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WORKERS KILLED AND INJURED IN BLOW-UP

Rock Island Railroad Shop Turned Into Bombs House When Giant Machine Explodes.

OKLA., Dec. 24.—While repairing engine 1820 at the Rock Island shops of the Rock Island Railroad Company, workmen were working upon the monster boiler of the private train of President Hoover, of the Rock Island system, when the boiler of the machine let go today.

SUNDAY LECTURES

MANHATTAN.
At Lyric Hall, Sixth avenue, near 42d street, Moses Oppenheimer will speak under the auspices of the Local New York Socialist party on "The Evolution of Property." The lecture will begin promptly at 11 o'clock.

BROOKLYN.
At People's Forum, Hart Hall, Gates avenue, near Broadway, under the auspices of the Local Brooklyn Socialist party, Sol. Fieldman will speak on "Objections to Socialism" at 3 o'clock.

HIGH OFFICIAL QUILTS

Strike Forces Out Vice President of American Locomotive Company.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Dec. 24.—There has been considerable of a shakeup among the high officials of the American Locomotive Company, so much so that Vice President Van Alstyne, in charge of the manufacturing department, has resigned, and Vice President James McNaughton has been appointed in Van Alstyne's position.

SAYS THEY DROWNED BATHTUB VICTIM

Prosecutor Mott's Indictment Against Wardlaw Sisters Made Public at Last.

When Mrs. Caroline Wardlaw Martin and her sister, Mrs. Mary Snead, were assigned before Magistrate Cornell in the Tombs Police Court yesterday and recommitted to the Tombs for thirty days, the language of the indictments for murder against them that was so carefully concealed by Prosecutor Mott, of Essex county, New Jersey, was made known.

RAISE FUNDS AND PICKET

Mrs. Robins Will Try to Get Fashionable Women to Follow Mrs. Belmont's Example.

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WAIST MAKERS' UNION THROUGH THE CALL DENIES THAT THE STRIKE IS ABOUT TO BE CALLED OFF

Employers Choose Notorious Go-Between in Night Court Scandal for Their Attorney

Much comment has been caused by the fact that the Associated Waist and Dress Manufacturers, despite the fact that many members of the association are in close touch with reputable attorneys, chose as their lawyer the notorious Mark Alter, who is well known for his friendship with policemen and who was the go-between used by Magistrate Droegge in an attempt to bribe reporters to suppress the results of an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the discharge of prostitutes from the workhouse.

Other Unions Aid Waist Strike in Philadelphia.

Members of the Milkmen's Union have also offered their assistance in the work of picketing, and William Kelly, president of the Assistant Pressmen and Feeders' Union, has pledged the support of his organization, which numbers about 500.

Secretary Shindler Issues Official Notice Nailing Cowards.

Rumors published in some of the papers yesterday that the waist makers' strike was off were strenuously denied by the strike officials last night, as these rumors were calculated to mislead many of the strikers.

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NEW JOB HIS NEMESIS

Father of Five Falls From Girder. Will Probably Die.

After several months of idleness, Laughlin Horam, an engineer, of 631 East 157th street, the Bronx, secured employment yesterday, and shortly after he began work, fell from one of the floors of the new theater being erected at 157th street and Third avenue, the Bronx. His injuries will probably cause death. He was removed to Lebonon Hospital.

20 HURT IN TRAIN WRECK.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Dec. 24.—The Toronto express on the Canadian Pacific road, leaving here Wednesday night, was derailed yesterday thirty-seven miles west of Chapleau. Several coaches were overturned. Twenty passengers were injured, four seriously. Four cars went over an embankment. There were 600 passengers on the train.

ENTHUSIASM IS NEEDED

In a letter received a few days ago, we read the following words, from instructions to the effect that you desire to be buried by one of the underwriters who advertise in The Call.

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We have to need to protect against the corruption of the capitalist class, so long as we neglect our own. Remember, Comrades, "YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PATRONIZE THOSE WHO DO NOT ADVERTISE IN THE CALL." You owe it to yourself and your class not to uphold corporations-owned publications, and allow our party press to die through neglect.

SLEUTHS BEAT YOUTH

Two of 'Em Use Blackjacks on Pale Little Tailor.

Two big Central Office detectives stood up in the Center Street Court yesterday morning and swore to Magistrate Cornell that Herman Hoffman, a pale youth of twenty years, of 325 Stanton street, had given them a fight for their lives.

FOR UNIVERSAL PEACE

American Students' Clubs Will Unite With Corda Fratres of Europe.

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 24.—By a vote of the delegates of the Allied Cosmopolitan Clubs, in convention here today, the association will unite with the Corda Fratres of the old world.

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"My Daughter Is Not a Scab!"

87 Chrystie street, City, Dec. 24, 1909.

Ladies' Waist Makers' Union, 151 Clinton street:

Dear Friends—I want to inform you that my daughter Annie is ill and unable to proceed with the work of the struggle she and you have started. I hope she'll be better soon and be able to enter your ranks again.

The only thing I want to point out is that SHE IS NOT A SCAB, and I hope you will not suspect anything of this kind.

