep them off the rails, Mr. McCrea, and that is by admitting that capitalism is a failure and substituting Socialism.

Rev. Dr. John Wesley Hall, of the Metropolitan Temple, recently likened New York to London. What, the greatest capitalistic city in the New World a Sodom? Surely this is a mistake. Under the lovely brotherly, benevolent, and altogether charming rule of King Capital, his chief city surely must be a model of purity, uprightiness and all the rest—in fact, an earthly paradise. The good doctor must have been dreaming of some vile Socialistic community.

Our young friend, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., rallied his dearly beloved Bible class around him the other evening and they made some roving speeches in favor of "individualism" that ought to have made his Socialists feel decidedly blue. Of course none of the brilliant orators explained that they were for the individualism of just the elect few—the rest will do for a calson foundation, packed under pressure, to build their greatness on.

It is reported that employees in a Yonkers carpet mill who had labored there twenty years or more, and "helped to build up her fortune," are to receive \$1,000 each under the will of a woman who left nearly \$10,000,000.

WATCH FOR THEM.
Posters for the Big Fair and Carnival, to be held in Grand Central Palace for The Evening Call, will be ready in a few days. The poster, drawn for us by Comrade Sharly, of the "Sunday American," is a very attractive one. We urge all Comrades interested in the success of the Fair to see to it personally that a number of these posters are displayed in their locality in meeting rooms, store windows, etc. Drop us a postal; or, better still, call at the Fair Manager's office, Room 504, 132 Nassau Street, and let us know how many you will put up.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

THE SEVEN FOLLIES OF SCIENCE.
By John Phil. D. Van Nostrand Company. 1907. Pp. viii, 178. Price, \$1.25.

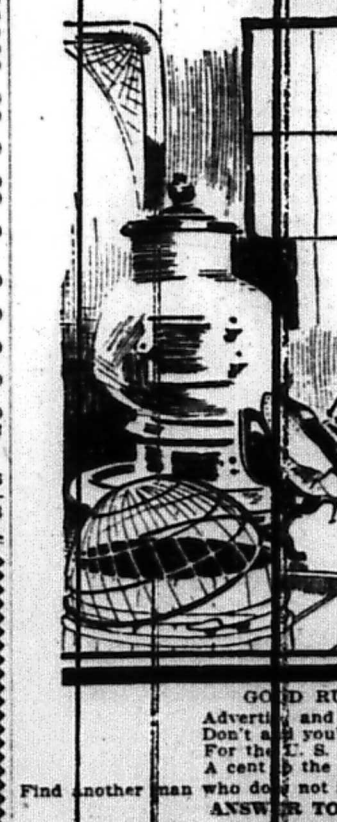
SCIENTIFIC IDEAS OF TO-DAY.
By Charles R. Gibson, J. B. Lippincott Co. 1909. Pp. xiv, 342. Price, \$1.50.

To make science "popular" is no easy task; but the problem is not solved when poppy-cock is substituted for science, and wonderment is accepted in place of interest. The author of the "Seven Follies" book either has a comprehensive contempt for the intelligence or discrimination of the "general public," or he does not himself know the difference between science and mysticism. He has gathered—mostly from second-hand sources—a collection of paradoxes and puzzles and catch-questions of mathematical and perpetual-motion problems, and these grouped under some two dozen headings, constitute his "seven follies." He admits that the number seven is not essential, and that strictly speaking folly and science are contradictory terms. There is but one excuse for this class of Oh-my books, and that is, there are still enough people who don't know any better than to buy them.
In "Scientific Ideas of To-day" Popularly Explained," Gibson makes a serious attempt to elucidate some of the recent discoveries and speculations in the borderland between physics and chemistry, and the results are commendable. The title is rather broader than the subject-matter, for to the author "science" seems to be concerned with electricity and radium and x-rays most of the time; but the subjects treated are well treated. The chapters are short, though not so tiresome the reader who comes to the book for new information; the illustrations are excellent, and really help to form clear ideas; the index is complete enough for ordinary reference purposes, and the appendices will be found very helpful for those who are interested in details of method or of history, or in convenient tables. A very good book in its class. G.

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THE EVENING CALL

A NEWSPAPER FOR THE WORKERS

THE CAUSE OF HARD TIMES.
The working class of the United States cannot expect any remedy for its wrongs from the present ruling class or from the dominant parties. So long as a small number of individuals are permitted to control the sources of the nation's wealth for their private profit in competition with each other and for the exploitation of their fellowmen, industrial depressions are bound to occur at certain intervals.—From the Socialist Platform.

