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The Weather.

Local snow today. Thursday generally fair, moderate winds becoming northwesterly.

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SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE UP TO WASHINGTON

Head of Railroad Department of A. F. of L. to Meet With Government Mediators.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 28.—Washington is now the center of interest in the switchmen's strike. The scene changed today from the office of the Governor of Minnesota, to the national capital, where representations will be made to President Taft and the interstate commerce commission.

Following the failure of the peace conference started by Governor Eberhart and the calling off of negotiators, H. B. Perham, president of the American Federation of Labor, started at once for Washington. Previous to his departure, he asked Governor Eberhart: "Will you join in an appeal to the interstate commerce commission, now acting as the executive of the people of Minnesota whose industry is tied up by the strike, and I acting as the representative of organized labor, to agree that body look into conditions here, and if they find that industry interfered with, to discover why the railroad refuse to arbitrate?"

The governor decided that he would have no legal status in such an appeal. The Erdman Act is the statute which Perham apparently desires to invoke. This is the federal arbitration act, which permits of many appeals and which was not looked upon with favor by the switchmen earlier in the strike.

The law fixes the method of appealing under this act and the governor takes the position that no matter how anxious he may be to end the strike, it would not be proper for him to interfere with the machinery of arbitration which is fixed by law.

General Strike May Follow.

Whether a general strike will follow a failure by Perham to get results, remains to be seen. In any case, nothing will be done before next Friday.

The freight handlers, machinists and railway clerks, who are the best organized in this territory, except the switchmen, and comprise 20,000 men, are likely to strike in sympathy, as was reported at strike headquarters today. The machinists employed in the railroad shops in St. Paul are holding a meeting to-night.

"If the machinists, freight handlers, clerks or any other affiliated bodies in the railway department of the American Federation of Labor should impatiently go on strike in disregard of the usual procedure, it would turn public sympathy against the strikers and would be disastrous to the cause of organized labor," said President Frank T. Hawley, of the switchmen's union this morning.

The statement was brought out by a report that the machinists, freight handlers and clerks, who have some sympathy of their own and who have from the start been in full sympathy with the switchmen's strike, intended to slip through strikes of their own without awaiting the result of Chairman Perham's visit to Washington.

Railroad Companies Want Trouble. The ultimatum of the roads has been taken as evidence that the American Association of Railroads has taken up the issue with the American Federation of Labor, and that the switchmen's strike is ferrely an excuse for a test of strength.

The strike thus far in force in the Northwest for higher wages might have been amicably settled, if it is understood, had the railroad managers agreed to re-employ at once the striking switchmen. This they declined to do, proposing only to take the men back as vacancies occurred. Vice President Slade, of the Northern Pacific; and J. M. Gruber, general manager of the Great Northern, expressed this attitude of the railroads, and the usual disagreement followed immediately. It is not thought that at the Chicago conference the railroads will agree to any terms that were not acceptable at the St. Paul meeting, and hence no satisfactory results are anticipated.

So far only 2,500 men, approximately, are affected directly by the strike of the Switchmen's Union of North America, but their going out has so paralyzed transportation that more than 20,000 miners in the coal, iron and copper mines between St. Paul, Duluth and the Pacific coast have been laid off. Many towns are reported to be suffering from a scarcity of fuel, and should a general strike ensue there will probably be a great deal of suffering entailed.

Negotiations Continue in Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The breaking off of negotiations for the settlement of the switchmen's strike in the Northwest will not affect the negotiations now in progress here between the switchmen and the Chicago railroads. Vice President Heberling and Secretary of the Switchmen's Union, continued their conferences with the railroads today.

It is expected that the roads will accept all of the time until Friday, and a statement of their side of the case.

SHOE WORKERS OUT

Brave Girl Pickets in Boston Do Effective Work Aiding Strikers.

(Special to The Call.)

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—With a network of girl pickets around the factory of Engle & Cope, at East Boston, in an attempt to prevent that firm from securing strikebreakers to fill the places of the eighty shoe workers on strike there since Wednesday last week, the officers of the United Shoe Workers of America are still in consultation with the firm and hopeful of ending the strike soon.

Falling in that, they say they will try to tie the factory up completely by calling out the 200 additional workers in the departments not yet affected by the original strike order.

"These girls are all members of the Chelsea Shoe Workers' Union, a local of the United Shoe Workers. They volunteered to do the work, and are sticking to it. Along the water front adjacent to the Engle & Cope factory, at the ferry landing and at the tunnel entrance in Maverick Square, the girl pickets are patrolling the district so thoroughly that any one going to or from the factory finds it almost impossible to break through the picket line without first telling of his intentions.

"Help us win our strike by refusing to take our places," they say to prospective applicants for work. "Although we're only girls, we went on strike to help the men, and we have the right to help you men to help us by keeping away from the job until this strike is settled." This plea has proved so effective, the officers of the union assert, that strikebreakers in East Boston as yet are an unknown quantity.

If the strike is settled satisfactorily, the unionists say, the work of the girl pickets will have been the strongest asset of the union in winning their anticipated victory.

CZAR AFTER BLOOD

Trial of Tschalkofsky and Breshkovskaya Set for February.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—After two years' confinement in a fortress, Catherine Breshkovskaya, who is to be placed on trial in February on the charge of being a member of the revolutionary organization, was yesterday allowed her first conference with her counsel, M. Zarudny, for a discussion of the defense.

Zarudny said later that he had found Mme. Breshkovskaya in surprisingly good health, bright and cheerful, but utterly unreconciled to the government.

Nicholas Tschalkofsky, who will be tried at the same time on a similar charge, will present a series of alibis for the specific instances of revolutionary activity with which he is accused.

The joint indictment found against Tschalkofsky and Breshkovskaya and served on them on December 25 is a document of fifty-eight pages. It describes the careers of the two defendants up to 1905, charging membership in the central revolutionary committee and citing articles showing that they advocated terrorism.

A series of depositions of witnesses, mostly renegade revolutionists, is also submitted.

Tschalkofsky is quoted as making speeches in favor of regicide, and Breshkovskaya as avowing participation in the preparations for the execution of Von Plehve, Grand Duke Sergius and Constantine Pobiedonostef, procurator general of the Holy Synod. Both, it is alleged, were members of the Peasants' Union and incited agrarian disorders in various parts of Russia.

The indictment separately charges Tschalkofsky with visiting the United States in 1906-'07 to arrange for the shipment of arms to Russia and to collect funds.

