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## Bull Moose Hunts Grave As Chicago Political Circus Ends

By J. L. ENGBAHL.  
ANOTHER "radical" political party has gone to its grave. The Bull Moose is on its way to the happy hunting ground. Adherents of the Progressive faith are returning to the republican and democratic folds, from whence they were called in 1912. And all the while the schemer of the lot sits scheming in seclusion at Oyster Bay, sketching future political double crosses.

This is the only event worth while mentioning growing out of the conventions of the republican and progressive parties just adjourned in Chicago. There isn't much news in an old corpse. That is why the republican convention needs but little attention. There is some news in a death, however, so let us consider the taking off of the Progressive Party, four years old and one week ago showing some signs of vigor.

WHEN the recent political pow-wows began in Chicago the Bull Mooers had an inspiring hope — that the Republicans would welcome them back to the fold and nominate Theodore Roosevelt as the presidential candidate of the reunited party. This great hope was no doubt born in the bosom of the Colonel himself and brought to Chicago by the faithful George W. Perkins, the Bull Moose treasury.

The republicans, Reed Smoot, "Boss" Barnes and the rest, played with this hope for two days, then threw it into the gutter. And the day after the Progressive Party itself, with Roosevelt declining to accept its nomination, followed its hope into the self-same gutter, down the same sewer and into the eternal discard.

IT WAS an ignoble ending. The Populist Party and Hearst's Independence League were gulped out of existence by the more powerful capitalist political organizations. But the republican "old guard", with its orders from the inner citadels of the financial plutocracy, refused to even gulp on the progressive party. They just kicked it into oblivion.

When Roosevelt refused to accept the Bull Moose presidential nomination he showed, what has always been claimed by Socialists, that the Progressive Party was born to catch votes, that its radicalism was merely a plea for ballot support, that its leader was nothing more than a political fortune hunter and expert double crosser. Let all Progressives remember this as they denounce Roosevelt as a "traitor", a captain who deserted his ship in its hour of need, and other names less dignified. Roosevelt is not the kind of a politician who leads a forlorn hope for principle. There may be a few such politicians in the progressive party. If these few politicians, for the sake of what principles they have, do put up a "third ticket", their campaign will be like holding a wake over the dead. The burial will only be delayed until after the November elections.

THE interests of big business demand only two parties. So why support a third? The voters turned from Taft and the republican party in 1912, to Wilson and the democratic party, and the plutocracy is enthroned as firmly as ever. But, if the voters are not contented with Wilson and the democratic party, big business now bids them return to Hughes and the republican party. They say, "Have a change, if you want it, but change the way we want you to change."

In the changing this year, however, many of the working class slaves to tradition and the master class will break from their former allegiance and align themselves with the Socialist Party, casting their votes for Benson and Kirkpatrick. The numbers this year bid fair

to outstrip those in any previous national election.  
THE progressives are mourning the death of their party and denouncing Roosevelt as a traitor. It was only natural that the Progressive Party should

## THE GOLD DUST TRIPLETS

By JOHN M. WORK.  
BY THE time you read this article no doubt all three of the old dust triplets will have held their conventions, nominated their candidates, and adopted their platforms. At this writing, however, only two of them—the republican and the so-called progressive—have done so. The platforms of these two parties are in fundamental accord. Practically the only difference between them lies in the fact that they are couched in different language. They mean the same.

Both of them stand for exaggerated nationalism. The baneful jingo spirit pervades them throughout.

Such scanty labor planks as they contain, on child labor and workmen's compensation, were secured out of these parties by the rising Socialist vote. The credit for these planks is therefore due to the Socialist party, not to the republican and so-called progressive parties. We have also frightened a number of labor laws out of the gold dust triplets, in various states and in the nation. By doubling the Socialist vote again we can frighten still more labor legislation out of them.

THE suffrage plank, such as it is, was scared out of them by the suffrage organization and the rising Socialist vote. The fact that the women now have the ballot in a number of states was an important factor. The plank, however, is a compromise, for it leaves the matter to the states, and sidesteps the question of granting suffrage by amendment of the federal constitution.

But these planks are, to these parties, minor matters thrown in for the purpose of catching votes. They will do just as little as possible in the way of living up to them.

The great bulk of these platforms is given up to that which these parties really stand for—the interests of the capitalist class. Of course they do not say this in so many words. Perish the thought. They are too smooth for that. But it is all there just the same. A strong foreign policy. Horror and indignation concerning the Mexican situation. Hang on to the Philippines. Special privileges to the merchant marine. Encouragement for big business. Protective tariff. A big army and a big navy.

