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Chicago's New Dress Being Made by Sleek Men, Fed on Thick Porter-house Steaks.

CONVENTION ALL FOR MONEY

Labor Handled a Lemon Every Few Minutes—Employers' Association and Bank Also On the Job.

BY MAY WOOD SIMONS.

Remaining sessions of the Charter Convention may as well be turned over to the Union League Club, the Merchants' Club and the Real Estate Board.

The same interests that are leading the fight against the Chicago unionized teachers are in control of the Charter Convention.

The vote of the convention is controlled by business interests. There are enough actual representatives of the employing class, together with their political lackeys, to completely overwhelm any measure that represents the interests of labor.

The future Chicago charter is being framed by men like John G. Shedd and Alexander Revell, whose records have been one of continuous antagonism to the working man.

The few radical members of the convention are helpless. The power of the ruling class to frame laws and charters in its own interest was never better shown than in the present Charter Convention.

On all important questions there is a "gang" vote exactly like the vote that gave the school property over to business interests.

The charter that this "business men" convention will put before the public for ratification vote is one that will place complete control of the city in the hands of corporate interests.

The Charter Convention has seventy-four members. Of these the following sixteen are members of the Union League Club, which, together with the Merchants' Club and the Commercial Club, represents the great business interests of Chicago:

Affiliations of "Prominent" Citizens John G. Shedd, member of the Commercial and Merchants' Clubs and the Chicago Employers' Association, and Co., and director of the Dolose & Shepard Co., that holds contracts to supply signs for city streets.

Bernard A. Eckhart, member of the Merchants' Club, the Commercial Club and the Bankers' Club, and director of the Chicago Title and Trust Co.; vice-president of the National Bank of North America, and director of the J. W. Eckhart Company.

Daniel F. Crilly, member of the Real Estate Board and director of the Metropolitan Trust and Savings Bank.

G. W. Dixon, secretary and treasurer of the Arthur Dixon Transfer Company, T. J. Dixon, director and manager of the Arthur Dixon Transfer Company, and Alderman from the Second Ward.

Geo. E. Cole, member of the Real Estate Board. Alexander Revell, member of the Merchants' Club, director of the Central Trust Company, the Manufacturers' Bank, the National Business League, and member of the Chicago Employers' Association.

Walter L. Fisher, "traction expert" who says 8-hour day is mere detail. Milton J. Foreman, alderman from the Third Ward.

W. Clyde Jones, Frank L. Shepard, B. E. Sunay, member of the Merchants' Club. Graham Taylor, theological professor. Geo. B. Swift, president and director of the Puzer Lubricator Company, of the Geo. B. Swift Company, and of the Schwarz-Ropf Coal Dust Firing Company.

John P. Wilson, Edward C. Young. Seldom more than forty members of the convention have been present at any meeting. This has given the sixteen members of the Union League Club easy control.

drawn according to political parties but by class interests. On all important questions the members of the Republican Union League Club vote in a body. They are supported not only by their own republican aldermen, T. J. Dixon, from the Second ward; Bennett and Snow from the Seventh ward; Beilfuss from the Fifteenth; Badenoch from the Thirty-second; and Hunter from the Thirty-fifth, but with them vote also the democrats, Alderman Wernz from the Second ward; Zimmer from the Twelfth; Z. P. Brosseau, member of the democrat Iroquois Club, and vice-president of the Loretto Iron Company; J. W. Eckhart and Chas. J. Vopicka, also members of the Iroquois Club.

This Charter Convention was the result of a meeting held three years ago, composed of delegates from various civic bodies, which drafted a constitutional amendment to enable Chicago to have a home rule charter. The amendment was passed by the legislature.

Alderman Foreman, now chairman of the convention, then introduced a resolution in the council calling the convention and providing for appointing the representation. This resolution passed the council and provided in this way for an extra legal convention.

The convention was called on December 12, 1905. Committees were appointed to formulate principles that should be embodied in the charter. The work of these committees was drawn out through the entire summer of 1906, and the first meeting of the convention was called October 3, 1906. At that meeting the committees turned in their work. These reports were sent to the Committee on Rules for formulation. That committee did nothing for two months and the third meeting of the convention was November 30.

The object of these delays was to rush through the work of the convention and the close and send the result immediately to the next meeting of the legislature January 1, before the people would have time to find out what had been done.

The charter will be passed by the legislature, for there is no one in that body that represents the working class. It will then return for the endorsement of the people by their vote. The same amendment that provided for the formulation of the charter provided that it should have no effect until consented to by a majority of the legal voters of the city.

The charter has been skillfully worded. Parts, that aim directly to deprive the people of any power in the governing of public institutions, artfully cover up that fact. The right of the people to protect themselves against the encroachments of corporations is disregarded. There has been an attempt to give a "garance of fairness to the proceedings" and the Union League Club and the Merchants' Club have fondly hoped that the working men would not see the trap concealed beneath.

In no place has this convention dealt the working class of Chicago so heavy a body blow as in the provisions made for the management of the city schools. The position of the convention on the schools we will consider at length.

HARRISON FOR MAYOR; "BUSINESS LEAGUE"

Same Old Crowd That Looted School Lands Is Still for "Business"

The "Business Men's League" is booming Carter H. Harrison for the next mayor of Chicago.

It is working up a little referendum for its candidate by sending the voter a card, bearing a return address and an announcement that the recipient favors the scheme, all ready for signature. The elector is also furnished with a "dunder-and-blitzin'" hurry-up editorial from a business editor. This brainy appeal declares: "Chicago needs a mayor who will do things and do them right." It is from the Daily News, who secured a rather nice land lease from a school board that do things right.

What is this "Business Men's League" that proposes to restore the Harrison dynasty? Are the members the same business men that fritter away millions in school lands, give school contracts for cheap coal at \$3 a ton, hand out to Armour & Co. free and unlimited use of the city's water supply, allow Alexander Revell and other efficient business men to burrow under the sidewalks without compensation to the public? Is this "Business Men's League" the same old predatory band whose raids upon the public property have left Chicago stripped of her natural resources?

WANT TO JAIL RAILROAD MAGNATES

Reformers Hope for Help From Federal Government in Big Fight

Toledo, O., Dec. 27.—Government officials not satisfied with the result of cases against the ice carrying roads of this section are preparing to take the cases to Washington.

It is intended to send high officials of the roads to jail.

President Roosevelt will perhaps take a hand in the matter as his attention has been brought to bear on the cases.

AMATEUR HARRIMAN SPOILS HIS BRIGHT CAREER

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 28.—Angry because his parents refused to give him \$100, Jed H. Fezzimas, 17 years old, on Thursday attempted to murder them with a hatchet, it is said, but the timely arrival of neighbors prevented the double tragedy. Later he made another demand for the money, and was again refused. When he threatened to blow up the house with dynamite he was arrested.

A Touch of Human Intelligence

Things began to look as if a touch of human intelligence was going to get into the charter convention, when President Hoyne of the Chicago real estate board



CITY FOLKS ARE HUNGRY



THE WISE ONES CONFER



FOOD ROTTS IN THE COUNTRY

WOMAN, BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, IS SAVED

Gallant Frank Hoyne, of Fine Virginia Stock (He Says), Rescuer.

PROF. TAYLOR EARLY OF LATE

If the Women of the Better Class Would Vote, All Would Be Well—Charter "Con" for Open Town.

The charter convention decided that Chicago should be an open town, and that women should not vote at its session yesterday.

Rev. R. A. White appealed for suffrage for women on the ground that they were taxpayers or rentpayers, and also because they were wage-earners.

"There are in the factories of Chicago alone," he assured the convention, "not less than 400,000 women. One-twentieth of the population of Chicago consists of working women. That does not include the women who are engaged in teaching; that does not include the women who are employed in the retail stores of this city."

Graham Is Early of Late

Prof. Graham Taylor also made a plea for the wives of workers, and especially for the women in the ward in which he lives he declared that "the working women of the ward, the housekeepers of the tenement houses, the women that have to grapple with the question of the disposal of garbage, of the cleaning of streets, of proper school accommodations, and all that sort of thing, are not only as well qualified, but I believe most of them are better qualified than are the husbands upon these subjects."

One Hundredth Birthday Anniversary Celebrated in Joyous Mood

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 28.—"Uncle" Tom Beasley, a negro character here, celebrated his one hundredth birthday Christmas day. He went to the home of Miss Laura Clay, the noted woman's suffrage advocate, and told her that he had been her grandfather's slave. She looked up the old records and found that the date of his birth was in the old family Bible.