LEWIS' BIG MAJORITY

Mine Workers' President Says It Is Twice as Large as Last Year.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 28.—"My majority for re-election this year is twice as large as it was last year," said Thomas L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, when he returned to the headquarters of the organization in this city today to begin writing his annual report to the national convention, which will open here on January 18.

The tellers of the vote of the individual unions also arrived today, and they will at once begin counting the ballots. Approximately 1,800 local unions voted, and Lewis says he has returns from 750 of them, from which he is able to calculate that he has a majority of 36,000 votes over his opponent, William Greer, of Coshocton, Ohio. Lewis' majority over John H. Walker, of Danville, Ill., in last year's election was 18,000.

FIGHT SCAB STONE

Montana's Lower House Won't Stand For Bedford, Ind., Product.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 28.—The Montana legislature, which has been summoned in extra session to consider the advisability of making an extra appropriation of \$40,000 so that Montana stone may be used in the new capitol wings instead of the Bedford, Ind., product, where the quarrymen are on strike, is in deadlock at the end of the second day.

The senate passed a resolution upholding the use of the Indiana scab stone, while the House would not accept this and instead Representative Magnolia, of Butte, has introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 to buy granite for that purpose.

The senate would adjourn, except for the clause in the constitution which requires the assent of the House to such a proceeding.

MOTHER AND BABE FREEZING IN SNOW

Woman Deserted by Husband, Then Dispossessed, May Die from Exposure.

A pathetic instance of motherly devotion was brought to light yesterday when Patrolman Raynor, of the Hamilton avenue station, Brooklyn, stumbled over a woman lying in the snow at the corner of Hamilton avenue and Rapelye street.

Clasped in the arms of the woman was a three-weeks-old babe, and the mother had taken off her outer garments and wrapped them about the infant in an effort to protect it from the cold. She had even pulled up her skirt and put it over the little one.

The woman and child were carried to the station house, and when she told her pitiful story, the policemen, caloused as they are by constant contact with human suffering, shed tears.

She said her name was Loretta Trumpf, and that she had been ousted from her apartment at Centre and Court streets for non-payment of rent after her husband had abandoned her. For a week previous to being turned out in the street she had been without fire, and for three days she had not tasted food.

At this point of her story Policeman Raynor began to circulate among his fellow policemen and money showed so rapidly in his helmet that \$15 was soon put in the poor creature's hand.

"Then some hot coffee and food was brought to her, and she was made as comfortable as possible while waiting for an ambulance from the Long Island City Hospital. When removed to the hospital the doctors found that the woman was suffering from pneumonia and would probably die. The babe is also threatened with pneumonia.

After attending to the mother and child the policeman of the Hamilton avenue station started out to find the husband. He was discovered in a saloon so stupidly drunk that he could not appreciate the choice comments the bluecoats made concerning him. He was arraigned before Magistrate Dooley in the Adams street police court, but was recommended for five days to enable him to become sober.

FERRI DEFENDS SELF

Italian Deputy Declares He Will Remain Faithful to Socialism.

ROME, Dec. 28.—Considerable comment is being made by Socialists and Republicans throughout all Italy over the manner in which Enrico Ferri, the well known criminologist and Social deputy, defended himself last Sunday before his constituents in the district of Gonzaga regarding his voluntary separation from the Socialist group in Parliament, because of his policy of non-opposition toward the new ministry formed by Baron Sonnino.

Ferri in a long speech before the representatives of 265 Socialist branches in his district, defined his attitude toward the proletariat as one of real activity and actual deeds, not solely one of words, and concluded that a Socialist could participate in the government in favor of the working class. He declared that a number of intellectual nonentities in the Socialist party were envious of his worth and he violently attacked the attitude of Filippo Turati, whom he accused of ingratitude.

In closing his speech Ferri declared that his program was "Reinforce the ranks of the proletariat and force the bourgeoisie along the lines of industrial progress." He also asserted his charges of what he called "Giolittismo" against the Socialist daily of this city, Avanti, and the leaders of the Socialist party.

Finally Ferri assured his hearers that even if he were outside the organization he would remain a sincere and faithful Socialist and dedicate his entire force to the service of Socialism. His words were received with thunderous applause.

AGAINST BRASS FUMES

Stamford, Conn., Molders, Sickened by Stench, Quit Work.

STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 28.—Sickened by fumes from brass smelting furnaces, some sixty iron molders stopped work at the Yale & Towne plant here today and went home.

Six of the brass smelting furnaces were installed in the iron foundry at the big plant recently, and the fumes that arose from them and spread through the foundry have been making the iron molders ill. Several of them have had attacks of smelter shakes. The brass molders, accustomed to the fumes, do not feel the effect so much. They remained at work.

Henry B. Towne, president of the company, came here from New York this morning, and he agreed to equip the furnaces with flues to carry off the fumes. Officials of the company deny that the molders are on strike, and the molders also say their action was not in the nature of a strike.

CARMEN GET SLIGHT RAISE

The board of directors of the Public Service Railway Company at a meeting here in the Prudential Building in Newark late yesterday afternoon voted a trifling increase in the wages of the motormen and conductors of the company's employ. President Thomas N. McCarter announced that the increase would go into effect January 1.

WAIST STRIKERS' REJECTION OF OPEN SHOP ENTHUSES WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE

Philadelphia Manufacturers Still Holding Out for Open Shop.

ALL FACTORIES PICKETED

Situation Unchanged in Determined Struggle of Strikers Against Manufacturers' Association.

(Special to The Call.)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—Last night forty-one manufacturers held a postponed meeting of their newly organized association and agreed to continue their fight against the strikers and to insist on the "open shop." On the other hand the operators and cutters, who are making demands for better working conditions, resumed the work of picketing at the factories which are running an "open shop," and expressed confidence that they would win.

About 2,000 girls whose names appeared on a list which was received at strike headquarters on Sunday night were at their posts early yesterday morning in an effort to influence the girls who are at work. The recent addition to the army of pickets are mostly composed of trimmers, the most of whom are only fourteen or fifteen years old.

After A. Rosenberg, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, is notified of the agreement made by the manufacturers, when he returns to this city today, it is possible that the strikers may formulate new plans. L. Sacks, chairman of the Settlement committee, said yesterday that a non-union workers could enter the shops without being talked to by pickets. "The girls will not threaten," he said, "but will explain why we went out on a strike. Several of the manufacturers who recognize the union now say they will declare an "open shop," and if the employees care to go on a strike they are at liberty to do so. We are satisfied that as soon as these shops are declared open the girls will return to the ranks of the strikers and assist in the cause. We must convince them that agreements with the union must be respected, and we are in a financial condition to do so. If necessary the union could draw on the other labor unions to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars.