In her name I request you to continue the terrible struggle which you have started for decent conditions and humane treatment. Do not lose your spirit of solidarity. Stick to the rank and file of your sisters and brothers! Consider yourselves as intelligent, self-respecting workers of the organized labor movement!

I hope to see you on the victorious side, which means on the side of justice, self-respect and self-control.

In conclusion, be true! Stand shoulder to shoulder until you win! I am with you.

ANNA ZEITZ, a Triangle Striker.
Signed by S. Zeitz, her father.

CZAR EAGER FOR GORE

Russian Authorities Seek Pretext to Massacre Dec. 24.—The Russian military authorities are taking great precautions to prevent a possible revolt in Finland.

An official warning has been issued to pilots and the public stating that vessels or pedestrians on the ice must not approach within 300 yards of the warships or the fortifications at Sveaborg. Any one invading the prohibited zone will be fired upon after the discharge of a blank cartridge in warning.

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TECHNICITY MAY ENSLAVE CHILDREN

Law Keeping Boys Under Strain Out of Mines Nullified by Two Words.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—Under a ruling of Chief Roderick, of the state department of mines, based on an opinion of Deputy Attorney General J. E. B. Cunningham, the protection of the child labor law will be withdrawn on January 1.

The change will go into effect under the child labor act passed by the legislature of 1908. The bill was drawn under the guidance of the Child Labor Association of Pennsylvania, backed by the United Mine Workers and other labor organizations, and these bodies are ascribed at the interpretation put upon the act by the authorities.

It was intended to tighten the safe-guard around boys under sixteen, so far as mining is concerned, instead of relaxing the possibilities of affecting 8,950 boys under sixteen years who are now employed in six hundred mines.

These workers live for the most part in Lackawanna, Luzerne, Schuylkill, and Northumberland counties.

Resolution Hangs on Two Words.

Back in 1905 the United Mine Workers of America fathered a bill, passed by the legislature, whose first section reads:

"That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership or corporation to employ any minor child, under the age of sixteen years, inside of any anthracite mine, or to employ any minor child, under the age of fourteen years, in any anthracite coal breaker or colliery, or in any anthracite coal mine."

This act was good as far as it went, but Pennsylvania is still under the disability of permitting boys of twelve years to work in soft coal mines, and the act introduced in the last legislature was designed primarily to raise the age limit to the bituminous workings to fourteen years for boys working inside.

From and after the passage of this act, no minor, under the age of fourteen years, shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in, about or for any bituminous coal mine, or any anthracite colliery or breaker.

The expression, "anthracite colliery," is the point on which the whole case hinges. Under the ruling made by Chief Roderick

upon the interpretation of Deputy Attorney Cunningham, an "anthracite colliery" is an anthracite mine as a whole, including inside workings as well as outside, so that the act permits boys less than sixteen to work inside.

Unions Will Ask Court Decision. While the Child Labor Association points out that, in the colloquial usage of the hard coal regions, "colliery" frequently has the restricted sense of "coal breaker," it hesitates to accept Chief Roderick's dictum chiefly on the broad spirit of the act, as well as of the act of 1905. Throughout the state there is talk among the United Mine Workers of getting a court decision on the new act. One of the strongest principles laid down by the United Mine Workers when John Mitchell led them into the strike of 1900 was that the children should be taken out of the mines, and the union is sticking by that principle.

There is also considerable dissatisfaction with the course pursued by Chief Roderick. He is from the hard coal district, knows conditions there, and was acquainted with the new law in its various stages of passage. The miners feel, and do not hesitate to say, that if he saw a flaw in the bill, it could have been pointed out before final passage, instead of being shown up when it was too late. That some decision, other than that of the mining chief or the deputy attorney general, should be rendered seems to be the general opinion among men working in the hard coal mines.

DOUBTS NEW THEATER

Sir Charles Wyndham Predicts Failure for Financial Reasons.

Prediction that the New Theater will never be a success as a national home for the representation of the drama by the best actors and actresses of the country until the pension is greatly increased was made by Sir Charles Wyndham, who arrived yesterday.

The titled actor appeared more interested in the New Theater than in anything else when interviewed prior to the arrival of the Lusitania. "I do not think," he said, "that a national theater can be made, a success either in this country or in England for some time to come. The actors and actresses great and prominent enough to play in such a theater can make far better arrangements through individuals and are better off by so doing."

"There is only one way in which the national theater can be made a success either here or in England, and that is to insure its being able of having the greatest and best actors and actresses in the dramas given."

CAR CRUSHES CHILD

Little Foughkeepsie Girl Meets Death Under Trolley's Wheels.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 24.—As car No. 14 of the Main street trolley line was passing the Holy Comforter Church today, running down grade at a fair rate of speed, five-year-old Agnes McCormick, of 35 Harris street, wished a friend with whom she stood talking a merry Christmas and darted across the street.

Motorman Isaac Harris turned off the power and put on the emergency brake, but the child's act was so unexpected that he did not act quickly enough. Little Agnes was struck by the car and crushed to death.

Timothy Haggerty, Jr., was nearby. He caught the child's coat sleeve, but did not get a firm enough hold to save her.