MILITARY EVOLUTIONS TO RIVAL THOSE IN EUROPE

United States Will Buy Land Near Indianapolis for Soldiers' Camp

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—It is the intention of the war department, with the permission of congress, to establish a great training reservation at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, for the troops of the northern division of the army and for the national guardsmen of sixteen states.

Maneuvers were held at Indianapolis last summer, but upon a necessarily limited scale. If the recommendation of General William H. Carter, now stationed in Chicago—a recommendation which the secretary of war has approved—is accepted by congress the government reservation near the Indiana city will be the scene in coming years of reviews and evolutions rivaling those held yearly by the countries of Europe.

General Carter's report to the secretary of war has not been made public in its full details, but it is known that on the report is based Secretary Taft's request for \$750,000 to purchase 6,250 acres of land additional to that now owned by the government near Indianapolis. The report of General Carter in detail is held from the public eye because it is understood that it specifies the land which he believes should be purchased, and its exact location were known the price would go soaring.

GEORGE COHAN, COMEDIAN, IS GRIEF STRICKEN

New York, Dec. 28.—Ethel Levy, wife of Geo. M. Cohan, the actor, is preparing to sue her husband for divorce. This is the latest rumor which Broadway is discussing eagerly to-day. Confirmation of the report was offered by Mrs. Cohan's mother, who said: "My daughter is to sue for divorce. The suit will be begun immediately through her attorney, Mr. Harrington of Chicago." Geo. Cohan, who is playing in Boston, is reported as admitting the suit will be filed.

COME HOME SOBBER IS TEDDY'S FAREWELL

Washington, Dec. 28.—Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture, and Solicitor Geo. F. McCabe left early to-day for Baltimore to visit distilleries. The secretary's object in personally inspecting the distilleries is to ascertain just how "various brands of 'booze' are made so that by law they may be labeled as they should be labeled under the pure food law, which goes into effect next Tuesday.

OLD SLAVE GETS A HOME

Miss Clay read many transactions of the old slaves from the book, which he recalled. She then bestowed upon the old dorky a home, a house, and lot in Berca, Madison county, where he says he will go to die. Green Clay, when he was born, owned 350 negroes.

DOTY SURELY WILL PUT ROLLERS UNDER MORGAN

His Latest Plan is a Hard Blow to Vested Interests

Dr. M. F. Doty, Mayor Dunne's transportation superintendent, has announced a scheme for forcing the traction companies to secure a petition for a referendum if the public fails to bring out the proper petition. Dr. Doty's plan is to the effect that if the people have not signified their demand for a referendum at the proper time, then the traction companies should at their own expense secure a petition. Just how this is to be accomplished if the public has failed legally to express a desire for a referendum is not explained, but Doty is satisfied he can force it.

Dr. Doty also said he had "discovered more jokers" in the settlement ordinance. Meantime members of the city council are being strongly urged to allow no delay in the settlement, their constituent demanding the immediate relief made possible if the proposed ordinance.

INDICT LIFE INSURANCE GRAFTERS HOPE OF NEW YORK

The Grand Jury Has Been Probing Companies, But the Jurors are Safe and Sane

(Special Correspondence.)

New York, Dec. 28.—Two indictments are expected late to-day as the result of the investigation of affairs of the New York Life Insurance company, conducted by the grand jury. The examination was wound up yesterday and a report will be filed to-day. The indictments, if any are found, are expected to be for forgery in the third degree. They will be based on alleged false entries in the books to cover certain stock transactions.

No hint of who the men against whom indictments may be returned is given by the district attorney's office, but about the criminal court's building it was hinted they were former officers of the company. One of the parties, it was intimated, has not been brought prominently into the insurance scandal before this time.

PENSION SYSTEM TO HELP PROFITS

Santa Fe Magnates Design "Charity" That Will Tie Hands of Workers and Make Dividends.

The Santa Fe road has had a bad attack of generosity. After having attacked the distinction of being the only "scab" railroad in the United States, and being fought by organized labor more viciously than any road in the country, it has now decided that after Jan. 1 all of its employees who live for fifteen years (the average life of its employees is about eight years) and reaches 65 years of age will receive a pension.

Saves on Non-Unionists

That the road has saved enough out of the difference in the wages it has paid and those paid by railroads employing organized labor to support the pension system for the next fifty years is the opinion of most railroad men.

The whole pension system is carefully designed to tie up the employee so that he dare not sue for damages, take a vacation, look for a better position, or scarcely ask for a leave of absence.

Saving Damage Suits

"No pensions will be paid where the employee has been in the service of any other firm or corporation in the fifteen years of service necessary to eligibility and employees who have made or enforced any claim against the company for damages by reason of injuries or accidents occurring within three years prior to the date of the employee's retirement are barred from the benefits of the system."

If the employee sees a defective switch, a dangerous coupling, he dare not complain about it lest he lose his pension. If he is crippled by it, he must take what the pension provides or buy a lifetime of litigation, with a probable pauper's grave at the end of it.

The Last Bar

For fear that some workmen might slip through all these bars and get to the pension trough there is another provision which can be used to hold back any whom the company might not desire to reward. The plan, as published, provides that immorality on the part of employees will be considered a sufficient excuse for the revocation of their pensions. The board is to be the sole judge of what constitutes immorality.

There could certainly be no greater immorality in the eyes of such a board than "sitting up discontent" among the employees of such a benevolent corporation.

REFORMING NASHVILLE

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 18.—The city council last night passed what is known as the Campbell saloon bill, which restricts the saloons to the business districts.

Over 100 saloons will be wiped out by the bill, which goes into effect July 1, next.

IF THEY ARE PROMINENT IT WILL BE FINE GRAFTING

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—Mayor Beardsley to-day appointed a committee of six prominent citizens who will comprise the "civic lobby" to look after the city's interests at the coming session of the state assembly at Jefferson City.

PLOT TO "MAKE" LAW IS MATERIALIZING

Employers, Aided by Judges, Would Jail Agitator or Exhaust Union Funds.

MILLER ADMITS THE SCHEME

Workers Must Elect Their Own Judges—Not the Law, But "Interpretation That Counts."

The well defined plot of the Chicago Employers' Association to "make law" on the labor question with the help of judges elected by workingmen is beginning to materialize.

The decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois in the Franklin Union cases, reported yesterday, has given the employers a fine hemp rope for organized labor. That this rope is to be used to jail every agitator that gets troublesome was shown in the labor conspiracy trial before Judge Ball yesterday, when Assistant State's Attorney Miller said the Franklin decision gives power to put in jail every member of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

He will not do that, but the Chicago Employers' Association with its legal bureau is preparing to have enough law made to enable it to put into prison or tie up in litigation every labor union that gets troublesome.

Litigation Will Exhaust Funds

Even if its victims are not jailed the litigation will exhaust union funds and impoverish the members.

The working class must elect its own judges if it is to be saved from continual "legal" annoyances. Let it control the judges and then the employers will be halted into court on conspiracy charges.

The law is always the same. The "interpretation" is what makes the difference. The workers have the votes.

For weeks before the teamsters' strike in 1905 the capitalist daily papers reported numerous efforts of labor unions to secure arbitration of the garment workers' strike.

Large business interests said there was nothing to arbitrate, and that the strike was lost. No "law" of conspiracy was then heard. It was not till after the strike had begun and Levi Mayer took charge of the bosses' side that it became conspiracy.

The big capitalists and their organs of advancement, the daily press, came to the front and stood in a solid phalanx by the side of Mayer. Since then the strike has been a conspiracy.

Unions Wanted Arbitration

The fact of the matter is that the men were only too willing to arbitrate, and were even begging for it, but the business interests decided that this was the time to crush unionism among the teamsters.

They now see that the teamsters are stronger than ever, even though they are divided into two factions.

Interests the Same

This trial is making them recognize that their interests are the same, no matter whether the man be a follower of the International or United Teamsters' organization. Points that would substantiate the efforts the men made in 1903 to have a settlement of the difficulty brought about were barred by Judge Ball.

The business interests are determined to send these men to the penitentiary and make this case a precedent in labor circles. Business wants sympathetic action made conspiracy, that is, sympathy between workmen, but when it comes to sympathetic action of captains of industry, then it is perfectly proper and of necessity should be.

HERE IS A JOKE ON EMMA GOLDMAN, ANARCHIST

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 28.—Solomon Goldman, naturalized Russian Jew, secured a decree from the local court changing his name to Solomon Newton. Goldman told the court he could not stand the accusation that he is a brother to Emma Goldman, the famous anarchist. Goldman is a graduate of Nebraska University and is now taking a master's degree. It is understood that Emma also is ashamed of "Solomon."