Louisa Sacks, secretary of Local 15 of the International Shirtwaist Makers' Union, has issued the following statement on the causes underlying the present strike:

"Those who have observed the present situation of the Ladies' Shirtwaist Makers, if greatly interested, will find that the step the Ladies' Shirtwaist Makers have taken is one of pure justice and was inevitable.

"Four years ago the waist makers of this city made on an average of \$10 per week. Those more skilled, in the busy season, from \$13 to \$14 per week; in the slow times of the year (June, July and August) from \$9 to \$10, thus making the average of skilled labor about \$11.50 a week. The less skilled made in the busy season from \$8 to \$10 per week; in the slow season from \$6 to \$7 per week, which means the average of unskilled labor was \$8.50 per week, and the total average from \$9.50 to \$10.

"It was in the year 1903 that the Shirtwaist Makers' Union attempted to abolish the paid system for machines and power which was a real nuisance to the shirtwaist makers. The union succeeded only by calling a strike, but the strike at that time was not the nature of a general strike, no more than seven or eight shops being affected, but the paid system for machines and power was entirely abolished, as the other employers fearing that their workers might rebel against them, submitted voluntarily, that time the bosses were also compelled to pay the union price list, which was different and superior to the price list of today.

"For fully two years the waist makers have met what we call 'prosperity.' They have been well represented through the influence of the union, they were treated like human beings, they gained the right to communicate with one another, they were allowed to report their grievances to their bosses and never feared the usual consequence of being discharged. The said conditions would have continued much longer, had not the bosses been outrageous in their further dealings.

"The said bosses have made lockouts, reduced the uniform price list and tried to intermingling racial differences, so as to create hostilities among the workers, and the union being compelled to face the lockouts and strikes, though at that time not

Special Strike Issue of The Call.

A SPECIAL STRIKE ISSUE OF THE CALL IS ON SALE ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK TODAY. IT IS SOLD BY THE GIRL SHIRTWAIST STRIKERS.

The issue consists of four pages and contains specially prepared articles placing the cause of the strikers squarely and truthfully before the public. It is illustrated with cartoons and pictures of strikers and strike officials. The issue sells for FIVE CENTS a copy and THE ENTIRE PROCEEDS GO TO THE BENEFIT OF THE STRIKE FUND. The issue is published for Ladies' Waist Makers' Union No. 25.

It is planned to cover the entire city so far as practicable. The girl strikers selling the paper each wear a badge. Watch out for them and encourage them by buying The Call Strike Issue from them.

The special strike issue of The Call is entirely distinct from the regular daily issue. If you want to get a copy of the strike issue watch for the striking girls, who sell the paper on the streets.

THE SPECIAL STRIKE ISSUE IS NOW ON SALE AT THE NEWSSTANDS. Be sure you get a copy as a memento of this great struggle and advertise it among your friends. Everybody can do that much for the shirtwaist strikers fund.

Striking Girls Will Sell Papers on the Streets Today

This morning a special Shirtwaist Strike Edition of The Call will be sold on the streets by the girls themselves, under the direction of a number of volunteers enlisted by the Women's Trade Union League for that purpose. This edition of the paper will be distinct from the regular daily editions, and will be devoted entirely to the story of the strike, and it will not be on sale upon the newsstands.

Beginning Christmas day the office of The Call was invaded by the editors of the special edition, Misses Elizabeth Dutcher and Elsie L. Grange Cole, who, assisted by William Mally, whom they jestingly called "The Chaparrone Editor," have gathered all the material for the paper, and also planned for its distribution, and the work has been carried on with a rush.

The idea of getting out a special edition devoted solely to the strike and getting the striking girls themselves to sell it upon the streets was suggested by John Murray, secretary of the Political Refuge Defense League, to Miss Cole, who brought it up at a meeting of the Women's Trade Union League, and Misses Dutcher and Cole were empowered to go ahead and get out such a paper. They immediately visited Secretary Shindler, of the Ladies' Waist Makers' Union, and asked him what he thought of the idea, and work was started on the Special Swift Waist Edition.

Besides the special articles telling the story of the inception of the strike, the use of thugs and police and city magistrates to dishearten them, there will be special articles in Yiddish and Italian and a number of cartoons.

The purpose of this special edition of The Call is threefold: First, to get money for the cause; second, to tell the whole truth about the strike; and, third, to acquaint the general public with the story of the brave fight of these working girls for living conditions.

"We are very grateful to The Call for its assistance in getting out this special strike edition, more grateful than we can say for all the help given us in this undertaking to help the girls," said Misses Cole and Dutcher last night.

"We regret that more of the stories are not from the pens of the girls themselves, but Christmas and Sunday intervened and made it practically impossible for us to get them in time for the paper. Of course, every line in it deals with the strike from the viewpoint of the strikers. We expect it to be a great success in every way," declared Misses Cole and Dutcher just before the paper went to press.

"We have made arrangements for the sale of the paper at the following points: Outside of the Hoffman House, the headquarters of the Associated Waist and Dress Manufacturers; at the Hotel Astor, the Waldorf-Astoria, the Plaza, Columbus Circle, City Hall Park, Brooklyn Bridge and all through the shirtwaist shop district, as well as in other parts of the city," declared the editors and managers last night.

"The following women have volunteered to superintend the sale of the paper by the girl strikers, who will wear broad shoulder sashes bearing the inscription, 'The Ladies' Shirtwaist Makers' Union on Strike for Better Conditions.'" Misses Curley, Miner, Dear, Pike, Walker, Smith

Increased Activity Follows Unanimous Decision of Striking Girls.

Deny Newspaper Lies. Cases Against Strikers Held by Police for Court of Bosses' Judge, Magistrate Council.

There was renewed activity in the ranks of the striking Ladies' Waist Makers yesterday following the unanimous decision that no proposition made by the employers be considered unless the recognition of the union be conceded. Now that the legality of the women has been so evidently manifested the leaders, volunteers, members of the executive committee, watchers and sympathizers worked with greater zeal than ever, and with more hope for a speedy, victorious settlement.

Especially energetic were the members of the Women's Trade Union League, who were congratulating another on the attitude the strikers have taken toward unionism by making so determined a demand for the closed shop.