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DECADENT LIBERALISM.

The defeat in the British House of Commons of the proposal to restrict the legislative power of the Lords was, of course, to be expected. Such a measure will hardly be taken without an appeal to the country in a general election. And it is to be hoped that, when that appeal is at last taken, the result will be, not a remodelling of the upper house on any such plan as that recently proposed by a special committee, which would actually increase the reactionary power of the aristocratic chamber by giving it a semblance of representative character, but that it will either totally abolish the antiquated nuisance or, at any rate, reduce it to merely ornamental functions.

HOW TO DO IT.

A newspaper honestly devoted to the Socialist and Labor movement cannot expect to achieve financial success in the same manner as does a newspaper unhampered by principles and equipped with ample capital and serving the class that has millions to spend for advertising or subsidizing. If it is to live, it must have the active co-operation of the whole body of men and women interested in the movement for the emancipation of the working class from capitalist rule, the emancipation of humanity from the rule of wealth.

IN HELL WHILE THEY WORK—



TO HELL WHEN THEY CAN'T.



THE NEW PARTY. CLASS SOLIDARITY.

By ROBERT HUNTER.
Some of our radical friends seem much disturbed by the persistence of the Socialist party. They have a theory—one that many other radicals in other countries have had before them—that the Socialists will never build up a great party. They recite this theory to themselves with such earnestness that many of them really believe it, and one devout soul, writing in "The Public," actually cites history to prove it.

AT THE NARVA GATE.

By SARDONICUS.
Sky-pilot, where, is our airship now gracefully speeding?
Darkness around that can almost be cloven with sabers!
The lights in our rigging gleam ghostly, like underground railways.
How welcome each ray, for outside lurks a thicker of blackness—
Cimmerian gloom—Egyptian murk!—Where, oh, where are we, pilot?
In our world-flight we have turned our backs upon civilization—
We are at this moment plunging into Russia—Russia, the impalpable
And the darkness which surrounds us is Ignorance—
Ignorance of the masses—
Russian Ignorance, monumental, superlative!
Behold the fierce bewhiskered Cossacks with guns,
Secure behind the arms with which a despotism has equipped them,
Pointing their murderous weapons, not heavenward,
Where God would pity their impotence—
Not hell-ward, where devils would grin in derision—
But man-ward, woman-ward, child-ward!
The skies are sullen and breathless—the snow flies in furies—
The nether fends laugh in eager expectancy—
Men, women and children cower at the Narva Gate;
Cower, unarmed, helpless, naked in their ignorance,
Before their murderers—still more woefully ignorant—
Whom their oppressors have armed against them.
And in the vast congregation about to be butchered—
Butchered for daring to crawl, to assemble in dumb protest—
Many brave, determined faces are radiant with love of Liberty—
Radiant and ready to die for Russia.
Oh, just God, is there no leader to lead these people—
To give them initiative—to help them burst their bonds?
To help them turn upon and rend their oppressors?
Sky-pilot, wherefore now reareth and plungeth the airship?
Like a mad phantom, quick cleaving the air and the darkness?
You answer, Away, like a dream, from this Holiest Russia!
Away from its blackness of heart and of conscience, away!
Out of the murk of its Ignorance—out of its stifling, brutal atmosphere—
Away! Away!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE HEBBERD BILL.
The memorable and forceful words of the late Grover Cleveland when, as President of the United States, he said, "It is a condition and not a theory that confronts us," would seem to come to us from his grave to-day, so aptly are they applicable to the present perplexing state of the poor and unemployed in New York City. A condition of dire poverty and distress emphasized and intensified by the constantly increasing number of men who nightly swell the ranks of the bread line at the Bowers Mission, where their pressing needs are temporarily but promptly relieved.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

S. Taul.—The steamship Baltic made her maiden trip in September 1895, arriving here on the thirteenth of that month.
Wm. Losak.—For arguments in data bearing on government ownership and operation of the telegraph system, see articles in the "Evening Call," November, 1901, February, 1902, and August, 1902; "Current Literature," August, 1900; "Century," April, 1900, and "Review of Views," December, 1904. These may be consulted in any good public library.
E. Cherbovsky.—The Brooklyn Philosophical Society is neither a club nor an anti-Socialist organization. Its object is to discuss and discuss as nearly as possible the various questions of public interest which are presented. Many addresses, both for and against Socialism, have been given under its auspices, and so far as is informed, a fair opportunity of discussion has been given in connection with them.