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ILLINOIS CENTRAL DIS-CHARGES VETERANS TO SAVE PENSION MONEY

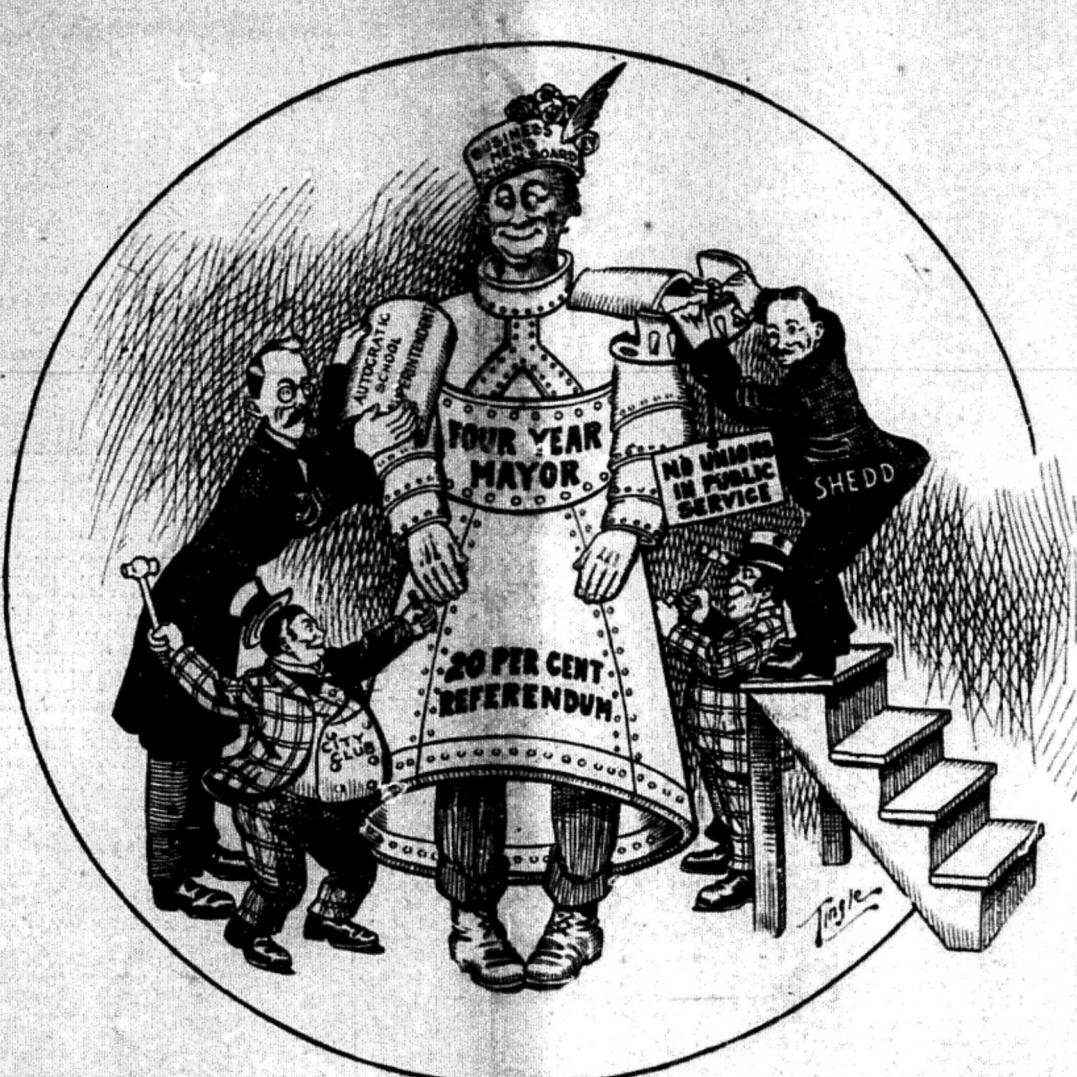
"Benevolence" of Corporation Pension System Shown in Striking Way—Men Deprived of Work Only Three Months from Retirement on Petty Charge

SPOTTERS HIRED TO FIND CAUSES FOR FIRING OLD WORKERS

Old Age Pay System Managed by Bosses to Prevent Strikes and Damage Suits Found to Be a Farce in at Least Two Cases—Are There Others?