A lying report that appeared in some capitalist papers yesterday to the effect that the Women's Trade Union League was dissatisfied with the vote of the strikers, caused much indignation among its members and vigorous denial was sent to the press in the form of an official declaration signed by President Mary E. Devine. The statement follows:

"In view of the fact that there has gone out to the press what seems to be an inspired misstatement of the position of the Women's Trade Union League upon yesterday's developments, for the information of our friends and the public generally the following official statement is submitted:

"The refusal of the Associated Waist and Dress Manufacturers to agree to confer with the representatives of their union employes as recommended by Mr. Marks at their meeting yesterday seems unwarranted and childish.

Define Their Position. "The Women's Trade Union League stands for civilized industry. The trade agreement in the means by which the best intelligence of the employers and the workers can be made to co-operate and in securing industrial justice and maintaining industrial peace. Shall it be said that the employers may combine, to secure the gains of intelligent discussion and collective action, but that the workers are to be denied this education which the union workers are to share responsibility for the conditions under which they give their lives a day at a time, there is no substance to a trade agreement.

"If differences that cannot be settled between the employers and the workers in an individual shop are not to be settled by a conference between the representatives of the Associated Waist and Dress Manufacturers, the employer's organization, and the Ladies' Waist Makers' Union, the workers organization, then how shall they

FOUR MINERS SLAIN

Dust Explosion Brings Death to Coal Miners' Slaves.

CENTRALIA, Ill., Dec. 28.—Four shot miners were killed in a dust explosion caused by a "windy" shot in Mine No. 5, two miles south of here, early today.

The explosion occurred 200 feet from the cage landing at the 700-foot level. The track was torn away and hte workings were damaged. The mine had been in operation one year.

Charles Charleston, one of the victims, lost two relatives in the Cherry disaster.

JERSEY TOWNS WON'T UNITE

The proposition to consolidate the towns of West Hoboken, Union Hill, West New York and Guttenberg and the townships of Weehawken and North Bergen, in the northern part of Hudson county, New Jersey, into a second-class city of 90,000 people was voted down by each of the six municipalities at a special election yesterday to the tune of 4,697 against 1,657 for.

ONE MONTH OF WORK FOR THE CALL

Relative to the support of The Call a Comrade writes: "If methods could be varied, if the circulation could be printed daily, and a host of workers driving it upward to a figure that would pay all expenses—we would be out of the woods in no time." Also, he says: "Don't be afraid about your circulation. If it is small, publish it without regard to your advertising. The fault lies with the Comrades, not with the staff, if its small. The Call's success depends upon its being purchased by the working class—not on what money it gets."

We have no desire to criticize the writer of this communication, but one phrase in his letter does certainly merit discussion. We refer to the "host of workers" who would be driving upward the figures representing our circulation.

We were surely not catering to our advertisers when we stated a few days ago that out of thirty thousand Call Purchasers' Cards only one thousand had been returned, showing that Call advertisers had been patronized. The "host of workers" failed to materialize in this instance.

Another instance: "A Comrade" offered cash prizes of \$100 to the two who could obtain the largest number of three monthly subscriptions in December. Very few of our Comrades even commu-

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be settled? If only by surrender of the workers to superior power...

The Women Trade Union League seeks a real settlement, not a sham one. We want for the shirtwaist makers...

To Protest Against Police. Under the auspices of many organizations a mass meeting will be held next Wednesday, January 5...

At this meeting the constitutionality of the question will be explained and insisted upon. Many organizations and well-known people have been enlisted in the protest...

Appeals are now being made for funds, both to private individuals and labor organizations. Mrs. Yalosh, who is at the head of the press committee...

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committees. Miss Schneiderman was optimistic as to the support that the unions will extend to the strikers...

There were few arrests yesterday, but some cases which had been held for examination were tried in Tombs Court and the Jefferson Market Court...

At the Tombs Court Magistrate Cornell meted out his brand of "justice" to two strikers, Adolph Sacher, of 255 Snadiker street, Brooklyn...

At the Jefferson Market Court, two strikers, Minnie Shapiro, of 84 Chryse street, and Sophia Rubenstein, of 103 East 4th street...

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Dress Manufacturers came yesterday to President J. B. Hyman, of the manufacturers' association. The new offer was from the Federation of Jewish Organizations...

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont presided at a meeting late yesterday afternoon at the Women's Trade Union League headquarters...

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Lester F. Ward (Professor in Brown University, Author of "Pure Sociology," "Applied Sociology," etc.) WILL LECTURE ON "THE RISE OF THE PROLETARIAT" AT THE Rand School of Social Science 112 EAST 19TH STREET. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 8 P. M.

increase in the cost of living will mean 40 per cent decrease in the purchasing power of the workers and a lower standard of life.

Other members of this committee include Mrs. Mary Beard, Mrs. Clarence Burns, Mrs. Dore Lyon, Mrs. Eva McDonald, Valosh, Mrs. Belle de Rivera and Mrs. Nathan Straus. It was decided to hold the meeting on Sunday night in the Carnegie Music Hall.

Benefits for Strikers. Two entertainments will be held for the benefit of the strikers tomorrow night. A concert and ball has been arranged in the hall at 73 Ludlow street...

Trouble Brewing Over Subletting of Contract on Prudential Building. A strike that may call out all classes of workmen on the new Prudential building at Academy and Halsey streets, Newark, may be declared almost any minute...

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Knocks Historians. Dr. Hart Says Press and Congressional Record Are Also Inaccurate. Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard, the president of the American Historical Association...

Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard, the president of the American Historical Association, discussed in a speech delivered before the morning session of that association in the Horace Mann auditorium the interesting phases of lapses from truth on the part of historians...

Dr. Hart cited as some of the stuffed fancies of American history the impeccable Pilgrim Fathers, who were but human beings after all; the bloodily piratical John Paul Jones and the Southern "cavalier."

PARISIAN POLICE THINK THEY HAVE ONE OF BLOODHOUND'S SLAYERS. PARIS, Dec. 28.—A Russian, whom the police believe to have been implicated in the recent execution of Colonel Karpof, chief of the secret police of St. Petersburg...

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The coming congressional investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was the subject of a talk today between President Taft and Representative Daisell.

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Stationery 5,000 loose Initial Paper, beautiful fully boxed, Sale 10c. Fancy Writing Paper 39c. Hair Brushes 75c. Dolls 1.00.

COUPON No. 100 Call Good till January 5. If you present this Coupon you will get 10 stamps free in addition to all other offers on all purchases of 25 cents and upward.

J.P. Senior West 125th St., near Seventh Ave. ESTABLISHED 1868. Local News Briefs. Says Gun Wasn't Loaded. Vincenzo Buccalo, Italian restaurant keeper...

Coupon for Books at Reduced Prices. This coupon represents a cash value of one-third of retail price of books offered in the list printed below.