The shameless greed of capitalism smirches the whole of these platforms.

TAKE A look, for example, at the expression of horror and indignation because a few dozen Americans have been killed by Mexicans. What they really mean is that they want to subjugate Mexico, in order that the American capitalists may exploit the Mexican people out of every dollar possible. To accomplish this object, they must prejudice the American people against the Mexicans.

The framers of these platforms are fully aware of the fact that hundreds of Americans die of starvation each year. They know that millions of Americans are underfed all the time. They know that hundreds of thousands of Americans are compelled to accept degrading charity. They know that every little while, under all capitalist party administrations, millions of Americans tramp the streets in a vain attempt to find an opportunity to earn a living. They know that thousands of Americans are killed, and hundreds of thousands injured, by preventable accidents. They know that thousands of Americans are driven to suicide. They know that thousands of Americans are driven to insanity. They know that hundreds of thousands of Americans are driven to crime. They know that hundreds of thousands of American girls and women are driven to prostitution.

Do they express any horror and indignation over these infamous outrages?

Not a horror.  
Not a indignation.  
Why?

Because these outrages are due to capitalism, and these parties are the political representatives of capitalism. It is to their interest to distract the attention of the people from these things and center their attention upon something else. They prate about the Mexican situation, and about so-called preparedness, etc. And they make use of the entire capitalist press for the purpose of arousing the passions and prejudices of the people over these things.

IT IS the same old trick of the thief who directs the attention of the people to some extraneous object while he goes thru their pockets.

The capitalists now enjoy the private ownership of the industries. This private ownership enables them to secure for themselves most of the earnings of the rest of the people. They do not want to lose this choice graft. They know that unless the people are kept interested in non-essentials they are likely to think on these things and insist upon their rights. They know that Socialism—the collective ownership and control of the industries—is a constant and growing menace to their graft and will put a complete end to it if the Socialists gain control.

So they seize every pretext to get the people interested in something else. As long as they can keep the people worked up over one kind of damn nonsense or another, their graft is safe.

Just now it is so-called preparedness. They want this so-called preparedness in order to keep the people from thinking about and demanding their rights. It is a fake issue.

Of course there are also other reasons why the capitalists want so-called preparedness. They want it because there is all kinds of money in manufacturing munitions of war. They want it also in order to have an army to put down strikes. They want it likewise in order to be able to compete with the capitalists of other nations and capture the markets of the world, with a navy ready to let daylight into anyone who says them nay.

And vast hordes of the people fall for these tricks.

They fall for them because they don't know any better.

The reason they don't know any better is because they read nothing but the capitalist papers.

NOW WHAT is the remedy for this condition?

Why, manifestly, the remedy is to see to it that they also read the Socialist papers. If we can see to it that all the voters in America receive Socialist papers regularly until election, we shall make such a great increase in our vote and such a great increase in our representation in congress and state legislatures that the plutes will be half scared to death and will hasten to make very substantial concessions to the people.

I am in favor of doing this.

Are you willing to do it?

I desire to say that I stand ready to pay my proportion of the amount of money necessary to send The American Socialist until election to the voters of the nation, up to the full limit allowed by the postal regulations. We can do it.

It is tremendously worth while.

Will you do your share?

**The nomination of Hughes and Wilson is a challenge by the plutocracy to the working class of the United States. That challenge must be met, NOW! We must send a fighting group of Socialists to congress. Do your part, NOW, by helping to SEND DEBS TO CONGRESS!**

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die since it had nothing to live for. Roosevelt is not a traitor; he is truer than ever to the class in society whose political puppet he confesses himself to be. For a few moments Roosevelt has appeared in his real role. He should never be able to deceive again. Whether there will be another Roosevelt or another Progressive Party depends on whether the workers will continue to be traitors to their own best interests. The capitalist class is true to its own interests and it is in control of the land. It could not maintain itself in power for a day if the workers were not traitors to their class. Let the death of the Progressive Party and the unmasking of Roosevelt be a monumental lesson to the workers everywhere. Then there will be fewer traitors to the working class after the votes have been counted in November; and the time to mourn without tears the passing of the capitalist system of society will have been brought many years nearer.

Wall Street has Hughes and Wilson. The working class has Benson and Kirkpatrick. Let the issue be, "Wall Street versus the working class."