The Illinois Central Railroad has a pension system. It is an evidence of the great philanthropic impulses of its managers.

great Harriman will not keep them in repair. SWITCHSMAN KILLED BY TRAIN William Rehill, 21 years old, 2214 West Harrison street, a switchman, was struck by a Northwestern freight train and killed yesterday while working in the yards at Portieth avenue and Kinzie street.



CHICAGO'S NEW CHARTER DRESS LATEST THING IN COLLARS—A STEEL TRAP

MILLIONAIRE FISH SAYS PANIC IS DUE

Big Railroad Man, Out of Job, Adopts Socialist View of Industrial Trend—Causes Sensation

New York, Jan. 2.—Stuyvesant Fish in replying to the question "Are we approaching a great industrial and political crisis?" says: "In point of time a great industrial crisis is due and there are many indications of its being imminent."

WIFE WILL NOT ALLOW WILLIAMS TO BE PRESIDENT

White House Damp and the Children Would Get Sick, Says Mrs. John Sharp

Washington, Jan. 2.—Following the example set by Secretary of War Taft, Hon. John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, Democratic floor leader of the house, has declared that he is not a candidate for the presidency.

ROCK ISLAND IN DAILY WRECK ACT

Railroads Keep Up "Killing Pace"—Later Reports May Show Large Number Slain

[Scraps-McRae Press Association.] Topeka, Kan., Dec. 2.—Passenger train No. 29, west bound, and No. 30, east bound, on the Rock Island collided between Volland and Alta Vista early this morning, and, according to G. W. Rourke, superintendent of the Kansas division, in his report to headquarters here, thirty persons were killed and forty injured.

BLOW AT WILDCAT MINING

American and Mexican Bodies Enter Into Working Alliance

Denver, Col., Jan. 2.—Secretary James F. Galbreath, Jr., of the American Mining congress has received word from A. G. Canaliza, director-general of the international bureau of finance of Mexico, to the effect that the Mexican association has agreed to the alliance offered whereby the American and Mexican associations undertake to work together in helping investors from either country to get complete information about mining investments.

POWDER TRUST MENACES NATION

No Ammunition for War and Patriotic Capitalist Senator Takes 115 Per Cent Profit From His Country

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 2.—In a general arraignment of the Du Pont smokeless powder monopoly, sent as an appeal to the president and congress, Robert S. Waddell has made his most telling point in demonstrating that under monopolistic control the supply of smokeless powder must be necessarily wholly inadequate to the need of the nation in the event of war.

JAPS TO CONTROL TRADE

Within Eighteen Months Yellow Yankees Will Be Doing All Business on the Pacific

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 2.—R. P. Schwenm, general manager of the Pacific mail steamers, declares that within eight months Japan will virtually control the commerce of the Pacific.

CONDEMN COURT

Oklahoma Socialists Take Action on the Moyer Decision

Oklahoma City, Ok., Jan. 2.—Condemning the action of the supreme court of the United States in severest terms, the state convention of socialists today called upon all members of the party to spread the "true meaning" of the decision of the court in refusing to permit the release of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone of the Western Federation of Miners from the Idaho penitentiary, where they are held on the charge of complicity in the murder of former Governor Steunenberg.

HOOSIER REFORMERS ARE STRENUOUS

Marion, Ind., Jan. 2.—Women members of the Law and Order League yesterday morning raided the saloon of Ott. Hosenauer. Doors were broken down, windows smashed and liquor spilled on the floor.

Warm Rains Promised

Rain tonight and Thursday, warmer tonight, temperature a little above freezing.