GOES OVER TO THE ENEMY

John T. Marchand, special agent and attorney for the Interstate Commerce Commission, has resigned to take a position in the legal department of the Rock Island road. He has been with the Interstate Commerce Commission seventeen years, during which time "he has conducted some of the most important investigations. He began work as a clerk, but while engaged in special work assigned him by the commission studied law and was admitted to the bar.

GOING AFTER COOLEY

The radical members of the school board are prepared to give Supt. Cooley a grilling from which it will take him a long time to recover. He will have to explain on what authority he named the three additional principals which the board should provide. Charges made by Rev. K. A. White recently, charging the Teachers' Federation with intimidating methods, will have to be explained by the ones making the charges.

Warm, Cloudy Weather. Cloudy and unsettled weather tonight and Saturday. Minimum temperature about 30 degrees below zero.

THE RECORDING ANGEL

By EDWIN ARNOLD BRENHOLTZ

When Chambers went into the public office he was not surprised to find that Johnnie had departed...

"There's not another Chambers in the bunch," said the detective...

"Till death!" said his companion and left him at once...

Chambers said coolly, as he dropped into the chair, "If it were not for the fact that sooner or later Mr. Johnson would get it all back from you..."

"I can prove an alibi, easily enough," was the quick retort...

"Which is what I was immediately going to tell you," said Chambers...

"You have just had a conference with Chandler," said the president...

"But Chambers only smiled at him and said, 'No, thank you, Mr. Johnson, I neither could nor would receive a cent today...'"

"He also insists that the notes be in various denominations, none larger than one thousand dollars..."

"The president here said, 'as if struck with an idea—' 'Can't we deal with you and leave your friend out?'"

there to be no end to the demands? We might as well fight it out now as any time if that is the way this thing is to go, eh, Mr. Johnson?"

"Just what I told you," was the reply—very emphatically.

"Oh, I was merely trying to be perfectly open and above board—I am not hard to satisfy," said Chambers...

"What did you reply to that letter?" "I thanked him for his kind offer and told him that I expected to remain with you till the day of my death, if you wished me to."

"And you have had that letter five years and never made it the basis of a demand for an increase of salary?" "Certainly! And there are others; but I regret having to show you even that one. You don't seem at all grateful for the trouble I took to keep my friend from carrying his notes straight to the labor leaders; and if I had then known of the attack on Mr. Endy I can assure you, gentlemen, I would have let him go straight to headquarters with his information; for I liked the old gentleman very much, and, as my friend said, there could be no criminal prosecution if he took that course—and that you know to be true. It is no crime for a man to overhear things not intended for his ears, or to tell it afterwards; and the labor leaders will pay liberally and no questions asked, I know."

"But I had hoped to head off the result of yesterday's conspiracy, and so bough his silence; and when I arrived at the station I heard that the deed had been already accomplished. Then, in the excitement of the moment, I ordered the train to start; and so, in a manner, helped to save your life. Now, pay particular attention to me: I am not at all pleased to see you forget that I am trying to escape a living lot of damaging corroborative testimony against you, and that you persist in looking on me as an accessory to blackmail. It is true that my friend—I must still consider him that, as I am under great obligations to him for past services—proposed to give me ten thousand dollars for acting as a go-between. At once I thought to just get him to reduce his demand that much; but now I am glad I hit on this other plan, since it enables me to prove to you that I will not benefit one cent's worth in the matter. I intend to hand over that amount at once by refusing to receive the fifth and tenth day's payment, which he said were to be mine."

"What do you think of that, Mr. Johnson?" asked Mr. Craggie.

"He certainly makes out a good case for himself; and if it were not for the impression with which you yourself filled my mind in stating his manner to you—"

"Of course," interrupted Chambers hastily, "you object to my manner of addressing you, Mr. Craggie; but that is due, partly, to excitement. Also, a man who holds such a secret cannot be very deferential in private. I will assure you, however, that my manner in public will be as usual. I hope that you will see that I have acted solely for your interest in this matter. If you do not wish to retain me at the end of the ninth day, why, of course, I will resign. But if you buy the silence of my secretary for ten days, we will be together—and it might as well be made as comfortable for all of us as possible."

"At present there seems to be nothing to do but keep the strikers from learning that any attack on anyone had ever been contemplated by any of the company's officials, at least that is the way it looks to me; and, that, I have thus far succeeded in accomplishing. That my friend has it in his power to place both of you in an unfortunate position and probably give the strikers the victory, I presume you realize. As I have already benighted you, I think that you will have to admit the reasonableness of trusting to my good faith."

"Mr. Craggie looked at the lawyer—who made no motion—and then said, 'All that sounds reasonable enough, and by or indirectly concerning the attack on Mr. Endy. I think that we must agree to commence payment, for I see no other way out, at present. If the popular mind were not so prejudiced against us I would defy your friend as Mr. Johnson advises—and during the next ten days I may find it expedient to do so. I warn you of that; and I will try to discover him and punish him so long as breath is in me. And if we are to continue together you will certainly have to alter your tone in addressing me, Mr. Chambers. I'd rather pay a million dollars than have a man around me acting and speaking as you today have done.'"

"Certainly, sir," said Chambers, "the excitement is already beginning to wear off, and I think you will have nothing further to complain of. I have a little information, Mr. President; and the old manner was perfectly resumed. Robert Endy, Jr., was committed this morning for the attempted murder of his father, and no one else is even suspected."

"And it was this piece of information, which he had received from one of the men he had stopped to talk to on the street, that was the immediate cause of the change of tone of Chambers."

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son, I am yielding, against your advice, and I am not altogether convinced about this business; but I am yielding for the present largely because of that fellow's confidence in his safety. Did you ever see anything like it?"

"No; it seemed to me that he had other cards up his sleeve."

"That's just it! I must keep him where I can watch him—for I simply cannot make blackmailing fit with his years of faithful service, or with those offers of better positions."

Just before they arrived at the bank the lawyer asked suddenly: "What made you start and wince so violently when I asserted that he never went back to a friend, and again when he named ten million as not sufficient to make him deliver his friend into your hands?"

And then Mr. Craggie lied, saying hastily: "That was only your imagination; you must be getting nervous about this business—those remarks meant nothing to me. Did they to you?"

But although Mr. Johnson did not know the why he knew that Mr. Craggie was lying; and he dropped the subject. But he thought: "If you lie to me about one thing it maybe that Chambers is right—maybe you know more about the attack on Mr. Endy than you have told."

And that was the reason for the lawyer's lukewarmness throughout the strike.

To all parties this strenuous day had been the most trying of their lives, but there was still one little act in the drama for when the president returned to his car he found Chambers calmly reading an account of the attack on Mr. Endy which appeared to interest him greatly, and when he laid it down Mr. Craggie eagerly picked up the paper and turned to the same article and read it; and Mr. Chambers smiled with his eyes—though not a muscle of his face moved—when he noticed that in reading about the finding of the hair the president's hand involuntarily went to the top of his head, and that after a moment he hastily entered the wash room and was absent quite a while.

Chambers was busily writing when the President re-entered the working compartment of the car, and said nothing; but he noticed that Mr. Craggie had turned very pale; and after a few moments the president said, "Your friend can depend on the payments being made promptly."

(To be continued.)

SOCIALIST NEWS

The Socialists of Butte, Mont., are about to enter into an aggressive educational campaign. The City Central committee has arranged a series of lectures to be addressed by prominent Socialists.

HORSE AND HUMAN LABOR

According to the results obtained by three years of experience on forty farms in Minnesota, farm labor costs about twelve cents an hour and horse labor about seven and a half cents. A farm laborer can be boarded for \$132 a year and a horse kept for about \$80.

BETTER THAN 30c COFFEE

Allie Lindsay-Lynch, whose name is familiar to readers of advanced thought literature, under date of December 3, writes: "So far I have found no cereal coffee to replace the 'Guadagni' brand of coffee Siegel & Cooper handle."

DE RAYLAN WAS NOT AN AGENT OF GRADING BUREAU

Local Agitators Knew Him Only as an Agent of Grading Antocracy.

An investigation made by the groups of the Bund and other Russian revolutionary bodies in Chicago, established the fact that Nicola De Raylan was not connected in any way with any Russian revolutionary organizations in this city.

"I have inquired among my comrades, as well as among the members of the various groups of the Socialist-revolutionist party in this city, and find that none of us knew of such a person as De Raylan," said M. Silbert, 27 Hastings street, financial secretary of the local Bund branches.

Evidence, however, that De Raylan was a grafter, and that his Russian legal bureau was an institution to rob ignorant Russian immigrants, is constantly growing.