Telegraphic Briefs

Montreal Aldermen Defiant. MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The city council will return Judge Cannon's report to the attorney general and refuse to pay all costs levied upon the alleged grafting members. Such was the statement made at the city hall today by Alderman Nault, one of the accused councillors.

Mine Foreman Shot With Own Gun. MARION, Ill., Dec. 24.—Henry Lane, foreman of the White Ash mines, this morning discharged Lewis Pike, a workman at the mines. Lane went to his house got a pistol and returned to the mines. Pike and his partner, named Butts, disarmed him and shot Lane with his own weapon. Pike and Butts are in jail in Marion.

Senator McLaurin Buried. BRANDON, Miss., Dec. 24.—The funeral of the late United States Senator A. J. McLaurin took place here today. Despite a steady rain hundreds of prominent Mississippians took part in the ceremony.

Burglars Make Christmas Haul. BALSTON SPA, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The postoffice here was entered by burglars this morning at 3 o'clock and a sum estimated between \$1,500 and \$2,000 was secured. The safe was dynamited and the explosion wrecked the interior of the office.

Middle Who Married Dismissed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Midshipman J. E. Austin, on board the armored cruiser South Dakota of the Pacific fleet, has been dismissed from the naval service for marrying in violation of the navy regulation which prohibits a midshipman from marrying either while in the Naval Academy at Annapolis or while serving on board ship.

More Pay for Barge Canal Engineers. ALBANY, Dec. 24.—State Engineer Williams today recognized the efficiency and faithful service of his sixteen resident engineers engaged on barge canal construction by increasing their salaries \$300 a year. The rate of their compensation ranges from \$2,400 to \$3,000 a year.

Nine Killed in Fire. HILLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—In a fire here today nine persons were burned to death. The victims were a man, his wife, five children and two boarders. The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil lamp.

Two "Smoke Eaters" Die in Fire. LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 24.—Two firemen were killed and three severely injured today at a fire which destroyed a three-story wooden block on Lisbon street, owned by Callahan Brothers and containing two stores and three tenements. The dead are Philip Rainset and Thomas King.

Chosen for De Armond's Place. BUTLER, Mo., Dec. 24.—Former State Senator C. C. Dickinson, of Henry county, received the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 6th district this morning. The vacancy was caused by the death of Congressman De Armond.

\$40,000 "Frat" House Burned. ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Cornell today had another fraternity house fire, which destroyed the Delta Upsilon lodge, valued at \$40,000. Flames were discovered in the second story, supposed to have originated from defective wiring. H. S. Bennett, a student, was injured slightly.

Says Kansas Bank Law is Invalid. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 24.—Judge John C. Pollock, in the United States District Court here today, in a decision declared the Kansas bank guaranty law to be invalid.

2,000 Lives Lost in Storm. VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—News is brought by the steamer Empress of India that a tremendous loss of life was occasioned off Korea and Japan by severe gales shortly before the liner steamed. Six hundred and twenty Korean fishing vessels were wrecked off Ginnpo, South Hungyong, while in northeastern Korea more than half the fleet of fishing craft was lost. It was estimated that the loss of life would exceed 2,000.

Newspaper Plant Razed by Fire. OWENSBORO, Ky., Dec. 24.—The plant of the Owensboro Enquirer was destroyed by fire early today. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Jury Finds Banker Guilty. CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 24.—After being out all night, the jury returned today a verdict of guilty against William L. Davis, former vice president of the failed Canton State Bank, charged with stealing 350 shares of bank stock, valued at \$350,000.

Peary Not Going to South Pole. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Commander Robert E. Peary has no intention of heading an expedition in quest of the South Pole. He expressed surprise today at the story that he planned a trip to the antarctic regions.

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Phony American Money in Havana. HAVANA, Dec. 24.—Counterfeit American coins, made by a gang of counterfeiters in Santiago province, are circulating freely in Havana and other Cuban towns. The counterfeiters are believed to be under surveillance and a round-up is expected soon. The counterfeiters are among the cleverest ever seen here.

SAND BOTTOM SUITS MAYOR. Mayor McClellan said yesterday that he approved of the proposed modification of the plans for the foundation of the municipal building at the Brooklyn bridge terminal so as to allow a portion of the building to rest on sand.

Wants More Pay for Others. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Dr. W. A. Evans, Commissioner of Health—known as a man of science rather than as a humorist—has asked to have his salary lowered. He now draws \$8,000 a year, and he wants it reduced to \$7,200, so that he can turn the difference over to others in his department. He has found it impossible to get raises for his men.

\$4,000,000 Theft Discovered. NAPLES, Dec. 24.—The theft of \$4,000,000, part of the estate left by Senator Patani, was discovered today when the authorities broke the seal of the vault in the Patani mansion and found the vault empty. There is no clue to the thieves. Patani died in November.

Fire on Train Scared Passengers. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Fire on the buffet smoking car of the eastbound Pennsylvania Limited threw the passengers into a panic near Van Wert early today. The fire was extinguished without doing serious damage.

Fend Breaks Out at Church. GAINESVILLE, Ga., Dec. 24.—A family feud of long standing broke out afresh at a church social at Nimbwell Church, Lumpkin county, last night. Homer Clark was killed and his brother Henry fatally wounded. Mark Crane, who is alleged to have done the shooting, escaped.