"LABOR PROBLEM" IN PALMER CASTLE

Gracious Society Leader Will Entertain Union Leaders and Union Busters

INDUSTRIAL PEACE TO COME

Patent Leather of Capitalists and Brograms of Labor to Meet Under Immaculate Table in Lake Shore Drive

Mrs. Potter Palmer's plan to use the charity ball to make the "unwashed" satisfied with their lot and stop "social unrest" was a great success. But she is not to stop. On Jan. 12 she will receive at her home representatives of several hundred thousand real working men.

Learned It in Europe

In Europe she learned how women get into "affairs." This getting into "affairs" is quite the thing abroad, Mrs. Palmer tried to get her son, Potter, Jr., into "affairs" and had him elected to the city council.

Unwashed at Charity Ball

She engineered the charity ball New Year's eve, and earned \$25,000 for "charity." Of course, \$100,000 was spent in raising this \$25,000, but the point is she invited the "unwashed" from all sections of the city.

Miss Beek's Exploit

Miss Gertrude Beek, head of the welfare department of the federation, will be present. She is an accomplished and energetic woman. One of her best exploits was the busting of the girls' union in the McCormick harvester plant.

Webster Enthusiastic

Mr. Webster talked enthusiastically on the subject last night. He declared that he had always favored joint conferences between workmen and employers as the best method of arriving at a mutual understanding and avoiding the necessity of strikes and lockout.

THE RECORDING ANGEL

By EDWIN ARNOLD BRENHOLTZ

CHAPTER XVII

"It's an ill wind that blows no one any good."

—Old Saying.

What happened when Mr. Craggie, after a tedious trip of two days, arrived in Washington and had his historic interview with the president—whom he thought he owned—will never be known.

The interview was entirely private and lasted from shortly after midnight till three a. m., but all the world knows that the evening papers of the next day all over the country had significant telegrams from their Washington correspondents which hinted, rather broadly, at strained relations between Germany and England, and the United States.

Chambers was not at all surprised that Mr. Craggie was in an exceptionally good humor when he came down to the "next morning and announced."

"Well, Mr. Secretary, I think that we deserve a little holiday. What do you say to a trip of inspection of all the plants, immediately. There is no telling how soon we may be called upon by the government to start them without delay."

Of course he expected no reply. It was only his most pleasant way of ordering Chambers to have all things in readiness to start at the earliest possible moment, and before night they were well on their way.

For a week after this Chambers read the papers very carefully, but could find no indication that the warning he had given Chambers had been acted upon.

They were again at Pittsburg when his face lighted up for an instant as he took in at a glance the startling headlines which announced that every labor organization had ordered its members to remember that they had no quarrel with their brother workmen across the ocean or anywhere else; that the Monroe doctrine was simply a piece of unpardonable selfishness which had never caused anything but trouble, and which in these days of fast travel had become perfectly ridiculous as a means of defense, and then directed them to refuse to perform military service unless to repel foreign invasion.

And when he read the telegraphic dispatches from all over the world showing that like action had been taken by the workers everywhere he simply handed the paper to the president without remark.

It was while Mr. Craggie was reading this that the telegram from the president announcing that all difficulties with each and every foreign power had been satisfactorily adjusted, arrived. The rage of Mr. Craggie was somewhat terrific.

Forgetting his recent experience with Chambers he vented his anger on him; but if he had taken time to notice the expression on the face of the secretary he certainly would have said less.

Chambers made no reply until the abuse was turned on old Mr. Endy as a traitor to his country for advising such a move, and as a traitor to his class for giving aid to the strikers; and then Chambers, with a face whiter even than his habitual deathly whiteness, said slowly, clearly and calmly, "I request you, sir, to remember that that gentleman is still suffering as the result of an unknown party's murderous blow."