Peter Victorowicz, a Russian who has been a year in this country, and who was in the employ of De Raylan for several months, when asked what he knew concerning De Raylan, said that the consul is the only man who could give definite information about De Raylan.

"It is very unbusinesslike for a Russian official," Mr. Victorowicz said, "to keep in his employ and even as his private secretary a man whose whereabouts he did not know, for twelve years. This is impossible for a Russian official to do. When I came to ask for a job as an office man they examined me for an hour and wanted to know every detail about my past. Is it possible that less foresight was used by the consul in choosing his private secretary?"

"As far as I am concerned personally," I received a letter from De Raylan written a week before he was reported as having died. The letter contained a check for \$6, which was due me. I also received another letter written two days before he was reported dead, in which he ordered me to keep away from his office at 56 Fifth avenue.

"As to whether he was a man or woman? I knew him as a man. His body, hands, feet and voice were feminine, as were also his features."

The supposition that the consul is connected with this graft bureau of De Raylan was further strengthened last night when it was learned that the consul frequently was an intimate with De Raylan and Mrs. De Raylan, and frequently sent his carriage to take them to balls and parties given at his house.

LABOR UNION NEWS

Arrangements have been made with the Electrical Union through the city electrician's office, to install telephone connections in the New York Life building. The union decided it would be unfair to inconvenience the tenants of the building because it has a controversy with the Chicago Telephone company.

An increase in wages of 7.77 per cent was granted firmers of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railway. The increase goes into effect Jan. 1. A new agreement has been reached by the firemen and the company whereby a workday shall consist of 10 hours or 10 1/2 miles of running. There is nothing like a union to get things from a corporation.

Several new officers will be created and men to fill these offices will be elected at the next meeting of German Hod Carriers' and Building Laborers' Union No. 1, which will be held Sunday afternoon at their hall, Harrison and Green streets. The new officers to be installed are those of corresponding secretary, manager, and superintendent. The growth of the union during the past year made it necessary to get more men to handle its affairs.

"Strange things are happening in the labor movement of this country now," said A. Johannson, delegate to the American Federation of Labor. "The American Federation of Labor which is one too radical, recommended the 'History of the Ancient Lory,' by Osborne Ward, and 'Social Democracy,' by Beatrice Webb, as books which labor ought to read. A short time ago such action would have caused great consternation among many of the delegates."

Employees in the blast furnaces in the Making and the Shenango valleys in Pennsylvania have been granted a 10 per cent increase in wages. The increase goes into effect Jan. 1. The unions did it.

Glass companies in the southern part of the state are falling in line with the west. Local and Alto glass companies, which are members of the Illinois glass trust, in substituting colored women for child labor.

NEWS FROM THE FAR SOUTH--THE RACE WAR

By HENRY E. ALLEN. (Special Correspondent for the Chicago Daily Socialist.)

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 23.—The people down here in Florida take heart at the continued success of the Daily Socialist. Twenty years ago Whitehead Reid said there was no such thing as an "honest press," and no paper could survive that expressed honest opinions.

From the amount of advertising the Daily Socialist is receiving it would appear that certain business interests are determined that Reid's statement shall continue to be true if they can discriminate in favor of the capitalist press, and thus starve you into either silence or dishonor.

For this very reason, if for no other, every fair-minded person should aid the one English daily in the United States that is so strenuously setting the pace for clean, decent, truthful journalism.

The one colored paper in the South that has recently come out for Socialism may be the entering wedge. Certain it is that the race question will never be settled except on economic lines. The average colored wage-slave will finally see that his only hope for living a free, untrammelled life, lies in Socialism.

Every Socialist I have met is agreed that this insanity—this utter lack of fellow-feeling—can never be overcome except by giving all workers, regardless of race, the same economic advantages, the same chance in the struggle for existence.

Nothing short of this will ever or can ever settle the race problem. A little later on I want to say a word about the labor conditions in the Florida lumber camps. The expose already made by the Appeal to Reason, I have found is not an exaggeration, and the recent conviction of the lumber men in this city is only a beginning, which indicates that capitalism has developed to the point where an armed guard is actually necessary at every step to restrain human greed, and then some.

But let us thank the capitalist class for short-sightedness by their brutal short-sightedness.

TRADE UNION MEETINGS

Metal Polishers' Union, Local No. 6.—Election of officers tonight. Pools open from 5 to 10 o'clock. 50th and Park streets. Fall to vote. H. Steing.

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POVERTY STRICKEN WITH \$1,000,000

Mrs. Rockefeller willing to Trade It All for One Little Place She Can Call Her Own.

TOO POOR TO EAT OYSTERS

Sad Plight of Richest Family—Have Property, But No Cash—Story of Sad Dinner.

New York, Dec. 28.—The John D. Rockefellers are poor—too poor even to buy oysters.

He read a paper on "The Evolution of Prosperity," and was replying to Henry Laurens Call of Washington, who in the course of a paper on "The Concentration of Wealth," had said that John D. Rockefeller owned one-fourth of the national wealth and had an income of \$70,000,000 a year.

Poverty in Bleak House. The address was made at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"Why," said Mr. McPherson, "in that bleak house down there in West Fifty-fourth street there are very economical—very close. The Rockefellers are really poor. Just to show you how poor, some relatives of mine recently went to dinner there, and in the course of conversation Mrs. Rockefeller remarked: 'We are very fond of oysters, but we can not afford to have them. We are too poor.'

Rich, But Short of Cash. "You must understand that a man may be worth \$100,000,000 or \$1,000,000,000, but he has to keep his factories or refineries going and may not have ready cash."

John D. Rockefeller is poorer in the bleak house on West Fifty-fourth street than he was when as a young man he went to a banker at Macon, Ill., and tried to borrow \$25,000 for his pipe line.

John D.'s pipe line, according to Mr. McPherson, was not a pipe dream, but the banker thought it was and would not part with his money.

Banker Refuses Loan. "I'd like to help you, young man," said the banker, "but that is all I've got."

"A man," said Mr. McPherson, "who stood beside the banker, met John D. years after in Cleveland, and stepping up to him reminded him of his attempt to borrow the \$25,000."

"Well, I wouldn't have known you," said John D., "but let me tell you that thing worked well. I dreamed about that pipe line when I was a boy at college. It reduced rates on my hat. And the gold came pouring into my hat. I am called an enemy of mankind."

"But, in spite of all," Mr. McPherson said in conclusion, "he is too poor to buy oysters."

WOMEN IN THE STRUGGLE

Mrs. Stokes Begins Agitation Among Members of the Fair Sex

New York, Dec. 27.—The Women's Social League, inaugurated by Mrs. J. G. Phelps Stokes in this city, has outlined a series of mass meetings. The object of this league is to organize the women of the country into a class-conscious organization of women educators, women being recognized as essential to the success of the Socialist movement.

"It is the purpose of the women's league to set the principles of Socialism squarely before the people so they may judge whether or not our demands are unreasonable. If we can get the women with us our fight is won," said Mrs. Stokes.

J. G. Phelps Stokes spoke at the meeting and was very enthusiastic with his wife's speech and work among the women. There were over 500 women present.

SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO. GET SOME OF THE FREE LABOR

Christmas Gift of Thousands of Hours of Unpaid Labor

A large Christmas present was given, or rather, was taken by Sears, Roebuck & Company from their several thousand employees. All the employees of the company worked overtime during the Christmas rush weeks without pay.

The company gave each of its employees a supper check daily of the value of 35 cents. When they came to the restaurants to get their food, they found that a 35-cent check of Sears, Roebuck & Company is only worth about twenty cents when it comes to real food. The employees claim that the food they got could easily be secured for 15, at most, 20 cents, in any downtown restaurant.

AFTER JUDGE'S JOB

Other Jurists Hold Up Hands in Holy Horror at Christmas

CATTLE THIEVES ACTIVE

Big Ranchers Who Took Public Lands Now Robbed by Other Outlaws

Cora, Wyo., Dec. 28.—(Special).—Stockmen of this part of the state, who are among the most notorious land grabbers in the country, are now in turn becoming victims of men who, like themselves, want to get something for nothing.

A gang of stock thieves is in operation in this part of the state and is stealing the cattle of the stockmen as cleverly as the stockmen stole their land. In fact the stealing of stock has become so epidemic as to become a menace to the cattle industry and the ruin of many of the poor ranchmen. Plans are under way by stockmen to put a stop to this stock stealing by flooding the country with detectives to shadow the thieves.