Would Clean Up St. Petersburg. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—Denouncing St. Petersburg as the unhealthiest city in Europe, Premier Stolypin is today pressing the duma to hasten the passage of a bill authorizing a loan of 100,000,000 rubles, about \$76,000,000, to be spent in making the capital sanitary.

Steel Trust to Spend \$100,000,000. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiaries will spend \$100,000,000 in the steel making territory from South Chicago to Gary, Ind., for building new plants and for enlargements, during the coming year.

Floods on Portuguese Frontier. MADRID, Dec. 24.—Heavy rains near the Portuguese frontier have caused floods, the destruction of which has assumed the proportions of a catastrophe. At Ciudad Rodrigo at least eleven persons have been drowned, and hundreds are homeless.

Retains Leopold's Cabinet. BRUSSELS, Dec. 24.—Albert I starts his reign today with the cabinet of his uncle, Leopold. Through Premier Schollaert, the ministry today offered to resign, but the king requested that they keep office.

Alfonso Must Go Under Knife Again. PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Gil Blas today prints a private communication from Madrid saying that King Alfonso's condition has created grave anxiety in court circles. Another operation is imperative.

Girl Must Testify Regarding Murder. WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 24.—Miss Mary Flynn, of Pittston, who fled to New York to avoid giving testimony regarding the murder of her sweetheart, Jacob Rogers, was captured by the police at Pittston this morning and will be compelled to appear at the hearing of Charles Atard, charged with the murder. Rogers was called to the door of Miss Flynn's home while visiting her and shot dead.

Mark Twain's Daughter Drowned. REDDING, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Jean Clemens, daughter of Samuel L. Clemens ("Mark Twain"), was found drowned in a bathtub in Mr. Clemens' home here today. It is believed that Miss Clemens suered from an attack of epilepsy while in the bath.

Girl Walks to Her Death. WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 24.—As a result of walking eighteen miles to Hazleton Hospital to submit to an operation, seventeen-year-old Miss Dorothy Steeley, of Shumantown, died at the hospital today. She could not get into the Berwick Hospital, which is crowded, and bravely walked the eighteen miles over the hills to Hazleton, arriving there in such a state of exhaustion that she never rallied.

Last Ferry Survivor Dead. BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 24.—Daniel F. Erek, seventy-six years old, the last survivor of the American expedition commanded by Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, of Lake Erie fame and which opened up commerce between the United States and Japan, died in this city today.

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"CARMEN." Manhattan Opera House.

"Carmen," the four-act lyric drama of Georges Bizet, was heard and joyously received by a Christmas Eve audience that well nigh filled the Manhattan Opera House last night.

Guiding the orchestra through the brilliant and electrifying overture and the gracious entr'actes and through the delightfully consistent instrumental support was Henriquez de la Fuente. Mile. Lina Cavalieri essayed the wild and sickle heroine, singing with skillful expression

her music, and Federico Carasa, the young Spanish tenor, repeated his splendid characterization of Don Jose, winning a furor of plaudits at the close of his second act romanza. Henri Laskin, the Algerian baritone, was the Escamillo, which is pictured well in music and in action. Superior work was done by Mile. Vicarino as Michaela, and the other roles of the opera engaged Mile. Emma Trentini and Mme. Duchene, and MM. Charles Glibert, Leroux, de Grasia and Venturini.

The representation was made one of distinction by the intelligent and cleanly singing the chorus and the agreeable performance of the corns de ballet.

PLUMMER. Concert and Opera Notes. A special bulletin has been issued by the Department of Music and Drama of the People's Institute, which informs the public that arrangements have been concluded between the Metropolitan Opera House and the Manhattan Opera House and the privilege of admission and sittings at reduced prices are to be accorded.

The conditions governing this opportunity differ somewhat from those of the already existing arrangement between the Institute and the Philharmonic Society of New York, the Russian Symphony Orchestra, the Volpe Symphony Orchestra and other leading concert organizations of the city.

Full information upon the subject may be obtained upon written or personal application to the secretary of the People's Institute, 318 East 15th street, Manhattan.

Announcement is made by the Brooklyn Oratorio Society, of which Walter Henry Hall is the director, that, upon the occasion of the regular meeting of chorus members for rehearsal, at Memorial Hall, Flatbush avenue and Schermerhorn street, on Tuesday evening, January 4, a trial of new voices will be made preparatory to beginning the study of "King Olaf." An invitation is extended to singers interested in the work of the society to attend the meeting.

ROW IN SANTO DOMINGO. Several Persons Really Killed in Opera Bouffe Revolution. SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 24.—Passengers arriving here today from Santo Domingo report that political conditions are critical there. President Caeceres is being attacked by many factions. The revolutionists say they expect to capture Puerto Plata shortly.

FALLS TO HIS DEATH. Worker Crushed Under Coping After Eight Story Drop.

Falling eight stories with a loosened coping, which crushed upon him at the street, Bernard Wittgren was instantly killed yesterday at Hudson street and Van Dam.

At this corner the Trinity Corporation is erecting an eight-story loft building, and Wittgren was at work at the top.