"Well, to the devil with them all!" roared the president. "They may win in this strike, but it will be only because that white-livered traitor now in the White House went back on his pledges and refuses to use the army and navy against them. He has had just as many pretexts furnished him as ever were needed before, but he has become wonderfully in favor of the working class since his election. He thinks he is a mighty shrewd politician. He is a fool. He hopes that the laboring class and the Socialists will unite and make him their nominee and re-elect him; but he will find that there will be no such division of the spoils as he imagines."

"I state, that they won't cut any figure." The control over himself exercised by the secretary was, he thought, amply recompensed, for this was the first really confidential talk that he had listened to since the demand for the million had been made. He laughed aloud.

"What are you laughing at?" demanded Craggie fiercely.

"Just laughing to think how the political economists and newspapers have puzzled their brains and failed to find the reason for the startling increase of the market and purchase of gold."

"Ha, ha!" he laughed again. "And the president forgot his anger and joined in."

And then they resumed their tour of inspection and let the strike drag on its weary way. For Mr. Craggie's sole hope from that day was to starve the strikers back to work.

And it is shown by the books of the strike committee that it was at this very time that contributions in sums varying from one to one hundred thousand dollars began to come in from different parts of the country, sent through the ordinary mail and with no clue to the sender. Mr. Endy also secured many large contributions from rich men who feared or disliked Mr. Craggie, and some from those who gave in order to strike at the system; and, because of this, although there was considerable suffering, it was not as severe as in many previous and smaller strikes.

And so New Year's day came and passed with the strikers still resolute, Mr. Craggie still on his tour of inspection and more determined and obstinate than ever, the supply of iron and steel almost exhausted, and the stock of the corporation down to sixty—fallen from two hundred and ten. Above all, the board of directors of the Iron and Steel company were becoming somewhat restless; for many of them depended on the dividends of the company for their income—and they now began to realize that there would be no dividends for three months more, even if the works should start at once. But they thought they were helpless since Mr. Craggie and his retainers held a majority of the stock.

It was at this time, when Nettie seemed fully recovered and Mr. Endy was able to see company, that invitations for a meeting to take place in his library were sent out to certain gentlemen. He had not been convinced by any or all of Uncle Arndt's Socialist arguments, but clung tenaciously to his long-cherished plan. He delighted in the young girl's society and conversation, for she was as wise and witty as she was beautiful, and she listened with untiring patience to his unfolding of his plan and his reasons for thinking that it would do the work he intended. And she had fallen into the habit of taking her daily outing by walking over to the mansion and talking to him. She was wise. She made no attempt to argue with her brother; and when Kennedy, whom she never

missed a chance to converse with on the subject, demanded the reason, she plainly stated that she never wasted her breath—that Mr. Craggie's methods of trying to defeat the workers would inevitably convert her brother before the strike was over.

The invitations were to be mailed on the fourteenth of January; and for the purpose of attending to it Arndt arrived at the mansion early in the morning. This was the second day after Nettie appeared down stairs; and no sooner did Mr. Endy see Arndt's face than he exclaimed, "What is the matter, Charles?—nothing wrong with the strike or the folks?"

"No, sir! the matter is entirely personal and I want to speak to you about it."

"Before you say another word, Charlie, I want you to look at the envelope on the desk."

As he picked it up Arndt said that the handwriting on it was Mr. Endy's own, and the letter said simply, "I beg the man who has been more than a son to me in these trying days to give me the pleasure of seeing him use the enclosed sum in fitting up a proper home for his sweetheart—or in any way that he may prefer. Robert Endy."

"And the check was for ten thousand dollars."

Arndt, who was a very proud man, drew back a step and was silent for a moment, and then he said, "I do not think, sir, that I have deserved that you should think that I am serving you for gain. I cannot—"

But Mr. Endy stopped him with a gesture of the hand as he replied kindly, "Neither do I think that I have deserved to have you say that I think so. Money, to any sane man, means only the ability to purchase a certain amount of pleasure, or, if you prefer, happiness. With each man this happiness takes a different form—mine consists, largely, in seeing other people happy. I have a son and wife, today, is unable to be happy—and I am correspondingly miserable. Money does not seem able to help him. You will not deny me this pleasure, my boy."