One of the propositions under consideration is to withdraw all private bounties on wild animals and to apply the bounty funds to the employment of detectives, who will be instructed to shadow all persons suspected of rustling, and to make rustling an occupation too dangerous to be attractive.

ENGINEERS OF 42 ROADS MAY STRIKE

Managers Delay Settlement For Month and Patience of Workers Is Exhausted.

A strike to tie up forty-two roads west of Chicago probably will be called by the 200 representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who have been in this city since Dec. 10 negotiating with the general managers of the various roads for an eight-hour day and for an increase in wages.

The representatives of the engineers and firemen have full power to call a strike at a moment's notice, and will do so unless their demands are speedily granted or substantial concessions granted. The men have grown tired of the constant dodging and putting off of their demands by the company, and are determined to get a positive answer one way or the other and act accordingly.

A meeting of the General Managers' Association was held yesterday in the Raina Exchange building, but no information was given out as to what the roads have decided to do. It is known, however, that the roads are strenuously opposed to granting the men an eight-hour day.

Grand Chief W. S. Stone of the brotherhood is in Chicago, and will direct the action of the 200 representatives in case a strike is called. Indications are that the roads will retreat and give the engineers something.

The Strike in Texas

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 28.—(Special).—The strike on the Southern Pacific is becoming more serious every day. It now threatens to tie up the Harriman and connecting systems.

Joseph Bedford, grievance chairman of this district, said yesterday that he had received assurance of support from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, the order of Railway Conductors and the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

Mr. Bedford denied the statement that the strike is the result of a fight between the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen and the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers.

"It is purely a fight between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the railroad company," Mr. Bedford said. "The railroad is handling practically no freight."

PRIEST HAS GOOD PLAN

Abolish Poverty and the Socialists Will Pull Out of the Fight

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 25.—"Abolish child labor and you will go a long way toward killing Socialism, which is created by poverty stricken conditions among the masses," said the Rev. Father Shee at a recent meeting of the Robert F. Doyle Council, Young Men's Institute.

He said that Socialism has a stronger hold in this country than in any of the European countries, Germany not excepted. He also spoke of the strained relations between the Catholic church and the Socialist party and added that Socialism would in no way solve the problems of the day.

MIDDLE CLASS TAKES THE WAR TRAIL

Down State Merchants Fight Railroad Which Cheated Them

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—Civil suits aggregating \$300,000 were instituted today by State Attorney Hatch against the Chicago & Alton railroad to recover the penalties for the violation of the criminal laws which prohibit discrimination against freight rates.

Springfield merchants claim that they have been discriminated against, saying that the East St. Louis and Peoria rates are better than they can get.

PASTOR ATTACKS SCHOOLS AT BANQUET

Applauded by Louis F. Swift, Methodist and Packer, Who Busted the Stock Yards Unions.

The learned Dr. W. A. Quayle, D. D., pastor of St. James' Methodist church, attacked the school board and the teachers' union at an expensive banquet in the City Club rooms last night. He addressed the Chicago Methodist Social Union.

Louis F. Swift of the stock yards, a prominent Methodist and anti-union man, was present. He gives in the most liberal way to Dr. Quayle's church, and is one of the obscure worshippers at St. James. He led in the applause which greeted the stinging, witty and logical address at many points.

Among the strongest things he said were the following:

The Minister's Views "The schools are the places for Americanizing. I do not agree, either, that this art and that should be taught. First make an American and then you can make anything you want of him. Any jeopardy of our schools is a menace to the country, and through America to the whole world."

"I notice by the names, the gyrations, and the talk of the trustees of the board that they do not know what the schools are for."

"The board is a menagerie of unfortunates!" shouted some one in the audience, said to be Swift.

"I won't pass judgment on them," said the speaker. "But I next want to call your attention to a lady who bosses the Teachers' federation and is now trying to run the schools in the interest of the labor unions. Such action is unfair and has no place in our schools. We should tell our teachers that it is time for them to stick to their business of making Americans or get out of their jobs."

"Do you think the present board representative?" he asked.

"No, no," came the answer from every one in the audience.

"Why, I could make a better board than the present one with my eyes shut." He looked at Swift.

"I hope not," interrupted another man in the audience, said to be Swift.

PULLMAN'S RELATIVE SUFFERS FOR BREAD

Echo of the Eventful Life of Palace Car Builder

New York, Dec. 28.—(Special Correspondence.) New York, Dec. 28.—(Special Correspondence.)

WAGE INCREASES TO BE THE PRICE OF SOCIAL "REST."

Crumbs Dropped to Labor by Wall Street Gamblers

Through the country big capitalists are increasing wages. They hope to throw a few crumbs of their profits to the mob and allay unrest.

They fear that unrest will become so unreasoning that producers will demand all they produce. Their scheme to increase wages enough to keep producers exactly at the subsistent point has worked in many quarters. Men whose wives never have decent or becoming dresses are overwhelmed at the generosity of the big corporations.

Following is a summary of some of these wage increases:

BIG CAPITALISTS FREEZING OUT THE LITTLE ONES

Family Row in Boxboard Trust Caused by Small Fry Crying for Profit

Employing vigorous language and hurling bitter invectives at each other, fifty stockholders of the United Boxboard and Paper Company argued for three hours and a half yesterday afternoon at the Auditorium hotel and finally adjourned unable to accomplish anything that will lead to a settlement of the financial difficulties of the corporation.

The meeting was called by President Barbour for the purpose of giving stockholders an opportunity to ask questions concerning the affairs of the company. An indebtedness of some \$350,000 exists. It is said that if stockholders do not soon reach an agreement the concern will be forced to go into the hands of a receiver. Activity of the stockholders' protective committee, which is endeavoring to oust the present officers from the control of the company, led to the meeting yesterday.

POOR OLD ALABAMA BUTTS IN AND WILL GET "LICKED"

Aristocratic Southern Reformers Want to Try a Go with Oil

[Scripps-McRae Press Association.] Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 28.—A petition was filed in the City court here Thursday for an interlocutory injunction restraining the Standard Trust Company, a Delaware corporation, from doing business in Alabama. The petitioners seek a receiver and charge the concern with irregularities in business.

It is set forth that it has a capital stock of \$500,000, and does business in the states of Alabama, South Carolina, Kentucky, Mississippi, Virginia, Arkansas, Florida, Texas and Colorado, and that a contract called an "investment bond purchasing contract" is issued an applicant upon the payment of \$5 upon delivery and \$5 on the 15th of every month for six months, when he will be eligible to a loan of \$1,000 to start payment on a home.

The petitioners aver that the scheme or method of issuing the home purchasing contracts involves elements of a lottery and that the scheme is unlawful and void.

MEN TO BREAK INTO NEW YORK'S EDEN

Women Save Their Money and Hotel Owners Look for Spenders

New York, Dec. 28.—Woman, lovely woman, is to be deprived of her select place of refuge in New York City. The Martha Washington hotel, hitherto closed to mere man, is soon to be opened to the use of those who have always been barred from ascending above the first floor.

This decision has been reached by the stockholders. Four years of trying to make the hotel pay by entering into a women patron, without receiving a cent of dividends has disgusted the stockholders. To-day they are looking for some one to lease the hotel at a figure which will give them some returns.

HEROIC SECTION HAND KILLED IN NOBLE ACT

Workers Stop to Remove Hand Car to Save Express Train and One Gives His Life

Sandusky, O., Dec. 28.—A Lake Shore section hand, name unknown, was killed at Huron this morning by No. 32, fast mail, east-bound. The dead man and a section crew were on a hand car on the track. They observed the train when it was almost upon them, but could have jumped and saved themselves. Fearing the hand car would wreck the flyer they stopped to remove it, and succeeded, the one man sacrificing his life in the effort.

CHICAGO GIRLS—NOTICE

See How Hoosier Workers Get Higher Wages and Follow Suit

Indiana, Dec. 28.—The strike of 131 girl weavers at Love Bros. & Grower's cotton mill has been settled by giving the girls a 5 per cent increase in pay.

GETTING A PLANT

The board of directors decided yesterday to at once take steps toward securing a plant, as it was felt that the securing of the loan was now reasonably certain.

To make it possible to proceed to concluding a bargain pledges should be sent in quickly.

Yesterday's total... \$4.23 R. J. Doughitt... 1.30 F. H. K... 1.00 John Horn... 50

GREAT AMUSEMENT PARK PLANNED FOR NORTH SIDE

An amusement park which, when finished, is to cost \$1,000,000, is to be constructed on the north side on the twenty-three acre tract bounded by North Western, Sunnyside and Montrose avenues and Leavitt street. George B. Byron and Harvey Strickler, attorneys, and H. B. Wheelock, architect, are prime movers in the enterprise. They have secured a long-term lease for the property, which belongs to the A. M. Billings estate. Plans for the construction and decoration are now being drawn under the direction of Mr. Wheelock.