## Poor Old Big Biz.

By LUCIEN SAINT.  
WASHINGTON.—Poor old Big Business is confronted with the worst political situation with which it has had to cope in years. It has no issue except "Americanism" and "preparedness", and the sad thing is that the people are falling for it either. The hyphenated Democratic-Republican parties are endeavoring to stir up enthusiasm along this line, but the people are not responding.

The so-called radical vote has nowhere to go. Roosevelt has blown up and forgotten his former red hot social and industrial justice planks which lured some thousands of this vote in 1912. The best that the Republicans could say for labor was some junk about enforcing the laws, child labor, and safety first for employees. Neither the Republican nor the Progressive nor the Democrats say anything about the wage system, exploitation, hours of labor, or unions. It is safety first for the old parties, and "let labor alone".

Politicians Worried.  
Politicians here are plainly worried about the outcome of the campaign which has opened so inauspiciously for the old parties, and Big Business, which at the eleven o'clock hour will support whichever candidate is most likely to win, is up on end with astonishment and dismay. Every political hack in the corridors of the Capitol knows that this situation means an enormous increase in Social vote, and the weakening of the old parties in proportion to the growing strength of labor.

There are indications aplenty that labor is not going to be fooled this year into throwing away its strength upon either of the hyphenated parties. It is going to throw large wads of its votes into the ballot box for Allan L. Benson and Socialism. Labor is not being enticed by "Americanism" any more than it is being attracted by "preparedness". Neither is labor being deceived by the lying statistics put out by the Government for the purpose of showing that labor is sharing justly in the general "prosperity". Labor knows what the cost of living is, and what the wages are, and labor has a very shrewd guess that profits are way beyond what they used to be.

London Needs Allies.  
Socialist Congressman Meyer London is not over optimistic, but he believes that labor will send him several allies to the House of Representatives this fall. With a strong Socialist, class-conscious group on the floor of the House, much could be done for the cause of the working people in Washington. Today, represented by a single, lone agent, they are practically powerless. A minority of one cannot get very far.

All indications point to the fact that the present campaign will be a quiet one. It will be to a large extent a literature campaign, and the records of the candidates will be presented to the voters so that they may know the truth and decide for themselves. To the extent that Big Business, thru the prostituted press, controls the distribution of facts and ideas, to that extent Big Business is strong. But day by day the sorry records of Congressmen, Cabinet officers and the President are being exposed thru the Socialist press, and thru the National Voters' League—and this is the dynamite for the capitalist and controlling class.

"There was generally speaking a depressed look upon the faces of those taking part and employers were conspicuous by their absence, except on the reviewing stands," writes Dallas, Tex., comrade in telling about the "jingo parade" engineered in that city by the chamber of commerce and merchants and manufacturers' association. The same conscription campaign carried on in New York, Chicago and elsewhere was also used in Dallas.

Robert D. McIlvany, of the International Association of Machinists, has been nominated for congress in the second congressional district of Virginia and plans are being made for a strenuous campaign.

## Benson Tells Women Socialist Stand On Suffrage Question

ALLAN L. BENSON, Socialist candidate for president, was one of the speakers at the session of the Woman's Party National Convention, Blackstone Theater, Chicago, Tuesday evening, June 6, when representatives of all political parties appeared to give their reasons why the 4,000,000 women voters should vote for their party.

In writing about this meeting, Ida M. Tarbell, who gave us "The History of Standard Oil" without a subsidy from "John D." said: "Those of the gentleman who had not been too long in politics to learn from that which happens to them must have sensed several things before the meeting was over. One very important thing was that they faced a body of women who can follow more understandingly and sympathetically a Socialist like Allan L. Benson, in spite of his flaunting them and their support to their faces, than they can an old-fashioned republican like John Hayes Hammond."

"Votes don't matter," Benson shot at them. "Nothing but education matters. Women, like men, don't know how to vote. Nevertheless, if you have nothing but ignorance, you have a right to contribute that. As for the Socialists, we shall continue to vote for suffrage, as we always have done, if no woman vote for us."

"Much as they gasped at Benson's defiance of their 'power,' they took it like sports and sent him to his seat with rounds of cheers and long waving of their lovely banners. (They have a wonderful eye for color, these new politicians.)

"But when Mr. Hammond, confident and bland, assured them the Republican party offered them protection from invaders, they jeered him. They understand they are their own protectors and war scares are not going to stampede them."