"Now, it is Robert's wish, as much as mine, that you should accept this small token of the affection we both feel for you. Put it in your pocket and do not even say thank you. I would have given Nettie a like amount, but she does not need it. She is quite a rich woman today."

Upon an exclamation of surprise from Arndt he said, "Yes; I cannot tell how it has escaped my mind so long; but I never once thought about the estate left by Angus MacDonald until yesterday, when Kennedy made some remark about it. The fact flashed upon me that I had MacDonald's will in the safe, and we got it out and Kennedy took it up to Clyde and proved it."

"The lapse of time will do no harm—owing to the nature of the will. It was made immediately after Kennedy told him of his actual condition. Like the canny Scotchman that he was, Mac had put off parting with a dollar of his hard earnings and accumulated interest until the last moment; and even I who had made many of his investments for him, was completely surprised to find what his estate totals. He wasn't very hard in his judgment of my millions; if you remember,—had a sort of fellow-feeling for you, you know. He had a little nest egg when he first came to this country, and I always paid him good wages which more than sufficed for their simple way of living."

"He leaves the tract of woodland on the edge of Steelton to the city for a public park and pleasure ground, and as he says in the will, nothing to you personally,—since you are to get it and everything that he loves, after all. The entire estate with that exception goes to Nettie, encumbered only with the remark that she knows all the charities which would like to aid and that she leaves to her the pleasure of the distribution of as much as she wishes to give. He goes on to state the absolute truth that heredity had been too much for him, that he had not been able to part with the money in his lifetime. The will is in his handwriting and is characteristic of his hand—honest, even to giving to the world to see plainly the one defect in his character."

(To be continued.)

SOCIALIST NEWS

"The report of my lecture last Sunday which appears in your issue of Monday contains a mistake which pleases Mr. F. E. Carr in a false position."

"The report states that Mr. Carr will debate with me the theory of evolution. What really happened was that Mr. Carr took exception to some of my positions, and I challenged him to a friendly debate on the question, 'Was Jesus a Socialist?' To the best of my knowledge, Comrade Carr is a thorough believer in evolution."

ONLY TIME. The Girl—J. P. Morgan has just paid a fortune for the manuscripts of a poet. Wouldn't you like your manuscripts to fetch a fortune!

The Bard—No, I should say not. The Girl (in surprise)—You would not? Why not?

The Bard—Because when manuscripts fetch such prices the poet is always dead.

BETTER THAN 36c COFFEE. Allie Lindsay says, 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 'Guadarral Blend' of coffee Siegel & Cooper handle."

We sent the lady a sample of Nutreto. Ten days later she writes:

"Your sample of Nutreto has, indeed, been a nut-ret-O! Finding favor at once, so that each meal since Saturday, January 3, has had for the family drink only this deliciously fragrant Nutreto. The two of us, as one pronounces it as pleasant flavored as our favorite blend of coffee at 36c per pound, and we fearlessly drink the beverage with no headache from 'cutting out' the old beverage; in fact, we feel as the Socialist does who had dropped either of the old political parties—rejoiced to have found so great an improvement by the aid of reason."

"I enclose \$1 and ask that you please hustle along some more of the nut-ret-o (Nutreto). In this cereal you have a good thing without doubt. Nutreto is perfect enough to make me good-natured, and Elmer says he could not have told it was not coffee.—Yours for Humanity, Allie Lindsay-Lynch."

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LABOR UNION NEWS

A joint meeting of organized farmers and the labor unions of Vanderburg county, Ind., will be held at Evansville on Jan. 12. Charles A. Spear will address the meeting in behalf of the farmers. The labor unions of Evansville propose to buy only products bearing the label of the organized farmers. A movement is also on foot to establish a depot where these union products only can be sold.