PAPER BOOKS. Underdog School Children, Spargo, 10c. Unionism and Socialism, Debs, 10c. No Compromise, Liebknecht, 10c.

CLOTH BOUND BOOKS. Socialism, Spargo, \$1.50. The Overman, Sinclair, 50c. The Triumph of Life, Boelche, 50c.

Holiday Goods WHETHER FOR YOUR OWN USE OR FOR PRESENTS—YOU WILL FIND A LARGE ASSORTMENT AT GREEN & GOLDSTEIN MEN'S FURNISHERS 286 Grand St., bet. Allen and Eldridge

COTTON BOOM IN JAPAN. KIVOTO, Japan, Dec. 27.—Following a long continued depression, great activity is now reported in the export of cotton yarn.

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SPORTS

NO FOOTBALL DECISION

Intercollegiate Athletic Association Passes Vague Resolution. Hours of struggling yesterday brought the Intercollegiate Association of the United States very little nearer the solution of the problem: "What is to be done to save football?"

The all day meeting of this association, which names half of the football rules committee, had been depended upon to bring out many things that could be applied as remedies to the game's disease.

"That the football rules committee of this association be instructed to use every possible endeavor to bring about such a modification as shall in their judgment tend to reduce to a minimum the chances of physical injury to the players and at the same time to retain in so far as may be feasible the most desirable and wholesome features of the game."

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AGAINST TRUST CIGARS Hoosier Union Men Charge Discrimination in Favor of Cheap Product.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—At the meeting of the Central Labor Union last night a resolution was adopted in relation to the importation into the United States of cigars made in the Philippine Islands.

The resolutions set forth that Congress put a provision in the tariff bill providing for the importation into the United States of 150,000,000 cigars from the Philippine Islands free of duty.

It was contended in the resolutions that this was a discrimination in favor of the product of the cheapest and most degraded class of foreign labor, against the independent cigar interests.

The resolutions denounced the "Action of Secretary of War Dickinson, under whose direction such manila cigars are imported for permitting such discrimination."

Replies are expected within the next fortnight and if a majority of the operators favor a demand on the railroad, notice that a schedule of demands is to be prepared will at once be filed with the officials.

It is understood that a preliminary unofficial canvass of the operators with a view to learning their attitude on the proposed demands has already been made and that a great majority are in favor of negotiating with the railroads.

Ninety-five per cent of the New Haven Railroad operators are union men.

AMERICANS SENTENCED. Two Yankees Who Robbed Parisian Girl Got Four Years Each.

BIG PROFIT IN MILK BEFORE RAISED PRICE One Company Admits Making More Money in Half of 1909 Than All Last Year.

Testifying yesterday at the investigation held by Referee Brown to determine whether there is a milk trust, Alex. Campbell, head of the Campbell Milk Company, of Brooklyn, admitted that his company's profits were at a high level just before the price was raised from 8 to 9 cents a quart.

Campbell's attention was called again to a statement previously submitted to him.

"These figures show that the profits of your company for the first half of 1909 were greater than for the whole of 1908," said Special Attorney General Coleman.

"Have you determined whether they are correct?"

"Yes, they are correct, absolutely," said Campbell.

The witness was asked about a conversation which he had with Charles H. C. Beales, dean of the industry, since the investigation began.

"Did you tell Beales then that you were going to tell the truth at this investigation?"

"I think I did say something to that effect. I may have said something about letting all the facts come out."

"PENNSY" GETS SCORED Passengers on Limited Stuck in Snow Bank Complain Bitterly.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—Passengers on the Pennsylvania Limited east on Sunday last, who were held up near Philadelphia when the train stalled in a snowdrift, filed formal complaint today in the State Railroad Commission, alleging that the Pennsylvania Railroad is deficient in equipment for a first-class railroad.

The complaint is as follows: Passengers on the Pennsylvania Limited, leaving Chicago, December 25, have been at great disappointment, annoyance, loss of money and time through the neglect of proper equipment by the above named railroad, which certainly ought to be prepared for any emergency which may occur, especially in cases of snowstorms, when pathfinding and snow-cleaning engines should be on hand.

The paper is signed by a committee for the passengers, consisting of Thomas C. Lee, Minneapolis; L. W. Snyder, Seattle; C. H. Palmer, Butte; Benjamin W. Robinson and H. J. Heister, Chicago, and F. C. Riehl, Tacoma.

TRADE SCHOOLS NEEDED. Such Is Opinion of State Teachers at 64th Meeting Here.

With an attendance of nearly two thousand, the New York State Teachers' Association opened its sixty-fourth annual convention at Teachers' College yesterday with a discussion of vocational education.

The speakers included Dean James E. Russell of Teachers' College and Dr. David Snedden, commissioner of education of Massachusetts, while William J. Long delivered an address on "Wild Instincts of Fame Children."

The prevailing opinion in the discussion of vocational education was that trade schools were needed and that the provision of them would make necessary a revision of the course of study in elementary schools.

CARNEGIE NOT BADLY HURT. The injury to Andrew Carnegie's leg is not serious. It will keep him indoors for a week or so, but he will not be confined to his bed.

ELEVATOR DROPS One Killed, Two Hurt, When Cage Hits Bottom of Shaft. One man was killed and two seriously injured when an elevator fell from between the fourth and fifth floors to the basement of 98 Worth street shortly after they started in to work yesterday morning.

Thomas Murphy, the elevator runner, of 23 10th street, Brooklyn, was killed. The injured are two laborers, employed by Teft, Weller & Co., dry goods, who occupy the building. They are James D. Anderson, of 311 West 118th street, who has a dislocated right shoulder, and Charles Rooney, of 403 East 93d street, who has contusions of body.

The accident was caused by the breaking of a pinion on a wheel regulating the elevator in the engine room. The injured men were taken to the Hudson Street Hospital, where it was found that they had suffered no internal injuries and were allowed to go home.

'CHESTY' WOULDN'T TOO PROUD TO STAND IN BROADWAY. As he started to cross Park street yesterday morning, a man known as "Chesty" dropped dead in a bank. Agency is supposed to have been the cause and nothing was in his possession to assist the police in establishing his identity.

Policeman Kelleher, of the Oak station, carried him to the sidewalk, summoned Dr. Lavacca, of the Sun Street Hospital, who found the dead.

"Why, that is 'Chesty,'" several names said. "He was too 'chesty' to stand in the broad way and never beg."

"Chesty" was about sixty years five feet seven inches in height and dark hair and mustache. He was light soft hat and overcoat and a suit of summer clothes.