This is what Benson said:

ADAM CHAIRMAN, Women and Men: As I understand it, I was asked here not to explain and defend the principles of Socialism, but to answer as well as I could this concrete question: "What, in your opinion, is the reason, if any, why the four million women of the United States who have votes should vote for the Socialist party?" This being in my mind all the while, that what you want is to nationalize suffrage by bringing about the adoption of the constitutional amendment that is known as the Susan B. Anthony amendment. (Applause.) That is the question as I understood it, and if that be the way it was put to me I will proceed.

As you women get further and further into politics you will find it more and more interesting, if not always more and more delightful, and you will also as you go along meet surprises; perhaps you might as well have one surprise now.

We in the Socialist party—and I say it without any offense to the members of other parties—we have in the Socialist party no department of promises. (Applause.) Our first consideration is not getting votes. On the other hand, that is our last consideration. Our first consideration is to spread abroad throughout this land a broad, deep understanding of the philosophy of Socialism as we know it. After that understanding comes we feel that the votes will materialize exceedingly quickly. But without that understanding we feel that even if by some accident a Socialist administration were to be elected, that administration would inevitably fail, because we proceed upon the assumption that the amelioration of the ills from which we all suffer can be accomplished only by a process of education. (Applause.)

NOW, if you women know nothing about Socialism except that we favor woman suffrage—if that is all you know about it, why, your four million votes would do us harm (applause): for the reason that that would create the impression throughout this country that the nation was rapidly swinging to Socialism, when as a matter of fact it would only be swinging around to get some help on woman suffrage. You would leave us as quickly as you came, and when you left us we should be compelled to explain for the next four years why our vote slumped. (Applause.)

The Socialist party has always been in favor of woman suffrage. It has been in favor of it more years than most women are old, and more years than almost any woman will ever admit that she is old. (Laughter.)

The Socialist party was the first party in the world to declare for woman suffrage. That took place in Switzerland at the conference of the International Workingmen's Party in 1863. But seventy years ago the Socialist writers and thinkers of that day were blazing a path thru the world by writing and speaking in favor of woman suffrage, and to that precedent we have always been true.

OUR PARTY is a party of women no less than of men. The women who belong to our party have an equal voice with men in voting within that party. Only a few days ago a woman was

person knows how to speak he necessarily knows anything worth saying. We do not feel that for you to get the vote will necessarily immediately contribute to the political wisdom of this country. We doubt very much—if I may for a brief moment interpret the feeling of the party—we doubt very much whether the women have any more wisdom to contribute to the sum total than have men.

We do not believe that you know any more about how to get rid of child labor than men do. We do not believe you detest child labor any more than men do. We do not believe you detest poverty any more than men do. We believe that you, like the men, do not know how to get rid of these things. The men will gladly try to get rid of these things if they can be convinced that a certain method will do it.

But we place our backing of woman suffrage on a very much more fundamental ground than whether you do or do not know how to vote. We know that most men do not know how to vote, and therefore we would not be surprised if you did not. We place it on a much more important ground. We say that if you had nothing but ignorance you have a right to contribute that ignorance to the conduct of this country. (Applause.) I said if you had nothing but that you have that right, I mean it precisely as I say it. I would rather be governed by my own ignorance than by the other man, who is clever and shrewd and may use that cleverness against me. (Applause.)

And that is why I have always been and shall always be in favor of woman suffrage. I was for it long before I became a Socialist, and I should be for it even tho I were not a Socialist, because I am a democrat. (Applause.)

I MAY add this word, perhaps, that it would be very delightful for us if we could get four million votes in addition to the million we have. But I am not going to ask for them. It would be very delightful for us to get four million perhaps in addition to the two and a half million that we hope to get any way, and that we probably shall get any way. But I will say this: If no woman in the United States votes for the men who are elected to Congress by the Socialists this fall, every one of those men will vote for every suffrage bill that may come up in Congress, no matter if he is the only one who votes for it. Our position in this matter is not a position that is changing from day to day. It is a position we have always held, and we will vote for it even if no woman ever votes for us. (Great applause, continued and renewed, calling Comrade Benson to the front of the platform.)

## THE PARTY FINANCES

By WALTER LANFERSIEK.  
Executive Secretary, Socialist Party.

AS THIS is the last report I shall make before I retire as Executive Secretary, it is proper to state the exact financial condition of the National Office as it stands on June first, also the membership record.

The average membership for the past three months, March, April and May, including dual members and exempt members, is 94,378. The membership has been practically stationary since the first of the year.