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PHRASE AND SUBSTANCE.

"Peace on earth, good will to all men," is the Socialist's goal, but not his daily, practical creed. The phrase may content those who, having robbed their fellow-men of all opportunities for healthy and joyous living during the entire year, find delight in feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless on Christmas Day. The Socialist, who knows that the ruined existences, the wretched and the hungry are a normal, inevitable product of the existing social order, finds no cause for joy in the contemplation of the wide distribution of charity that takes place so regularly and automatically on this day.

The Socialist is not content with the empty phrase. He demands the solid substance. He knows that peace on earth one day of the year is a cruel mockery, that true peace cannot be while society is divided into exploiters and exploited, the appropriators of wealth and the producers thereof. He knows that good will to all men, even though only for twenty-four hours, is the veriest cant in a society divided into classes and torn with endless class strife.

But realizing the emptiness of the phrase, the Socialist fights for the substance. Instead of prating of peace and good will, the Socialist preaches war—war against all forms of oppression, resistance against every encroachment of the few upon the rights of the many. Instead of indulging in vain talk of good will to all men, the Socialist preaches the unity of interests, the solidarity of the working class. He is not moved by acts of charity, but he recognizes the earth redeeming and reconstructing power of such acts as the pledge of support made by the Philadelphia trolley men to the Philadelphia shirtwaist strikers.

Peace on earth and good will to all men will come as a result of the destined triumph of the working class. And we can hasten its coming not by talking about it, but by joining the working class in its world-wide fight against the sway of capital.

THE PROGRESS OF LAWLESSNESS.

The lawlessness and violence of the Spokane city authorities seem now to have reached their climax.

At first meetings were prohibited on the streets and those who insisted on the exercise of their constitutional right of free speech were sent to jail.

Then the Industrial Worker, the labor paper of Spokane, was suppressed and the publication office of the paper had to be moved to Seattle.

Lastly, the headquarters of the I. W. W. were invaded by the police, the meeting broken up, those participating in it clubbed, and the furniture wrecked.

Thus have the Spokane city authorities advanced from violence to violence until now the labor organizations to which they are opposed is deprived of every legal and constitutional right. And the end is not yet in sight. If these city authorities proceed much further on the same road, Russia may yet come to be looked upon as a land of freedom and a citadel of legality.

A SCANDAL AND A DEFEAT.

On September 15 President Taft made public his decision to the effect that the charges presented by Glavis against Secretary Ballinger were unfounded. He also ordered the dismissal of Glavis from the government's service.

The press of this city, with hardly an exception, immediately acquiesced in Taft's conclusions, though totally ignorant of the grounds on which they were based.

Had Taft thus decided against a workingman, or even a government official without powerful backing, there cannot be the least doubt that his decision would have remained final.

But this decision was aimed not merely against Glavis, but against all the interests that are contending with the Guggenheims for the control of the Alaska coal lands, the value of which is measured in hundreds and even thousands of millions. These interests are able to make themselves heard, in the press as well as in Congress. They are not as dumb as working class organizations, which neglect their press and look upon political action with contempt.

Accordingly, Taft obliged to practically withdraw his decision, which at one time seemed irrevocable and which was so eagerly concurred in by the powerful part of the press, and Ballinger is obliged to ask for an investigation into his conduct in order to clear himself before the country.

The results of this investigation can have but little interest for us. Whether the coal lands of Alaska are to fall directly into the hands of the trusts or are to be appropriated first by smaller people in order ultimately to be absorbed by the trusts, is a matter of no concern to the working people.

But the mere fact that an investigation is to take place is significant.

It shows that in certain influential circles there is no confidence in the integrity of the Secretary of the Interior nor in the President's vouching for his integrity.

The mere fact that an investigation is to take place is distinctly a defeat for the Taft administration.

A JUICY CHRISTMAS PRESENT



DO YOU BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS?

CHRISTMAS AND LOVE.

By Robert Hunter.

A child of crime once lay near death in a city prison. During his illness a sweet-faced nurse cared for him with all tenderness.

When the child grew better he turned to the nurse, the only gentle person he had ever known, and said to her: "Dear lady, I love you, and when I get well I will lift a watch for you."

Innocent of all consciousness of theft he could show his gratitude only by stealing a watch for the one he loved.

Every man has some one to love, and for the sake of that one he seeks power and riches.

He goes into the world to fight the battle, there to win such security as will keep him and his own forever from want.

In our modern industrial anarchy we fight others, trample them, oppress them, rob them, to provide for those we love.

For love of family the millionaire piles millions on millions.

For love of those dependent on him the senator takes his bribes and betrays his people and country.

For love of his own the capitalist oppresses the poor, corrupt legislatures and steals the common heritage.

For love of kith and kin Rockefeller is Rockefeller, Croker is Croker, Aldrich is Aldrich, and thieves are thieves.

For love of the sweet, beautiful life in the nurseries of the rich, the children of the cotton mills are sent to the sacrifice.

For the love of wife and daughters of

the palace, the girls of the sweet shop and department store are robbed and ruined.

Love for the family makes the rich hate justice, flee from truth and abhor change.