WHO ARE THEY THAT EAT CHARITY TURKEY?

An interesting paragraph, lifted from an article in the Toledo News-Bee, describing Monday morning's scenes at the Lucas county infirmary offices, when the usual distribution, guaranteeing Christendom's justice and all the fruits of earth on Dec. 25, were in progress, is as follows: "It was a complex and an interesting crowd. Some had spent last Christmas in comparative prosperity, offices for relief, at their own turkey, and had no suspicion that the next Christmas would find them enrolled with the city's paupers."

ROMANS DIE IN WRECK

Rome, Dec. 28.—Several deaths of victims of yesterday's railway accident at Gallarate, Lombardy, have occurred to-day. They persons were injured, many of them seriously, and to-day's advices tell of the critical condition of several. Two electric trains crashed together while entering the railway station.

DAILY LIST OF RAILROAD WRECKS

Private Ownership and Great Captains of Industry Give New Evidence of Incompetency.

Williston, N. D., Dec. 28.—A most miraculous wreck occurred to-day about two miles east of Trenton, when a Great Northern train of six coaches left the track on account of the rails spreading. No one was seriously injured. The engine stayed on the track. It is almost inconceivable that some were not killed, as some of the coaches went sixty feet into a ditch.

Engineer Killed in Crash

Danville, Ill., Dec. 28.—In a collision between a Big Four engine and an inter-urban car to-day Charles Burnett of Mattoon was killed and Conductor Garver of the traction car was seriously injured. Robert Tingle of St. Louis, a passenger, received fatal injuries and Elijah Watkins of Fithian was painfully hurt.

Passenger Train Wrecked

Houston, Tex., Dec. 27.—A Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe passenger train, south bound, was wrecked early to-day near Somerville, Tex., while running at a high rate of speed. The engine turned over, fatally injuring Engineer James Sealy and Fireman Felder. No passengers were hurt.

Death List Grows

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 27.—G. M. Brockett of Minneapolis died early to-day at the hospital at Enderlin, N. D., from injuries received in the railroad wreck early in the week. This makes the total death list of the wreck number eleven.

Three arrests will be made soon in a proceeding to place responsibility for the accident.

Warrants have been sworn out for the arrest of John J. Moore, the engineer of the switch engine that obstructed the main line track; for Charles H. Acker, the yard foreman at Enderlin, and for J. E. Walsh, the switchman sent to flag the approaching passenger train.

INDUSTRIAL OPENINGS IN OLD MEXICO

Useful Things Growing Wild Waiting to Be Exploited by Industry

Manzanillo, Dec. 20.—The wood of the mangrove tree, which grows in great abundance in the swamps along the Pacific coast of Mexico, contains a large percentage of tannin of superior quality, which, in my judgment, it would pay to extract.

Wild limes of delicious flavor grow abundantly around Manzanillo, and in view of the immense supply the establishment of a plant to extract the juice and citric acid would render lucrative returns. Peaches, mangoes and other fruits abound in this vicinity, and the canning of these fruits would be a good paying industry.

Sardines and mackerel of all kinds abound along the coast and an establishment to can these fish would be a good paying concern.

Manzanillo has been at a standstill for centuries, without a single industry, but now, in view of the near completion of the Mexican Central Railroad and the projection of others, connecting it with other parts of the world, it is on the eve of great prosperity and growth. In view of the bright prospects, property has advanced twentyfold within the last year and is still on upward move.

There is not a hotel or boarding house in the town suitable for travelers, and in view of the probable influx of strangers in the near future a good hotel, it is thought, would be a paying undertaking.

Wild Fiber Plants

There are various plants in the vicinity of Manzanillo which, if developed or cultivated, would yield large quantities of fibers for various purposes. The wild pineapple plant, known as the "chocho-hurle" or "guano" plant, for instance, yields a fiber as fine as silk, and the supply of this plant is practically unlimited, as in growing it reproduces itself in from six to eight months after having been denuded.

Cloth made of the fiber is said to be as fine as pongee silk, and some has been made by hand at Colima, the capital of the state of that name, and a short distance from this place.

The "coquito" palm is another source of a fiber of a coarse substance suitable for the manufacture of bags, matting and rope. Like the wild pineapple plant, there is apparently no limit to the supply of this fiber-yielding plant, from whose leaves, which are 15 to 25 feet long, the fiber is yielded.

Another plant, growing as high as four feet, known as the "casobillo," which is said to be the wild ramie plant, after being cut reproduces itself in about six months. The fiber of this plant is extremely fine, like ramie.

Besides the plants named, there are numerous others in this part of the country which would yield fibers of great value, to extract which it only requires persons of experience and capital in order to establish a large and lucrative industry.

GREAT CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY KILL TWO MORE MEN

Temple, Texas, Dec. 28.—Southbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 15 was wrecked at 7 o'clock this morning in the Somerville yards. Engineer James Sealy and fireman L. L. Felder were caught beneath the overturned engine and crushed to death.

CHICAGO REBELS WILL ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION

Jewish Russians Plan to Affiliate With Labor Unions and Socialist Party

Delegates from the five branches of the Bund composed of revolutionists in Chicago, will leave for New York in a few days to attend the fifth annual convention of the Bund which will be held in that city. The report on the activities of the Bund will be made by M. Liber, delegate from the central committee of the Russian Bund.

The convention promises to be most interesting. One of the questions that will come up is the relation of the members of the Bund to the Socialist and to the trade unionist movements in America. Hitherto the Bund took little interest in the Socialist and trade unionist movement in America, confining itself strictly to Russian affairs.

The growth of the membership of the Bund in recent years and the large element of "Americanized" members and members who intend to make the United States their permanent home, demand that members of the Bund affiliate with the Socialist party and with the trade unions in this country.

WHERE TO GO



Arthur Morrow Lewis will deliver the second of his winter course lectures in Brand's hall to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. The subject is "Socialism and Biological Evolution." Owing to the crowd last Sunday morning more chairs will be provided next Sunday, and visitors are advised to come early. Gertrude Breslan Hunt will recite Mrs. Gilman's "Hardly a Pleasure." The lectures are delivered under the auspices of the Twenty-first ward branch of the Socialist party, and will be continued to April. For further and future details watch the advertising columns of this paper each Friday evening.

NEWS AND COMMENT

Depositors of the defunct Morton Park bank are to get nothing. All the assets will go towards paying for the receivership. Because of the manner in which the receivers have acted in the case, Atkinson says that he will be able to do little if anything.

Israel Zangwill, the noted novelist and Zionist leader, is heading a scheme for bringing persecuted Russian Jews to this country and forming them into a colony near Galveston, Texas. Jacob Schiff has promised a half million dollars to help carry it along, and Baron Rothschild is also reported as being active in its support.

James Kennedy, alias Cassidy, was arrested by secret service men at Evansville, Ind., for passing counterfeit \$10 bills of the Buffalo variety. He had passed thirty of them and had eight-five more on his person.

Royal Billy's fourth son is to marry his cousin. The young people are related on both the maternal and paternal sides of the royal family. There will be no new blood injected into the decaying royalty by this approaching wedding.

The Chicago Mining and Stock Exchange is the name of the newly incorporated venture of a number of local brokers in mining stocks to promote active trading in their specialties. If you have \$10 in the savings banks get it out and hurry down, for you may be another John W. Gates.

The recommendation of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor that the various state federations publish encyclopedias on all matters pertaining to trade unionism and have the officials of unions as well as labor in general familiarize themselves with these matters, will probably come up at the next meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Assistant Chief of Police Schuetler gave orders to the men at Summerdale station to-day to "forget everything in that Lee case except the theory of murder and probe that to the bottom." He says Lewis J. Lee was run down by an auto, robbed and thrown into the lake.

The Pope says that victory will be his in the French war between church and state. He has all the confidence in the world in the French Catholics led by Cardinal Merry Del Val.

John Aberle, a North avenue policeman, has been suspended for making eyes at a pretty maiden and indulging in a glass of beer with her. Sergeant Gallery saw the man through the whole performance and of course made his report, which resulted in Aberle's suspension.

GOOD PROFITS SHOWN IN GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

During the last fiscal year the army transports cost the government \$3,221,719 and did a business which, if it had been done by private companies at the lowest obtainable rate, which is considerably lower than the regular commercial rate, would have cost the government \$3,276,861.