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OPPENHEIMER SPEAKS ON LAW OF PROPERTY

Oppenheimer, speaking on "The Evolution of Property," before the Socialist Forum at Lyric Hall, outlined the growth of property in all its varying forms...

Oppenheimer defined property as that which had been gained by the efforts of the individual or the group...

The law underlying all of these social acts, declared Oppenheimer, is the same—the law of preservation of life...

Another lesson to be learned from the animals, declared Oppenheimer, is mutual help. There are many animals that live their whole lives in groups...

As far as the study of antiquity can reveal it, it appears, argued the speaker, that man in the cave and during the dwelling period held the same property concept as the lower-group...

The development of capitalist private property, from simple business farms to the stock corporation, was traced by the speaker in detail...

Next Sunday morning Louis B. Mead will speak on "The Duty of the Hour."

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DEFENDS MEXICO

American Charge d'Affaires Shields Diary in Cook Case. MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Dec. 22.—"The Mexican government has acted wholly within its rights thus far, and according to its legal methods...

So today asserted James G. Bailey, charge d'affaires at the American embassy. He added that he had received instructions from the State Department at Washington...

Although the inquiry from the State Department was very brusque and stated that "his long imprisonment without trial is causing considerable agitation in various parts of the United States," Bailey said he did not understand the instructions from Washington to be in criticism of the Mexican government procedure...

The crime with which Cook stands charged is not ballable under the Mexican laws, and they have a legal right to keep him in custody six months before rendering a decision.

These letters have to do with the character of Cook.

SHIP AFIRE FIVE DAYS

Blast in Hold of Celtic Kept Secret From Passengers. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.—Not until the 400 passengers on the White Star liner Celtic, from New York and Queenstown, arrived here and disembarked did they learn that a fire had been burning in one of the holds for five days.

The blaze was discovered on Wednesday among cotton bales that filled No. 6 hold, its presence being revealed by smoke.

Captain Hamblton at once had the hatches thoroughly sealed and every member of the crew was warned against revealing the discovery by word or even look.

Every man obeyed, and throughout the five days the passengers enjoyed the usual games and other diversions of shipboard as though there was not the least danger.

SHOT MOTHER-IN-LAW

Mortieghem Blamed Her for His Separation from His Wife. PATTERSON, N. J., Dec. 22.—Julius Van Mortieghem appeared at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rosa Martin, 23 Butler street, this morning, and after accusing her of being the cause of the trouble which caused him and his wife to separate, pulled two revolvers from his pockets and fired twice at her.

VICTOR L. BERGER of Milwaukee, Wis. WILL LECTURE ON NEXT MONDAY EVE'G, JANUARY 3, 1915 AT COOPER UNION, Third Avenue and 8th Street. SUBJECT: "A LABOR PARTY IN AMERICA"

Telegraphic Briefs

Messina Quake Anniversary Observed. ROME, Dec. 22.—Tolling bells, memorial services and a general display of crepe on public buildings throughout Italy today marked the first anniversary of the earthquake that devastated Messina and wrought such devastation in Sicily and Calabria.

15 Injured on Penn. R. R. Train. PENN GROVE, N. J., Dec. 22.—Fifteen persons were injured, though none seriously, when the Pennsylvania Railroad train which left here at 12:30 o'clock for Camden, was derailed just outside that town.

To Promote "Our Interests" in Japan. TOKIO, Dec. 22.—Three hundred American business men are to be the guests of Japan during the month of March, if a scheme started today by Japanese business men succeeds.

Defuncting Treasurer Waives Trial. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 22.—Robert D. Muir, defaulting treasurer of the People's Bank and Trust Company, charged with the theft of about \$127,000 worth of securities from that institution waived examination in police court today and was bound over for trial in the Superior Court under \$10,000 bonds.

Fire at Freeport, Me. FREEPORT, Me., Dec. 22.—Clark's Hotel, the Freeport branch of the Lewiston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, and seven stores in the block on the northeasterly side of Main street, between Bow and Mechanic streets, were burned today. Loss over \$50,000.

Freight Wreck Causes Blockade. POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 22.—A probable broken axle caused the wreck of an eastbound Pennsylvania freight train in the western part of the city today. Twenty cars loaded with merchandise were piled high on top of each other and traffic was completely blocked.

Bucks at Oil-Burning Engines. ALBANY, Dec. 22.—Claiming that their operating expenses on the Adirondack division will be doubled if they are compelled to observe the orders requiring the installation of oil-burning locomotives by 1916 in the forest regions, the New York Central today asked the Second District Public Service Commission for a modification of the order.

OWNERS BOTH COMPANIES

SMALL ADS THAT WILL BRING BIG RESULTS. Try an insertion in The Call, the most closely read daily paper.

MEETINGS. PAINTERS' LOCAL UNION, NO. 51. Wednesday, December 23. Election of business agent, day secretary and custodian.

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4 1/2 PER CENT. INTEREST PAID ON DEPOSITS FROM \$1. TO \$3000. MONEY DEPOSITED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 17TH WILL DRAW INTEREST FROM JANUARY 1ST.

WOMEN MOB BANKER

Pummeled Man in Whose Failure Their Savings Were Lost. A hundred enraged women, who had lost all their savings through the failure of the private bank of Hyman Epstein, at 70 Graham avenue, Williamsburg, pummeled him, pulled out handfuls of his hair and threatened his life yesterday as he left the Manhattan Avenue Court, where he had been arraigned on a charge of grand larceny in connection with the shrinkage of the bank's funds.

ATTACKS REFORMERS

Harvard Professor Says They Employ Same Methods as Politicians. A bitter attack on the hypocrisy of so-called political reformers was the feature of an address by President Lawrence Lowell, of Harvard University, before the meeting of the American Historical and Economic Associations at Columbia University yesterday.

SNOW GIVES WORK

Homeless Avoid City Lodging House When Job Can Be Had. There were only 256 applicants for beds at the City Lodging House, Monday night, while the institution has a capacity of 750.

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SHORT HOURS FOR WOMEN.

(Concluded.) The danger of long hours for women... industrial communities in physique and morals...

industrial communities in physique and morals, react so favorably upon output that commercial prosperity is heightened...

"The unconstitutionality of the woman's ten-hour law," concludes the brief, "is asserted on the ground that the right to purchase and sell labor is a part of both the 'liberty' and the 'property' secured to the citizen by the Constitution."

STRANGE FIELDS FOR WOMEN.

Woman Conducts Orchestra. An unusual spectacle was witnessed this week at the production of "Alice in Wonderland" at the Court Theater in the shape of a young woman in the conductor's seat.