That social system which offers security to the loved ones of the powerful must be maintained. If good will not maintain it, then injustice, lies, hypocrisy, false teaching and brutality may.

The powerful love their own and society says they can serve them only at the expense of all others.

Tolstoy has urged celibacy on those who would follow truth and serve justice, because our present economic order foresees men of family to serve their own first and humanity afterward, if at all.

And so love, "the greatest thing in the world," thus ministers to evil.

Those who love themselves do so at the expense of others. Those who love their children do so at the expense of others' children. Those who love their own families do so at the expense of others' families.

Today is Christmas. For one brief hour the rich will try to bring themselves to think not only of those who are dear to them, but of the many, many others who are poor, forlorn and friendless.

But the next hour MUST come when they will enter again into the strife, cutting each other's throats, oppressing the poor, robbing the widows and orphans, adding house to house and field to field.

because our fratricidal economic strife forces them to save their own from ruin, oppression and want.

Good churchgoing Christians condemn Socialists for their utter materialism and class-selfishness.

They condemn us because we have come into the world to bring a sword, to declare war to the end of this social order, to destroy that spirit of strife, industrial anarchy and injustice which forces those who love their own to provide for them at the expense of all others.

We have declared war on capitalism, which makes love a cowardly thing that does not show itself outside the family.

We have declared war on competition and strife, and we hold up the banner of co-operation and life.

We mean, if possible, to drive out of the world robbery and exploitation, and to bring into the world Socialism, which will allow love to run beyond the boundaries of family and to embrace all mankind.

We have declared war on class-selfishness and industrial anarchy. We hold up instead co-operation and brotherhood.

WE CAN ONLY WORK FOR OUR OWN WHEN WE ALSO WORK FOR ALL OTHERS.

When the mother of Jesus came, wanting to speak to him, answered, saying, WHO IS MY MOTHER OR MY BRETHREN?

And stretching forth his hands toward the multitude said, BEHOLD MY MOTHER AND MY BRETHREN!

PRESIDENT TAFT AT THE BOWERY.

By Mila Tupper Maynard.

It was a mistake, Mr. President! Your friends should protect you from such a situation.

You have nothing to say to the people of the Bowery and it were better not to try. As it was, if you remarks the other day did not make the blood of your hearers boil, it is because they have no real red blood in their veins.

You mean well, of course. You feel kindly toward the wretched mortals you addressed, to be sure. To tell them, in their poverty and squalor, that this is a land of equal opportunity, and that they must keep good-natured and believe the rich folk are kind-hearted, was a part of the day's work.

In the same dutiful spirit you went with your wife, that same day, to select Christmas presents. The jeweler put a private room at your disposal while a battalion of clerks exhibited the costly wares.

We do not blame you for that. Had you given the hundreds of dollars so spent to the Bowery audience instead, it would have been but a drop in the bucket of their need. And they are but an infinitesimal part of the wretched to be found in the New York slums.

You are helpless to relieve the need you faced. No wonder you felt abashed. You felt the gulf which yawned between your world and the world of the slums. Perhaps this moment's consciousness of misery spoiled a little the pleasure of selecting the rich gifts an hour later.

Yet such conscience pricks are reasonless and useless. Here is where we blame you and the tens of thousands you represent. You refuse to face the facts. You comfort yourself with a cheap optimism. You fool yourself and try to deceive others with lies—lies which are palpably absurd to any one who can see facts.

"Equal opportunity," indeed! What equality is there between the opportunities you have had and those of the man reared in the New York streets, scrambling for bread from babyhood? You with some one to pay the bills for every attention—from the nursery through college?

"Equal opportunity." Why, the most perfect Utopia we Socialists ever dream is only that.

"Equal opportunity" to grow, to

live, to learn, to act, to enjoy, to see, to hear, to develop, to serve—it is a goal which the race will need to strive long to reach even when the glaring abomination of this era of exploitation and insane injustices are left far behind.

Even when Socialism has brought equal opportunity for adults to work and for childhood to grow and to learn, it will doubtless be long before full ideals of equal and free opportunity will be realized.

How maddening, then, to have apologists for things as they are prate of "equal opportunity" as a condition already attained in "free America."

An average wage of \$417 a year, and the talk of equal opportunity!

But what could this man of the White House do, if he were not content to speak in meaningless phrases?

Nothing.

He is the victim of his environment as are the Bowery folk.

He had opportunities, to be sure, but they were opportunities in the world capitalism has produced.

He is as hampered and dwarfed, as "cabin and confined" in the world of profits and profit-makers, of laws made of, by and for business, of standards molded in capitalistic institutions, as is the mollen lead after it is hardened in the cases made to mold its form.

What glimpse in the recent message was there of the Bowery?

What glimpse of labor's needs in any form except as for capital's sake, it needs to be enjoined?

But what wonder?

President Taft was put in the White House because he belongs to the world of the rulers.

Neither labor nor the Bowery has any reason to complain that President Taft and Congress do not know of their existence, except when military matters are up for discussion, or a speech is to be made to them direct.

When they choose to effect men from their own world to represent them, then they can expect conditions to change in line with their interests.

When they choose, they can change society so that they will be in it and it, of theirs of all civilization has to offer.

not taken advantage of their "great and equal opportunities."