Year's gifts amounting to \$400 were given away by the German Aid Carriers' Union and Benevolent Society, Local No. 1, at its meeting Sunday. The annual report made by the officers of the union showed the organization to be in the best of conditions. In addition to the \$60,000 hall which it built last year, \$10,044 still remains in the treasury. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Herman Wolatz; vice-president, Frank Rahn; recording secretary, Herman Babbe; financial secretary, Gustav Bowerdoff; treasurer, Albert Schewlow; business agents, Fred Germand, Fred Brinkman and Louis Streng.

An advance of 2 1/2 per cent was given the Box Makers' and Sawyers' Union, Local No. 1, in accordance with the agreement which they have with their employers. Local No. 15, Repair Box Makers, received an increase of 15 per cent.

A nine-hour day was given to the members of Local No. 12 of the Travelers' Goods and Leather Workers' International Union by the Lanz, Owen & Co. firm. This leaves only three more firms in Chicago who work more than nine hours a day. The officers of the union expect to induce these remaining firms to grant an eight-hour day in the near future. Officers of the union elected for next year are as follows: President, Thos. J. Keyes; vice-president, Geo. Barthel; recording secretary, Fred Lohn; corresponding financial secretary and business agent, P. B. Kennedy; treasurer, O. C. Wenzel; guard, Al. Swanson; trustees, Louis De Boer, Frank Huckin and Ed. Rothbuer.

A fine of 50 cents will be laid by Bakers' and Confectioners' Union No. 2 upon every member who fails to vote at the election for new officers. The election will be held Saturday, Jan. 5, 1907, at 105 Wells street, and the polls will be open from 1 o'clock in the afternoon till 7 o'clock in the evening. The Australian ballot will be used. At the meeting preparations will also be made for a price masquerade ball which will be held at the North Side Turner Hall on Jan. 19.

Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, Local Union No. 1, elected the following officers: President, Clark Johnson; vice-president, Bert Wells; recording secretary, J. B. McMullen; financial secretary, R. H. Houthaus; treasurer, Jacob King; sergeant at arms, J. O'Donnell; conductor, F. Kalinos; trustees, David Burke, J. Kennedy and Mike Durr.

"I am greatly pleased with the Chicago Daily Socialist. It presents the news from the workingman's standpoint and makes it easy for the working people to see that which is for or against their interest," said J. H. Payne, national president of the Box Makers' and Sawyers' Union of America. "It teaches the workingman to think, and that is what the capitalist oppressors have consistently failed to do. The Chicago Daily Socialist has a future, and a great future, before it."

The Box Makers' and Sawyers' Official Journal has the following to say about the Chicago Daily Socialist: "Point out to your union brother that this is the only paper in Chicago that supports the Teachers' Federation against the attacks of the Merchants' Club and Law Breaker Theodore W. Robinson, vice-president of the Illinois Steel Company. The Chicago Daily Socialist must take the teachers' side because it is owned by the working class, and the political party that gives it its name and life is the working class party."

Additional wages will be demanded in the spring by workers in the Central Trades and Labor Union of St. Louis, according to the statement of J. B. Conroy, trustee of that body.

WISE YOUTH. "Yes," sighed the unfavored suitor, "Evangeline's father told me never to call there again. I tell you I am feeling pretty blue."

"Well," said his chum, "before I would feel that way I should call in spite of the old gentleman."

"Oh, no. I would rather feel blue than to run the chance of feeling black and blue."

GERMANY AWAYS

ELECTION JOYFULLY

Manifesto of Workers' Party

Rings and Royalty and Reactionaries Tremble

Berlin, Dec. 26.—All Germany, it seems, is aroused by the manifesto of the Social Democrats. It calls the working class to the struggle brought on by the Kaiser.

It has drawn class lines clearer than ever before, and those who are not for the working class must be against it.

The coming election is to see a surprising increase in the Socialist representation, if indications are correct. In any event, the reactionaries and royalists cannot much longer postpone the big wind that will be an eventful day in the histories of the future.