THE FINANCES are in the best condition they have been for many years. The office owes, on June first, just \$604.77, of which \$225.02 is owing on 1912 appropriations, and which will be paid in literature; \$370.75 is owing on various items, some of which cannot be paid out, such as the Relief Funds which cannot be sent to Europe on account of conditions, and the outstanding credit memos, which are redeemable in either literature or cash. There are several small items owing to individuals, who do not want to be paid at present. It may well be said that the office has no debt.

As against the small debt, we have a bank balance of \$3,007.86, in addition to two separate savings accounts for the Headquarters Fund and the Fund for Woman's Work. The former amounts to \$1,927.88 and the latter \$1,644.12.

Thus there is now strictly available for campaign work the sum of \$4,651.98, without touching the headquarters fund. The woman's work can be well taken care of with the funds in hand.

The party's net worth today, deducting the small liabilities from the assets, amounts to \$25,961.35. Three years ago, on June 1st, 1913, the party was worth \$833.63. This means a betterment approximating \$25,000. When it is considered that the party has had the expense of three National Committee meetings, approximating \$5,000 apiece, which we never had before 1913, in addition to the debt, we can get a fair estimate of the financial condition. Furthermore the wages during the past three years have been much greater than in former years because of the fact that now we have eleven translators on pay, and until a few months ago the information department had a payroll of \$4,000 per year.

FOLLOWING the policy of the Executive Committee, little campaign work has been done, but the finances have been gotten in good shape for future work. The Executive Committee has issued a call for funds from all Locals, and several contribution schemes have been started by me as an additional means of getting funds for the campaign.

There is no doubt that the past three years have been the hardest years the party has had, or perhaps ever will have. The membership has not been as large as all have desired, which fact reduced the income. The war and unemployment in 1914 and 1915 had a great influence in keeping the party back, and our present position, with close to 100,000 members, and with the finances in an excellent condition, will make it possible for the party to go ahead with its work.

I may state that I am grateful for the opportunity afforded me in the past three years to work for the cause. I have no feelings of regret. I am willing to stand upon the record, confident that the future will show I have been a faithful and conscientious servant to the party.



Keep Your Eyes On Oklahoma! Several Articles To Tell Why

NOTE.—Here is the first of an inspiring series of eye-opening articles on the magnificent battle being waged by the Oklahoma Socialists against the predatory interests of that state.

By GEORGE GILBERT HAMILTON.

THE STATE of Oklahoma is entering upon what is destined to prove the hardest and hottest campaign since statehood.

The population of Oklahoma was, in 1914, estimated by the census bureau at considerably more than 2,000,000, indicating a voting population above 400,000.

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MONDAY, JUNE 13th. Russians capture 13,000 Tatars in general engagement from Pripiet marshes to Roumanian frontier.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14th. East Kitchener, Great Britain war secretary, loses life in North Sea when mine blows up.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15th. German troops storm and capture fort of Vaux, situated only short distance northeast of Verdun.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16th. Reported that American consulate at Durango City, Mexico, is being fired during anti-American demonstrations.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17th. Progressive Congress, which is in Chicago turning effort to put prohibition plank in platform.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th. Petrol and oil prices at 35,000 more Austrians, 108,000 since latest offensive broke.

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Law." At the same time we will test the constitutionality of the machine measure in the courts.

The Socialist Party of Oklahoma is a machine, but it is strictly democratic in management, strictly and revolutionary in character, and overwhelming in its terrible power.

John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, had called special attention to high interest rates in Oklahoma in a speech before the State Bankers Association of Kentucky.

Our lamented comrade, J. O. Welby, was then Oklahoma editor of the Appeal and in the issue of November 6th gave expression to prophetic words.

"The Daily Oklahoman," Governor Williams, Lieutenant Governor Trapp, "Bill" Alexander and "a leading law firm" are now planning an extra session of the legislature to disfranchise a portion of our population.

That this was the real purpose of the extra session of the OKLAHOMAN, in spite of hypocritical pleas for the poor farmer who was paying "40 to 1000 per cent interest,"

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Returning The Stolen Goods

By JOSEPH E. COHEN.

WHEN, IN 1912, the bosses of the Republican party first decided that Theodore Roosevelt should not be found in their company, and put him out of the Republican party, he started a party of his own.

The stolen goods are now returned. Colonel Roosevelt has no further use for them. The Republican party does not need them in its business.

IN ALL justice to the gentlemen who took the platform planks from the Socialist party, it may be said that they returned the goods in the same condition they were when taken.

The reason is, of course, that they have not been used. They have not even been tried out. They have been left in the original packages.