The "masses" need to believe in their right to a job at the full value of their product and their power to secure that, one simple but revolutionary change in the world's industry.

The good-natured feeling of the rich does not count.

When the workers cease to be so good-natured, and refuse to donate the wealth they produce to the fellow, there will be no further need for the kind-hearted signs of the prosperous.

THE CONSUMERS' LEAGUE.

By Joseph D. Cohen.

The Consumers' League is distributing cards on which the public is asked to do its shopping early. On this card is a really pathetic picture. A young girl, evidently a sales girl in a department store, is sitting on a stool and leaning her head on a counter. Tired and sleepy, she seems to be snatching a few minutes' rest during her lunch hour. A woman, tall and slender, dressed in a white robe, the symbol of Christmas, is standing near. She is resting her hand gently on the girl's shoulder and looking at her sympathetically.

The girl's exhaustion, which the card is trying to convey, is no doubt due to the rush of Christmas shoppers. The picture is sad and heartrending. The contrast between this beautiful white-robed woman and the overworked girl is extremely painful to one's feeling. The spirit of Christmas brings joy to thousands of people. But the sufferings of the employees in the stores during the Christmas rush is unbearable.

The league through this picture has succeeded in arousing the public's sympathy toward the workers in the department stores. But as far as practicing what it preaches is concerned it has failed miserably.

The conspicuous absence of the union label shows the inconsistency of the league's preaching with its practice. Instead of patronizing printing places where the workers are well paid and not overworked, the league has its work done by firms employing non-union men. It is well known that employers who keep an "open shop" do not pay good wages, nor treat their employees well.

It is strange that the league should take so much interest in the department store employees and at the same time patronize firms that employ non-union labor.

STORY OF SPOKANE FREE SPEECH FIGHT

By ELIZABETH GURLEY PLATT.

Sentenced to Three Months in Jail for "Conspiracy to Violate the Laws of Spokane."

(Concluded.)

The conspiracy cases have been increased to eleven within the last month, and we are continually reminded by the prosecuting attorney that more are to follow. Fellow worker Elleno was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Mann and bound over to the Superior Court, under a \$2,000 bond. Fellow worker John Fanner was adjudged guilty and sentenced to six months in the county jail. A change of venue was demanded on the strength of the judge's admitted prejudice, and was granted for the conspiracy cases; but the street-speaking cases remained in the hands of a judge who stated that "the right to speak is God-given and inalienable," but that he "would sentence any man for disorderly conduct who spoke or attempted to speak." The conspiracy cases are now being tried before Judge Stocker, with progress up to the present as follows:

E. J. Poole, James Wilson and James P. Thompson were sentenced to six months in the county jail, and A. E. Cousins to four months. Still to be tried are George Speed, Louis Gatewood, Charles Conner, William Douglas and the writer (since sentenced to six months). Appeals have been taken in all cases up to date, and as the rest of us will probably get the same sentence, appeals will be taken to a higher court and a jury trial demanded.

The Mullen case is one that should be heralded from coast to coast. It is as follows: The courtroom was crowded one day, and Officer Shannon was appointed to keep more spectators from coming in. A little fellow by the name of Mullen, not an I. W. W. man, presumably did not understand that the courtroom was closed and started in. Shannon, instead of telling him the circumstances, grabbed him, kicked him and beat him continually down the stairs and through the hallway to the booking office of the jail, where he struck the man's head against the desk. The business in the courtroom was completely interrupted for at least ten minutes, while the man's shrieks and agonized cries for mercy rang through the building. The judge suavely thanked the spectators for their orderly behavior during "the disturbance." Mullen was kept in jail for three or four days, probably that he might recover his normal looks, and then was tried, with the result that he was sentenced to thirty days, \$100 fine and costs, in spite of the fact that four "I. W. W." witnesses testified to Mullen's quiet behavior and Officer Shannon's intense brutality.

Shannon is an old man on the force, has a reputation for being a "tough proposition," and is now so near his time for retirement that no matter what he does he will be retained on the force that he may draw his pension.

That such inhuman conduct is not uncommon among the police of Spokane is shown by the attack Officer Meyer made upon a harmless drunkard a few weeks ago, when he beat him into unconsciousness before a crowd of indignant citizens. Ernest Untermyer was a witness to this incident. The citizens complained so strenuously to the police commissioner that Meyer was dismissed, but if he had attacked an I. W. W. man he would probably have been given a gold medal.

The Spokesman Review was very much excited over the fact that the I. W. W. "jail birds" insulted the Salvation Army. Of course, their indignation turned into uncivilious praise for the prosecuting attorney, Judge designator James Wilson, as a coward, a sneak and a liar, trying to wind out of his responsibilities. The Salvation Army has not the courage to continue its street meetings, but must come

down to the city jail to talk to the men who cannot get away. They did not put in an appearance. Thanking day to feed the men, or give drink to the thirsty, but the hypocrite in the bible, who says "they offer a stone for bread," is not that the I. W. W. bowed at them and feared them? He ever dared to come at all. The Industrial Workers are interested in the issue of better things for the world. As Mr. Pugh so aptly says, we are a modest aggregation, and after they win the free-speech fight, we intend to come back after the works.