Workers' Challenge. The manifesto is as follows: The impossible has happened. The Reichstag has been dissolved. The threat of Count von Buelow which has been in the air for over a week has become a reality.

This threat was intended originally only to scare the Center and force it to grant the colonial demands of the government.

But the Center persistently refused to comply with these demands and insisted upon the reduction of the troops in Southwest Africa to 2,500 men by April 1, 1907. Before the final vote was taken the government made concessions and offered to reduce the troops to 8,200, and it was believed that the executive would grant this.

Billy's Concessions Meant Nothing. But, contrary to all expectations, it stood firm in its first decision. It declined the demands of the government, for it saw in these "concessions" of the government nothing more than a reiteration of its former demands in a different form.

Since the chancellor, however, at the opening of the Reichstag declared that the government will not submit to a negative vote by the majority of the representatives, nothing remained to be done but to dissolve the Reichstag.

The reading of the imperial decree announcing the dissolution created a tremendous sensation in the house.

Socialists Applaud. The Social Democrats, on the contrary, greeted it with a stormy applause.

The reasons for this action are evident. We are not afraid of the consequences of our policy. The Social Democratic party will gladly pick up the gauntlet thrown by the government and the entire reactionary party.

For the government and for the old parties, the situation is by no means promising. Not so for us.

The government believed it necessary to stake everything, because it sought to check the voice, the representation of the people in parliament. As ever, against the will of the people it would set up a military dictatorship, a government by a small but powerful clique. When the Center, pliable as it always was, suddenly refused to grant the demands of the government, demands which threatened its own existence, it was brutally shoved aside as a troublesome "side government."

Dream of World Powers. Now the government and the faithful adherents of its policy stand at a decisive turn in colonial politics. The government wishes to play the role of a world power in colonial affairs; it wishes to create the long sought for colonial army. The defeats in East Asia are scarcely forgotten and already a colonial army is planned for South Africa.

This plan the executive could not further unless it meant to set those who elected them against itself.

The government on the other hand could not surrender, for surrender at this point would be the tombstone of its golden dream—the creation of a colonial army.

Therefore, this rash act. Therefore, this rash attempt to rush all opposition to its colonial policy.

The People Bitter. The people however, will not be waiting long with an answer.

The attack upon its representation rights in parliament will be resented by them most bitterly. With their votes they will crush the personal regime and all the adventuresome colonial projects.

The great masses of the people whose rights have been disregarded will avenge themselves. They will raise a fiery protest against the law which is objected to by workmen of all parties, the law which aims to break up all class-conscious trade organizations.

But not alone the government, but all the other parties will fare badly at the hands of the people. Foremost among these sufferers will be the Center.

Its belated protest against the government will not atone for its former support of this adventuresome colonial policy which cost us thousands of lives.

Government Called. It will be called to account for tolerating the colonial horrors so far. But most of all it will be held to account for the part it had taken in bringing about the bread and meat extortions. The miserable, treacherous conduct of the Center at the time of the discussion of the anti-trade organization law will likewise be remembered by the thousands of proletarians when they go to the polls to elect another government.

But strong as the resentment will be against the Center, it will be stronger still against the Conservatives and Nationalists. Even the Liberals have a large list of sins and misdeeds to atone for. They, too, have supported the government in its disgraceful colonial conduct. These same Liberals are even now supporting the personal regime in its colonial policy against the will of the people.

These Liberals were the ones who wanted to create a colonial army by accepting and even suggesting the compromise to the government. And all this because a smart business man is now at the head of colonial affairs.

Old Parties Are Discredited. These acts discredited the old parties, the Center and even the Liberals, in the eyes of the people, and they will see and feel its effects at the next election.

For the Social Democratic party the dissolution of the Reichstag is the sig-

nal for an electoral struggle and victory. It will lead a struggle against the personal regime in behalf of the rights of the people.

We struggle against large navies and so-called world politics, against the colonial policy of the government which is such a drain upon the finance of the country, against the staiming of our national honor through colonial misdeeds.