Is there any doubt that they have not been handled by Progressives and Republicans? We think not.

IN the four years that have passed since this great theft was committed, not a single Progressive or Republican in congress has offered any measure of social justice for the consideration of that august body.

NO: The stolen goods were not touched in any way. Nor will the campaign this year be made on any labor program by any old party.

AND the old parties can be depended on to do as much for labor as they have done heretofore. Even the politicians, however slow they may be at figures, can tell how little that is.

BUT THEY will not bother with planks from the Socialist platform any more. Still less will they try to grasp the general idea of the Socialist party in having such planks.

AND all the time the so-called Progressives and Republicans (and even some Democrats, however moss-backed that party may be as a party) will now and again try its hand at some measure of social reform.

THE STOLEN goods are returned. But the gentlemen who took the goods do not promise never to do it again.

IT would be no use for them to promise. It is not illegal stealing. They do not illegal stealing—at least most of them do not, or they do not get caught at it.

IT SHOULD be made very plain, however, that one thing will never be stolen from the Socialist party. That thing is the necessity to serve the working class.

IT is the absence of this necessity which turns so much alleged social reform, as offered by the old parties, into farce and fraud.

AND it is this inspiration which will sweep the old parties out of existence and establish the civilization of humanity.

SITTING ON THE LID. By LUCIEN SAINT. WASHINGTON.—A bi-partisan combine in control of the House Printing Committee, is preventing the publication of more than a few copies of the hearings on Socialist Congressman London's social insurance bill.

Charles E. Robinson of Lehi, Utah, writes: "You sent me two banks, by mistake I guess, however, I am sending them back filled. Inasmuch as Comrade R. L. Jacobs, of American Fork, Utah, helped me fill my bank I would like you to give him credit for this one and the other is to be recorded in my account."

Who Can Answer This? Comrade A. Spivak, Jacksonville, Fla., writes: "I have received the gun and the I am considered a hustler it did take me three days to fill the little box among a population of 1,000,000. How can you tell me now many Dubs we have here? This is all right Comrade. If all the hustlers would fill a bank in three days, we'd have passed the million mark a month ago. You did well."

This From An Ex-Soldier. "I received a chain letter on the 1,000,000 dime campaign, so went out and plucked a few shakels for the cause. Here are eight dimes. Thought I better than sending in my dime alone. It would have made it feel lonesome, hence I gathered 79 others to keep it company. I was a "patriot" in 1898 and was in the bunch that hoisted "old glory" over Manila, but Socialist reason has supplanted nationalistic narrowness," writes F. G. M., North Yakima, Wash.

REPORTS FROM THE FRONT. Here is a partial report of the guns that were fired since last week's report:

Bank Gunner's Name No. of Dimes 270—E. F. Atwood, Sisseton, S. D., 4675 290—Simon Endzhal, Minneapolis, Minn., 31 428—H. H. Sladek, Paris, Mo., 16 430—E. H. Schick, Double Bay, Ind., 49 77—Geo. B. Dickert, Indianapolis, Ind., 1 82—D. P. Baker, White Springs, Tenn., 7 82—H. Nuttin, Ripon, Ill., 19 457—Boris Moser, Trenton, N. J., 10 576—A. D. Atkinson, S. Braintree, Mass., 41 211—W. T. Toller, Clayton, N. J., 39 318—A. Spivak, Jacksonville, Fla., 39 203—Joe Laskovich, Youngstown, O., 10 105—J. Sestak, Youngstown, O., 3 81—99—August Bohrer, Chicago, 3 Gens. 50 825—Michael Dudash, Trenton, N. J., 10 202—F. F. Hodging, Tacoma, Wash., 48 461—Arthur Withrow, Mandan, N. D., 46 883—Chas. Yellin, Canton, O., 23 39—E. F. Hodging, Tacoma, Wash., 48 497—Ed. Billson, Red Granite, Wis., 7 473—H. C. Kossaine, Green Isl., N. Y., 5 216—L. W. Fisher, Terr. Haute, Ind., 11 192—Dr. E. A. Thomas, San Diego, Calif., 5 288—F. W. Crawford, Kane, Pa., 14 202—M. Pomial, Detroit, Mich., 42 201—Ulrick, Grull, Oatman, Ariz., 45 242—E. H. Schick, Double Bay, Ind., 41 158—Alex. Frans, Erie, Pa., 25 428—Martha Power, Grantwood, N. J., 10 105—J. Sestak, Youngstown, O., 3 38—John Abt, Patterson, N. J., 18 128—A. Robinson, Jersey City, N. J., 3 202—C. E. Rutherford, Cleveland, O., 22 613—Geo. I. Varner, Monaca, City, Mass., 10 105—J. Sestak, Youngstown, O., 3 270—W. E. Miller, Muncie, Ind., 15 695—L. Harwitz, Detroit, Mich., 48 Total in 48 banks 99,825 Average per bank 2,081.56