DEMAND FOR STAGE SUFFRAGETTES.

It is not only the suffragettes themselves who are called upon to do and endure for the sake of their cause in England. The following advertisement appears in the Stage, a London theatrical paper:

WOMAN WINS PRIZE.

Selma Lagerlof, a Swedish authoress, has been awarded this year's Nobel prize for literature.

A NEW WOMAN'S MAGAZINE.

A magazine to be called Woman's Era is to be started in New Orleans next January. It will be edited by Professor Margaret E. Cross, and announces articles by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Anna Shaw, Maud Ballington Booth, Florence Kelley and other well known women.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The public is cordially invited to attend a meeting in behalf of woman suffrage to be held under the auspices of the Thomas Davidson Society, at 207 Henry street, at 7:45 o'clock this evening.

PROFESSOR WARD TO LECTURE.

Professor Lester F. Ward, of Brown University, and formerly of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, author of "Pure Sociology," "Applied Sociology," and other works, will lecture tomorrow evening at the Rand School of Social Science, 112 East 19th street.

Socialist News of the Day

Tonight's Meetings.

MANHATTAN AND BRONX.

The arrangements committee of the Young Socialist League will meet tonight at the headquarters of the 10th Assembly District, 266 East 19th street. It is very important that every member of the committee be present...

MOUNT VERNON.

Business Meeting. 33 South Fourth avenue—All members should attend promptly at 8 o'clock.

WEST HOBOKEN.

Business Meeting. 1st W. B., 807 Demott street, 8 p. m.—Special meeting. Referendum vote for state officers will be taken.

HUDSON COUNTY.

The Socialist Educational Club of Hudson County will hold a regular monthly meeting tonight at 256-258 Central avenue, Jersey City.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Public Meetings. Mother Jones will speak on "Mexico and Labor" tonight at Gracey's Hall, 52d and Hanerford avenue, under the auspices of the 34th, 44th and 46th W. B.

ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCE.

An entertainment and dance has been arranged by the Socialist Party Club of Yorkville, at headquarters, 1461 Third avenue, near 83d street, on New Year's eve, December 31.

BERGER TO LECTURE.

Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, Wis., will deliver an address on "A Labor Party in America" Monday evening, January 3, at Cooper Union. Tickets are ready and can be had at Socialist party headquarters, 239 East 84th street; office of The Call, 442 Pearl street; office of The Forward, 175 East Broadway; Rand School, 112 East 19th street, and at the headquarters of the 5th A. D., under whose auspices the lecture will be held.

QUEENS.

Friday night will mark an epoch in the history of Socialism in this country, as on that night the Socialists will have a carnival celebrating the opening of the clubhouse purchased by them two months ago for \$1,000.

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from the junction of the Myrtle and Cypress avenue car lines.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

The Socialist Sunday School of West Hoboken, will hold a Christmas entertainment tonight at 8 o'clock, at Liberty Hall, Spring and Shipman streets. Admission free. Everybody invited.

READING, PA.

At a protest meeting held in the Labor Lyceum, Reed and Walnut streets, Sunday, December 19, the body adopted resolutions protesting against the suppression of free speech in Spokane, Wash. James Maurer, Caleb Harrison and others delivered addresses. The members present responded liberally, a large collection being taken.

PITTSBURG, PA.

A musical corps of Socialists and sympathizers is being organized and will include both vocal and instrumental musicians. All interested persons are urgently requested to notify the county organizer at once.

On account of the holidays, the Greater Pittsburg Study Club will suspend its meetings until the night of January 8, when a full and prompt attendance is desired. Subject, "What is Capitalism?"

A New Year's eve entertainment and dance will be given New Year's eve at Caton's Auditorium, 204 6th street, Friday evening. One of the features of the evening will be the presentation of Upton Sinclair's "The Second-Story Man," by an amateur Socialist troupe. Admission, 25 cents.

The Political Study Class, which meets at county headquarters every Monday night, is meeting with phenomenal success. Fifteen foreign-born Socialists, who needed at least one of their citizen papers, enrolled the first night, and more expect to join the class at once.

FINLAND.

The Executive Committee of the Finnish Socialist party publishes an appeal to the proletariat of Finland to stand up for their democratic institutions and their threatened political liberty, and not make compromises.

The Executive of the party warns against unconsidered acts, and says that the protest of the proletariat should, for the moment, take the form of immense demonstrations.

Study-Course in Socialism

Under the Auspices of Local Kings County A SERIES OF 18 LESSONS CONDUCTED BY GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK, A. B. MONDAY EVENINGS, JANUARY 3 TO MAY 2, 1910 AT THE Workingmen's Educational Club 477 Atlantic Avenue.

The text books used will be Vail's "Principles of Scientific Socialism" and Spargo's "Socialism." For further particulars write to C. W. Cavanaugh, 1254 59th st., Brooklyn.

NEW WITNESSES FOUND

Three Women Hear Conversation Between Missing Girl and Boehmke.

Three women have been brought into the case of the disappearance of Elfrida Tittlbach, the fifteen-year-old Hoboken girl, for which William Boehmke, the retired merchant, was held in \$2,500 bail. Subpoenas were issued for them when the police yesterday failed to find Boehmke, who must be examined in court today in Hoboken.

Mrs. Potts, who occupied the lower floor of Boehmke's house at 128 Washington street, heard the girl pleading with Boehmke, and she will be asked to testify as to the conversation. Mrs. Kerns, of 120 Washington street, another of those subpoenaed, had been told by Chief Hayes such instructions also closed the mouth of Mrs. Pithoff, of 110 Washington street, who was subpoenaed yesterday.

While the Hoboken police admit they haven't the slightest clue to the whereabouts of the girl, they say that three presumptions are possible—she might have been murdered or sent to France on a liner or may be secreted in a New York house.

The Hoboken police also admit that they don't know where Boehmke is, but they think that he will show up when his case is called in court today.

Fritz Bernbach and Edward Richter, a bartender and a lunch counter employee from a saloon in New York, insisted that they knew nothing about the girl further than that Boehmke tried to get them to take her to France on the liner Loraine.

GIRL DIES OF POISON

Peculiar Circumstances Attend, Decease of Waitress.

Anna Johnson, a young waitress, died suddenly yesterday in a furnished room at 187 East 11st street, and because of several peculiar circumstances surrounding her death the coroner is investigating.

Death was evidently due to poison, but whether taken with suicidal intent the police will not state. Miss Johnson was heard moaning by John Duff, proprietor of the house, who entered her room and found her writhing in pain.