CARROTS MAKE NERVE

She—They say carrots are great for the nerves. He—I guess that's right. We fed our cow on carrots for a week, and then she had the nerve to eat up my golf vest and a pair of bicycle stockings.

The total pay of officers and sailors actually aboard ships during the last year was \$24,725,193, of which \$2,939,724.32 was for apprentices and other aboard receiving ships. Food to the value of \$1,427,965.50 was issued to sailors on board ships, of which amount \$224,957.70 went to those on training ships.

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King's Restaurant. 112-14-16-18 FIFTH AVENUE. OPEN DAY AND NIGHT HAS STOOD THE TEST FOR 30 YEARS

Woman Suffrage in Chicago

The Charter Convention decided that women must not vote in Chicago. In their infinite wisdom the Union League Club and the other defendants of the good name and fame of this city declared that woman must not be injured by contact with political life. They were willing that women should be forced into the sweat-shop, the mill, the department store and the factory, and through these into the brothel. They raised no objection to her entry into all the hell of INDUSTRIAL life, but the idea of her going once a year into a polling place and depositing a piece of paper in a box filled their tender souls with horror. PERHAPS IT WAS BECAUSE THEY FEARED THAT WOMEN MIGHT USE THEIR BALLOT TO REMOVE THEIR INDUSTRIAL BURDENS THAT THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE WAS WITHHELD.

The Power of the Press

Nine English daily newspapers published in Chicago keep the public in ignorance. As many more printed in foreign languages help. This vast power of capital, machinery and organization all is used to support the capitalist system. Each one, even the yellow Hearst papers, cringes before State street, which really runs all daily newspapers except this one. No other daily newspaper dares defend frankly and consistently labor organizations. Even the Hearst papers dare not support the teachers', firemen's and postal employees' union. The reason is that they do not favor the supremacy of the working class. They one and all are striving to preserve a system of industry in which the majority are at the mercy of the few. They all are for an indefinite continuation of the anarchy in distribution that prevails now. They are opposed to the substitution of systematic distribution, for it would make the working class supreme. This great power of capital, machinery and organization must be made useless. As long as it is in working order the people will be fooled, turned against one another and the schemers will get the cream of labor's product. There is but one way to make these powerful enemies of economic order and organs of anarchy in distribution of wealth helpless and worthless properties. They must be destroyed by constant agitation and education. Every wage worker that is led to vote for his own interests and the interests of his class makes the Tribune, Daily News and the others less valuable. There are 30,000 such voters in this county. Each one of these voters is striving to break down the power of these great newspapers. Each one of these 30,000 voters is a solicitor for this paper. Each new subscriber brings nearer the day when the capitalist dailies will "show to only a small crowd in the boxes." The galleries and back rows, once occupied by a deluded working class, will be vacant. This paper is crude, our enemies say, and will die. They do not know the 30,000 voters. With that force, a new plant and better equipment, the Chicago Daily Socialist will improve. It will have a staff of the best writers in the world. Its "funny page" will be the most amusing. It will have the most brilliant colored supplements. It will have the greatest influence in the world of journalism.

All this will be done in a short time. Events are to come rapidly now. The working class is on the up-grade. Mechanical progress in seventy years was greater than in all the ages that went before. Political progress in the next ten years will be even more startling. One of the first steps is to break down the power and influence of the capitalist press. Get new readers for this paper. Each new subscriber strengthens the Chicago Daily Socialist for the battle. This paper is on the offensive. Its circulation is growing at the rate of 250 a day. This increase must not grow less. It must be greater. This paper is of necessity a part of the capitalist system. It must have advertising or it cannot sell for a penny. The readers must make advertising in these columns so valuable that the profit-seekers must contribute to their own emancipation by buying space. With 100,000 subscribers Chicago will be captured for the working class and the rest will come at express train speed.

After That Prize

More contestants are coming in every day for that ten dollar prize. It is so easy to get subscribers that each new contestant keeps after them the first day until he is in the lead. It is hard work to find a man who, after he has seen the paper, and told that it is the only paper in Chicago without a muzzle, and that always stands for the working class, will not agree to pay six cents a week to have it delivered to his house every night, ready to read as soon as his supper is finished and his pipe lit.

The Man With the Broom

He was sweeping off the walk in front of a State street establishment, while pedestrians dodged him right and left. A passing acquaintance stopped for a greeting, and these words were overheard from the man with the broom: "Well, I keep busy, and that's all that is necessary." The writer went his way, but the words remained, haunting him with a vision of their pathetic meaning. The Man with the Broom, like his famous counterpart with the hoe, is one of unnumbered millions of toil-worn bodies and awaried and stunted minds who rise up before us in condemnation of the wicked system that "destroys both body and soul in hell." He is the slave "unconscious of his chains," thankful for a chance to earn his meagre and degraded living, incapable of envying those who are enabled to live fuller and nobler lives from the toil of his class. He has the proper "education" for a working man; no useless knowledge to unfit him for faithful menial service, no knowledge of economies to engender "class" feeling. All blessings flow from the employer and without him life would not be possible, hence the worker's life could be ordered entirely in the master's rest, with a chance to live and serve the highest goal.

To keep busy, with a "subsistence wage," makes possible a nest and litter of young, and so the animal life is lived by one generation succeeding another. Not his the joy of living a human life, rounded and balanced by labor rest and intellectual and physical recreation; no communion with the immortals in song or story, in art or science. The beauties and wonders of nature, the grandeur revealed in infinite space, where the awakened intellect reverently follows great leaders in paths of glory leading to fields of eternal truth—all is as a sealed book to him. An occasional cheap diversion, a daily paper, whose business is largely to keep him just as he is—and content. He who would awaken in him a desire for the full stature of manhood must needs be a public enemy. If we consider one of the many families that have arisen from the lowest poverty to competence, and note the transformation within even less than a generation, in education, refinement and general taste and manner of living, and think of this possibility for all under Socialism, we gain some idea of the wickedness of the present system. If we consider how those who profit by the system are willing and determined to hold their fellow creatures down to their low estate in order that they may rise upon their ruin, we gain some idea of the blighting, damning effect of the same system upon character.



IS HE REALLY THE LAST?

PHYSICAL CULTURE

By CHARLES ROUX

Primeval man could not be accused of culture in any form. Living in perfect harmony with Nature he obeyed her laws instinctively. As he became estranged from nature by the progress of civilization he was forced to use some ways of physical exercise to counteract the dangers to his health from an artificial life. These originally took the form of work and recreation. But with the division into trades and the change in the mode of living from the open country into the congested city street, work could no longer be depended on as conducive to perfect physical development and health, and it became necessary to apply methods and system to recreation. It was left to capitalism to make work so distasteful and often directly injurious and the practice of health-preserving recreation so difficult as to, in many instances, fill the very instinct for desiring it. It is the mission of modern physical culture to arouse the latent glimmer of this natural instinct of self-preservation and teach how such difficulties may be overcome by time-saving, scientific methods. Some Socialists believe that the advent of the cooperative commonwealth will do away with the necessity for physical culture. To them I would say: Physical culture is as much an improvement over the rude ways of our forbears as the Jacquard machine has been over the hand-loom. Even when at some time, remote in the future, a revolution in the modes of transportation and an advanced conception of hygiene shall have brought about that ideal state of living to which socialism is but the pathfinder, man will have to employ some system of recreation, i. e., physical culture in its highest sense, to attain to perfection. Mens sana in corpore sano" is as true today as it was 2,000 years ago. It is the duty of the Socialist, the seeker after truth, the apostle of economic freedom to treat physical culture not only with indifference, but to preach it as a gospel, for by so doing, he will employ the best means at his command to create a future generation of more perfect men and women to inaugurate and enjoy the blessings of the cooperative commonwealth. Physical culturists know by experience the beneficial results as to increased vitality, greater bodily vigor and endurance and mental brightness achieved by their methods. The great truth of socialism will be quicker appreciated and more eagerly spread by healthier parents and brighter children. Therefore investigate without prejudice, practice on yourself, and if you will not fall in line with the advocates of physical culture for the workers, you are not sincere in your love for your fellowman and your socialism, for its very selfishness will be a failure. Don't shirk the task; you owe it to humanity to do your duty. Do it now. CHARLES ROUX.

Labor Winning Its Way

Little by little and day by day, Labor is ever winning its way. From the depths of slavery in the past, It has risen until it can see at last The dawn sublime Of the better time That will break o'er the night of greed and crime. When every throne Has been overgrown, And the toilers have come to claim their own. —J. A. Edgerton in the Technical World.