SEEKS "ANTI" VOYE. WASHINGTON.—Albert Johnson, Representative in Congress from the State of Washington, is bidding for anti-socialist votes. He makes this bid in an article in the Congressional Record entitled "A Lesson for Socialists," the point of which seems to be that "Individualism makes the desert blossom as the rose. Socialism would turn every garden into a desert."

Johnson, who is a candidate to succeed himself, is a former newspaper man, and in his autobiography in the Congressional Directory describes himself as "active member of the International Typographical Union." He is also a member of the Central Order of the Loyal Legion and other patriotic societies.

BIG RAILROAD HEARD FROM.

One of the bright spots on the Socialist map is Minneapolis, Minn., where the fall campaign is already on in dead earnest.

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Theodore E. Jensen is one of the Socialists working at "the shops." He was selected by his fellow workers as their candidate for alderman in the twelfth ward. Did that satisfy the railroad corporation? Not in the least.

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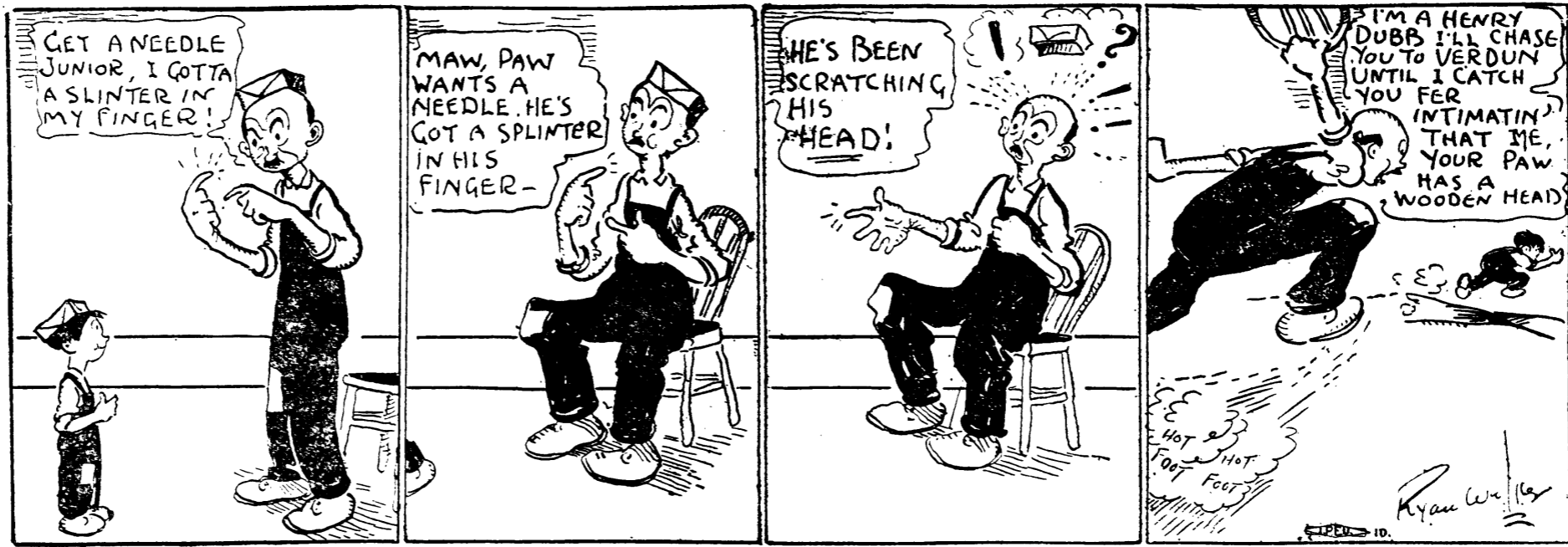
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HENRY DUBB GETS PEEVED AT JUNIOR AGAIN.



By RYAN WALKER.

No Vocational Education for 90 Per Cent of Population

By WARREN ATKINSON. (Fourth Article on Education.)