Duff called in Dr. Arnow, of 185 East 11st street, and the physician promptly summoned the police and an ambulance from the Presbyterian Hospital. Before the arrival of the latter the girl died without making any statement.

On a dresser beside the bed were several notes addressed to friends and relatives of the girl and evidently written by Miss Johnson. They were sealed and taken possession of by Coroner Shrauf.

PARIS COPS DISCONTENTED.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The peace guardians of the suburbs here are much discontented, and are beginning to agitate for better conditions. They are preparing to present their demands to Lepine, chief of police.

ONE MONTH OF WORK FOR THE CALL

(Continued from page 1.)

on this. We are besieged with letters from Comrades who advise us to offer inducements for securing subs—safety razors, punch bowls, bread knives and bootjacks, being included in this list of "inducements." Shades of Marx and Engels! Think of coaxing Socialists to work for their press! Think of a "host of workers" spurred on by the hope of obtaining a choice set of nutpicks or a self-filling fountain pen.

No, Comrades, to tell the truth and shame the devil and discourage our advertisers, will avail us nothing. To coax and bribe a body of class-conscious workers, agitators and r-revolutionists—to beg and plead with them to do their part in establishing a daily press—this is calculated to draw upon us well merited derision from the enemies' camp.

We greatly dislike this begging for funds, and would by far prefer having our paper supported, not through contributions, but through a large circulation and liberal advertising. But here again, our "host of workers" fade away, and when asked to help The Call they haughtily inquire why we do not dispense with the services of half of our office and editorial forces and increase our circulation!

Yesterday's first mail brought in \$16 on the mark fund, a correspondingly slim business income, \$2 in stamps, and nine poems. The Call is nineteen months old, has never sold out to a wealthy corporation, and does not augment its income by printing strike-breakers' ads, or garbled versions of current events.

The Call is subsidized by but one thing on earth—the working class—and its up to the class-conscious portion of that class to see to it that our paper is brought to the attention of those workers whose ignorance of real conditions is instrumental in keeping our noses to the grindstone.

We have asked our Comrades to work for thirty days in order to raise money for The Call. We are offering no inducement—none whatever. No Socialist should need one. We all know how much we need our press. We know that unless we work, energetically and earnestly, our press will die. Thirty days of united effort will save The Call. How many of you can we count on?

Receipts

Table with columns for Date and Amount. Includes entries for December 28, 1909, with names like Armin H. Green, S. Behrman, J. P. Alverez, etc., and totals for the day and grand total.

THE GERMAN MARK FUND.

Form for sending money to the German Mark Fund, including fields for Name, Address, and Remarks.

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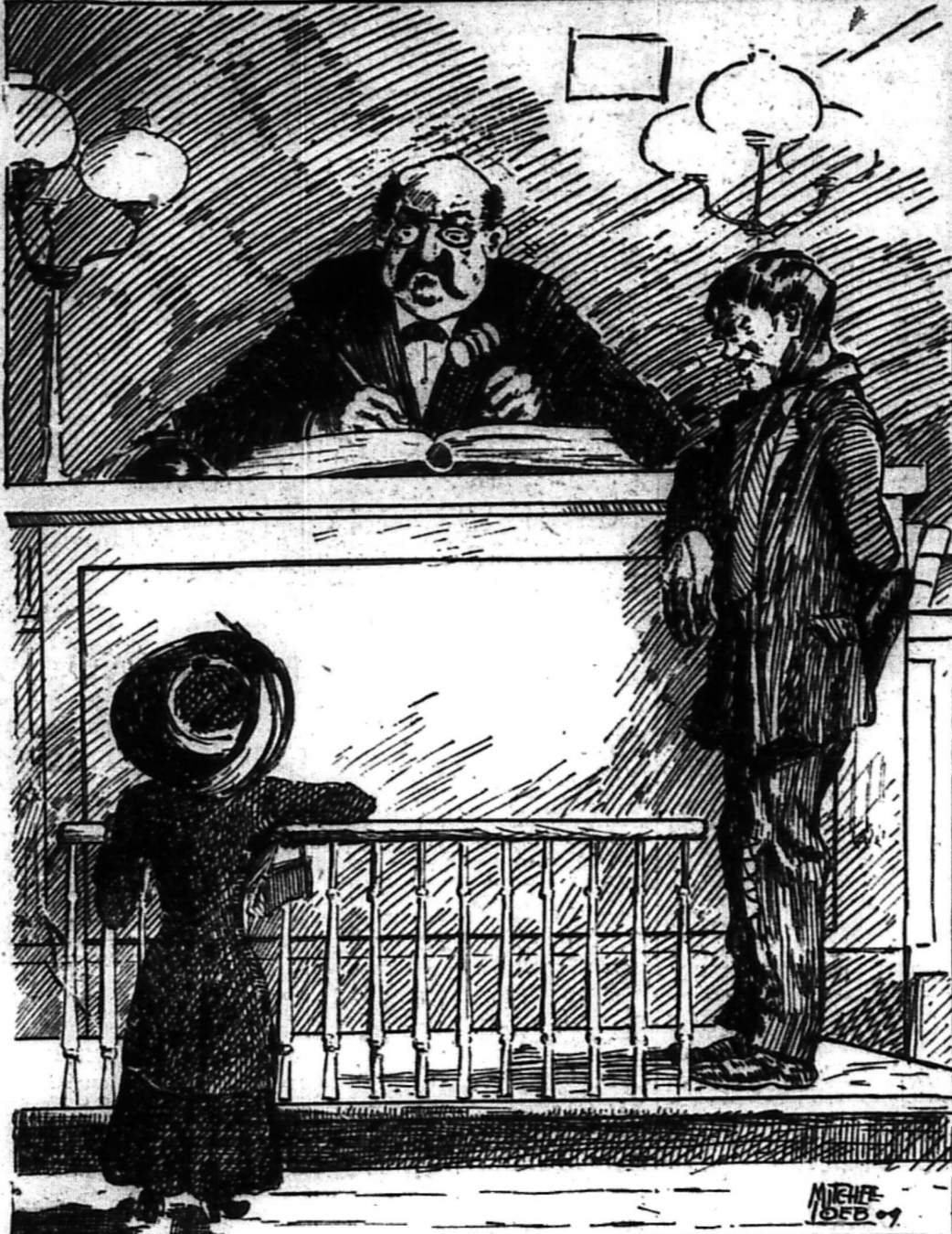
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DEMOCRACY

By Robert Hunter.

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OMNIPOTENCE AND TOM LAWSON.

By Jos. E. Cohen.

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