Slaughtering and meat packing is the chief industry of the United States. But lumber saw mills and timber camps give employment to the greatest number of workers, and the flour mill stands first with the greatest gain in the value of products. So says the last report of the census bureau. In the last four and a half years the increase in the gross value of our manufactures has been as great as the increase for the preceding ten. In our factory system there were more than two hundred thousand establishments. If all factory workmen, officials and clerks were evenly distributed, each establishment would have thirty persons on their payroll, and if values were evenly distributed each factory or mill would turn out product of a gross value of \$75,000. Out of the whole number of establishments about 10 per cent controlled about 80 per cent of the business. Moreover, of this 10 per cent about 2,000 establishments, or only 1 per cent of the grand total, put out a product valued at 38 per cent of the total product value of our industries. This 1 per cent employed 25 per cent of all the wage earners. New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Massachusetts, arranged in their proper order, contribute 39 per cent of all establishments, employ 45 per cent of the workers, and turn out about half the value of our national manufactured products.

AS IN ATHLETICS, SO IN BUSINESS

Business pursued with greedy competitive motives, wears out those who succeed as it does those who fail in its unworthy mania for inordinate profit. Not only the workman who is "speeded up," but the manager whose salary depends on his driving abilities, suffers from the nervous exhaustion and disordered morals of capitalism, in which all fall short of symmetrical development and good living. W. E. Flint, in "Power and Health Through Progressive Exercise," says: "There is another element that cuts short the lives of athletes. I mean competition. To be physiological and therefore beneficial, no exercise should be continued to the point of extreme fatigue; which is an almost necessary condition in competitive athletics." Dec. 24, 1906. The Reason "Why it is that Miss Vain, who used to be so sour tempered, always wears a smiling face now?" "She recently had her teeth filled with gold."

A Laugh or A Smile

By P. B.

A Broken Ideal "My faith in Goodleigh has been rudely shattered." "What has he done?" "I heard him making a New Year's resolution." If your Christmas present doesn't fit you perhaps you can get 'em changed and at the same time find out how much they cost. Did you make your postman a present of something that was good for bunions and sore heels? Just by the way of giving Kaiser Bill a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Great Britain and France have concluded an offensive and defensive alliance. Followed Directions "The preacher told BJones that he should cultivate the Christmas spirit." "What did BJones do?" "Filled himself fuller than a tick of real Christmas spirits." It would be a good thing for the railroads to take advantage of New Year's by swearing off the catastrophe habit. The man who looks back upon past New Year's days might be able to get revenge by swearing off the habit of making New Year's resolutions. Mr. Sargeant has returned from the Orient and Mr. Roosevelt is going to get some information from him whereby to write another message to congress. The Scoffer "See what a lovely gold band a friend got me for Christmas," she says, putting out her hand. "Are you sure it won't turn out in a year or two to be a brass band?" he replies, heartlessly. A person can never tell how he is going to enjoy a Christmas dinner until he has seen the size of the doctor's bill. The Actors' Society of Chicago will meet with the hearty approbation even of straight-laced Baptists. It advises young people not to go on the stage. It is a dangerous business, this putting aside of your Christmas presents in order to send them out next year. They have to be carefully labeled so as to avoid mistakes. Distinction "Who is the man over there who seems to be attracting so much attention among the ladies?" we ask at the society function in Pittsburg. "Oh, that is a millionaire whose wife recently eloped with a coachman." Speaking of generosity, Carnegie is never mentioned in comparison with Santa Claus. You never heard of a mail carrier or an express driver getting his clothes afire while playing Santa Claus. They don't have time to play Santa Claus. Doubtless the blended whisky given the members of the pure food commission, sample was the very best sort of blended whisky. Why doesn't some city get the drop on the rest by preparing to hold a world's fair commemorating the 1,000th anniversary of Lief Ericson's discovery of America in the year 2000?

What Do Socialists Want?

This is a question which is asked frequently. Sometimes it is asked as if it were a poser to which there was no reply. Sometimes it is asked seriously by the searcher for information. It is a question which can be and has been answered. It was answered so well by William Morris, the great poet, artist, craftsman, and socialist of England that an improvement would be difficult. He called his answer to this question "The Claim of Socialism," and it is so complete and striking that it would be well worth the time of any reader to commit it to memory. Morris said: "I have looked at this claim by the light of history and my own conscience, and it seems to me so looked at to be a most just claim, and that resistance to it means nothing short of a denial of the hope of civilization. "This then is the claim: "IT IS RIGHT AND NECESSARY THAT ALL MEN SHOULD HAVE WORK TO DO WHICH SHALL BE WORTH DOING, AND BE OF ITSELF PLEASANT TO DO; AND WHICH SHOULD BE DONE UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS AS WOULD MAKE IT NEITHER OVER WEARISOME NOR OVER ANXIOUS. "Turn that claim about as I may, think of it as long as I can, I cannot find that it is an exorbitant claim; yet if Society would or could admit it, the face of the world would be changed; discontent and strife and dishonesty would be ended. To feel that we were doing work useful to others and pleasant to ourselves, and that such work and its due reward COULD not fail us! What serious harm could happen to us then? And the price to be paid for so making the world happy is revolution. Are we willing to pay that price? We must pay it. The onward urge of social evolution will not permit us to stand still, and this is the goal that lies before us. Try to think what it means. Try to imagine the possibility of finding your enjoyment in your work. Try to conceive of a society in which we would not work in order that we might find time to enjoy ourselves, but where we worked because we enjoyed the WORK ITSELF. But this can only come when the means and methods of work are controlled by the workers. So long as one class rides another to the task of creating the wealth by which mankind satisfies its wants there can be little pleasure for either class, and least of all for the workers. So long as production is for profit neither goods produced, nor the process of production can give pleasure. Only when things are produced for the use of a race of producers will they be made so as to give happiness in the making and happiness in the consuming. Under our present system happiness must be sought outside the main currents of life—it is only a by-product, as it were. Under a co-operative commonwealth happiness would be the principal product—the main-spring of production, the reason for work.

The Weight of the Yoke

I sing you a song of service— A service that waits, that wears— On a brow that is dark with sorrow— The brand of a thousand cares. A service that has not faltered, That pleads for no help, no rest; That gives of its brave endurance Forever its all and best. The weight of the yoke has fastened With bruises, and scars, and pain The pitiful bended habit That bows to some greater strain. The stature of manhood, shrunken And starved by its slave pursuit, Stands clothed with a dull submission— The sense of a driven brute. And this was a man! The master Of elements changed by toil To the splendor of templed cities— Where he is but human spoil. The image of his Creator!— Dragged down from that high estate To serve as a beast of burden, To struggle, and starve, and wait. I sing you a song of service— A service your soul must give To the cause of its own salvation, If man and his work shall live. A service of consecration To the need of a wider life Far out of the pits of bondage, Away from commercial strife. The weight of the yoke is crushing— The yoke of the endless years That groan with the long oppression, That drip with the hopeless tears. But think you a master's mercy Will lift from your stupid woe The sign of his ease and power, Unaided, alone?—Ah, no. I sing you a song of service, With love of all men its theme. Bring into your day of living The truth of a yokeless dream. Stand up, as the Lords of Labor, Oh, mighty your plighted sway To save for the world its freedom, Its tyrants to cast away.

—GEORGE E. BOWEN.

Objections to Socialism

In order to criticize Socialism it is necessary to confine it to the orthodox or standard Socialism taught by representative Socialists. That Socialists have discovered, produced and developed knowledge of unmeasurable value to the public, is admitted. But Socialists do not understand the new social system except in part, and are teaching a half-truth for a whole truth, which is dangerous: are distracting attention from other necessary truths by claiming to have the whole truth, and this hinders progress. They do not put the things in practice, but simply talk, talk, talk. The new social system will be founded on liberty and justice.

Instead of robbery, slavery and murder, as now. Socialists have been developing justice; but they are bitterly fighting the principle of liberty, which anarchists are developing, and this is wicked—It retards progress. The anarchists deserve as much praise for developing liberty as do the Socialists for developing justice. As these principles are inter-related, neither can be understood unless both are understood. Therefore Socialists are not even teaching justice correctly. If 20,000,000 people voted a jay bird was a ring-tailed oriole, or that a politician was a scientist, they would only vote a big lie and an injustice. Political voting is silly child-play. Yet Socialists are waiting to establish "best conditions" by standing off and voting it once in four years. So Socialism is got up-to-date, in part true and part false; and by claiming ALL for it, it distracts, hides, obscures and retards progress. It is trying to work the principles slavery and justice together—an ox-team and a steam engine. H. B. SAUNDON.