Needless to say, people who are used to being contented and humble look for our reward in heaven, and very popular when we're starving, suffering that we may get a little hell on earth. If we are, as Mr. Pugh says, "the heebie, tramps and do-wells," then it is up to us to change our status right here and now.

The A. F. of L. Central Labor Council and the Socialist party are working earnestly on the initiative plan, and it is progressing splendidly. All reports. The miners of Butte followed up the action of the d'Alene district in boycotting the oil and all her products. Damages have piled up against the city, and are being paid by the city.

The newspapers have gloated over the fact that the switchmen's strike is helping to cripple the I. W. W. to a certain extent, the index of the I. W. W. volunteers is certainly being laid, but the fight can never be won when starved and beaten men come out of jail and voluntarily go back to the fight may be lost. Such courage and endurance the rebels have shown in this fight almost beyond the comprehension of the average citizen. Particularly they surprised at the "non-resistance" attitude, under circumstances that would try the average man's desperation.

The hunger strike was called by the unknown fighting committee for the reason that they felt the I. W. W. boys were practically committing suicide, under the surveillance of police force that was glad to see them do it. In a war there is no mercy doing what the enemy wants you to do. Some of the boys have gone the road blind, and from now on they will probably go without being considered either traitors or cowards by the organization. The reason is that they can in this way get three square meals a day and fresh air to keep them in good fighting condition. For work that will be rather a small quantity, a sort of bread and butter shovel or pick from one hand to another.

Added to this article are several affidavits made out by I. W. W. men upon their release from jail. They speak for themselves.

This fight is on to the bitter end. It will never be settled for us until it is settled right. They may send all to jail, but that will not stop agitation for free speech. They may deport the I. W. W. men, but the battle will not be crushed. Let our pathfinders on the outside help us with the news of this brutal conflict and express their sympathy in the realm. The great need of the hour is financial assistance. Readers are invited to contribute their share.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AS TO LABOR LEADERS AND INTELLECTUALS.

Editor of The Call:

For four weeks or more have I closely followed the discussion between the so-called proletarians, intellectuals and would-be intellectuals, all of whom have been bearing up one another to beat the bar, and making a spectacle of the Socialist movement, which would make the gods laugh, let alone our enemies.

Much fault has been found by some of our correspondents with the labor leaders, they being almost at all times accused as being responsible for the slow growth of the Socialist vote, or movement, both of which I cannot agree with. For after all, the labor leaders are but a reflection of the rank and file of the labor men in the various unions.

My experience with the rank and file has been for a great many years, and to my sorrow I must state that to them I lay all the blame, for they are the ones that shout they are Socialists all the year round and when the day of election comes they vote anything but the Socialist ticket, always having in mind some personal interest on the day of election.

Now as to the intellectuals, I cannot for the life of an understand why all these attacks are being made. If some one outside of the party was interested in bringing about chaos and disruption in our movement, that might be the reason for all these un-called for attacks, but that is not the case.

In my humble opinion the intellectuals are a dire necessity to every movement, and ours particularly so. Without them we would be dead, or so nearly so that there would be no fun about it. I wish we had more of the intellectuals in our party who would be willing to guide us with their advice and spread the gospel of Socialism among all classes, for after all it is not the man or woman who fancies himself to be a Socialist that can best propound the principles of Socialism. All through Europe where Socialism is the strongest, it is the intellectuals who have brought it to the fore. And incidentally Marx and Engels, the foremost expounders of Socialism, were not ignoramuses, but were intellectuals of the very highest order.

I am certain that these men and

women have come to the Socialist movement with the loftiest intentions that many of them give up more than energy, and effort to hasten the day when Socialism shall be a power, and those who are constantly attacking and belittling every effort put forth by them.

Many of the intellectuals that come into the Socialist movement, do not need the party to establish a party, but they are ready. Let us give them political positions, the party has none to give, and ambition was the thing that prompts the intellectuals to join the Socialist party. I am sure that they are gratified their desire much better somewhere else than they could in movement. MORRIS BRAUN, New York, Dec. 23, 1920.

A CORRECTION.

Editor of The Call:

In the report of the proceedings of the state committee your reporter stated that I "thought" that the general committee should be abolished. While the Call reporter was using reading I was actually arguing against abolishing the general committee. For I am against plans and schemes to do away with the general committee, and am in favor of every plan and scheme to preserve it.

HENRY L. SLOBODIN, New York, Dec. 23, 1920.

HE SAT TIGHT.

"Arthur Smith," said the teacher impatiently, "what is it you are doing with?"

Although the lad colored up he did not reply. The class "sneak," however, was ready, as usual, with full formation.

"It's a pin he's got," he said, triumphantly.

"Take it away from him and bring it here," said the instructor. The finding pin was taken to her, and there was no more trouble from Arthur. Presently it was the youngster's turn to read, but instead of standing up as the other students had done he sat still and looked frustrated.

"Well, why don't you proceed with the reading?" exclaimed the teacher.

"If you mind have any more I will make an example of you."

"Please, teacher," stammered the Arthur, "I can't stand up 'cause my pin you took keeps my pants down."

—Tit-Bits.