VOCATIONAL Education is defined as any education, the controlling purpose of which is to fit for a profitable employment. It appears then that we have had vocational education for the clergy, the doctors, lawyers, teachers, engineers, and some others for a long time.

For ninety per cent of the population there has been no vocational education, partly because they could best get the vocational education needed in the occupation itself. Vocational education for the other occupations not known as professions is the sort of vocational education which is now in demand.

The development of machinery has transferred many occupations from the field of handicrafts and domestic employments to the factory. For instance, the shoemaker no longer makes shoes. The spinster no longer spins. The blacksmith does not make nails any more.

WORK GOES TO FACTORY. MACHINE production, while it is very economical on a large scale for an extensive market, is very wasteful for the limited consumption of the family of a small community.

The effect upon education is that a very much larger and more important part of the child's education has to be consciously provided for. When production was carried on in the home, the members of the family almost involuntarily taught the boys and girls what they could do to help.

WHILE the master workman continued to be the proprietor of the shop, the foreman and capitalist were combined in one man, and he had the ability to train his apprentices and the incentive to do so as well.

cline is inevitable in those cities which do not realize the need and which do not provide for it in a way adapted to their own conditions.

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THE value of the material selected to teach will be measured by its usefulness in the trade and not by its importance in the logical framework of a science.

THE proprietor is now a separate individual from the foreman and master workman. The manager of a factory himself cannot be familiar with all the processes conducted in his plant.

SINS OF THE WORLD

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

IN CONDEMNING the sins of the world, many evangelists think that the danger lurks in the pleasures of the poor than in the sins of the rich.

THE curse of the one sin of usury has wrecked more homes and wrought greater injury to the world than the whole category of sins laid at the door of the poor.

It is well that lessons in morality be taught mankind, but in the application of ethical principles in human society a rational spirit should prevail, and injustice and social wrong should be included in the category of sins of the world.

Pittsburgh Now Brutal As Chicago Thirty Years Ago

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Pittsburgh displays the temper and brutality which characterized Chicago thirty years ago, but with far less excuse.

THE COURT: Q. You do not think much of the association, but do you have a prejudice against them so that you would be unable to render a verdict according to the law and the evidence? A. No.

Q. You think you could? A. I guess so. THE COURT: Please state whether it would or would not, but whether you give a verdict that you have interfered with your personal feelings? A. No, I don't think I could.

Q. You must answer this question: Whatever your feelings may be in regard to the Socialist party or are Socialists, could you go into the jury box and under your oath find a verdict regardless of your personal feelings? A. No, I could not.

Q. Could you try and decide this case according to the evidence, unaffected by any such opinion about the Socialists? A. Oh, I guess so, I could.

Q. You will have to give a more definite answer, because you just told me you thought you would be affected by it. Now the final test is whether, in spite of your feelings in the matter, you would try and decide this case from the evidence, unaffected by any such opinion. Now, could you do that? A. Yes, I could.

It must be perfectly evident that the juryman was right; he could try, no doubt, to render a fair verdict in spite of his feelings, and this was sufficient to qualify this juryman and was one of the twelve who rendered a verdict of guilty in the riot cases charged on May first.

One man, John Genoso, was found guilty. The evidence against him was not that he was in the parade or attending a meeting, but he had paid fifty cents and signed a card to join the union.

The strongest evidence against any of the defendants consisted of the following: Weston, when he saw the crowds in the plants, went in there to lead them out, and one of the employers testified that Weston said he would help to get them out of the plant.

Convict Workers. The trial of these workmen and Socialist has so far resulted in conviction of eleven defendants. Among these are Blum, secretary of the Socialist local; Essie, who was an organizer and Socialist, who had made speeches only in favor of an eight hour day, and who was not in or about the plant on either the first or second day.

A Pittsburgh newspaper, the Citizen, immediately before the trial came out with an editorial stating that the public sentiment in that district was very bitterly opposed to the strikers and Socialists, and that now was a good time to try them.

That this picture may not be considered as overdrawn, we quote from a report from the Committee on Industrial Relations, dated Washington, D. C., May 5. The opening of this report is as follows:

"The United States Steel Corporation went to the front for the Employers' Association of Pittsburgh on May 2. Repeating the Homestead tactics of 1892, its armed guards, thugs, special policemen and detectives fired volley after volley from riot guns and repeating rifles into the crowds of strikers and sympathizers, men, women and children—killed three, fatally wounded three others and seriously wounded from 40 to 60 more.

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