We struggle against the exploitation of the people, against unnecessary taxes, against the bread and meat extortions.

We struggle against the anti-trade organization laws which aim at the destruction of the trade unions which have been built up with so much difficulty.

We struggle for the liberation of the working people from the ruling class. We struggle for political and social equality of all classes.

We struggle for freedom and right. The challenge was offered us. We accept joyfully and are ready for the struggle.

SPOTTERS OVERDO THEIR WORK

Efficiency of Car Spies Measured by Number of Bad Men They Discover

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 31.—The local traction company has a system of spies and spotters that is being studied by traction companies in other cities.

Each spotter makes his report on the following blank after each trip:

Date..... 190.....
Line.....
Opr. No..... Trip No.....
Time on..... M.....
Time off..... M.....
Street on.....
Street off.....
Car No.....
Conductor's No.....
Motorman's No.....
No. of Person's Carried.....
Fares Collected (Cash).....
Fares Registered by Conductor.....
Fares Registered by Opr.....
Deficit of Conductor.....
Remarks.....

There is one weakness in the system. The spotter's efficiency is shown, in the opinion of the company officials, by the number of bad men they discover.

These spotters are exactly like spotters the world over. They are liars, and to win favor with the bosses they have made false reports about some of the best men on the line.

These victims of the spotters' lying were discharged in disgrace, for the company takes the spotter's word rather than that of the conductor. The company has thus been injured. The injury to the discharged men of course don't count so much, for here as in Chicago, dollars are the only real issue in traction or any other industry.

RELATIONSHIP.

Little Johnny—England is papa's mother country. Is it yours, too?
The Janitor—Faith, an' O'm' after thinking it do be me sthempother country.

IMPORTANT UNION MEETINGS FOR THIS EVENING

Meetings of Machinists will be held to-night as follows:
Reliable Lodge No. 253 will meet at Society Hall, Ogden and Western avenues.

Machinists' Tool and Die Workers No. 250 will meet at 206 La Salle street, Carriage and Wagon Workers' Union will hold a special meeting to-night, at which all members are urged to be present, at 55 N. Clark street.

Women's Union Label League—Important business meeting tonight at 40 East Randolph street. Election, 30. Elbow Carriers' and Drivers' and Helpers' Union, Local No. 128, I. B. of T.—Meeting tonight at 10 South Clark street for election of officers. A smoker will follow. J. Donovan.

Cloth Hat and Cap-Makers' Union, Local No. 6—Meets Thursday night at 188 Blue Island avenue. Election of officers.

Travelers' Goods and Leather Novelty Workers' Union, Local No. 12—Meeting to-night at Horan's Hall, Harrison and Halsted streets.

Box Makers' and Sawyers' Union, Local No. 1—Meeting Friday night at Horan's Hall, Harrison and Halsted streets.

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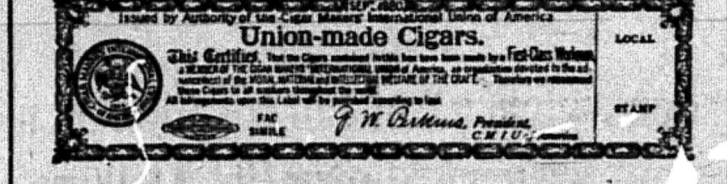
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TWO THINGS TO MAKE THINKERS THINK

"Agricultural products grown last year amounted to \$9,794,000,000. If Uncle Sam were only rich enuf to give us all a farm."—Chicago Socialist, Dec. 4, 1906.

Say, Comrade: Don't you know that Uncle Sammel is RICH ENUF TO GIVE US ALL A FARM? There are tens of millions of acres of good land lying idle, tens of millions more not half tilled, and millions of underpaid, underfed, under educated, squalidly clothed, poorly housed wage slaves with their suffering wives and unfortunate children heeded in vile city slums, not nearly so comfortable as the farmer's cattle. Their only evident object in life—in fact, the only reason for their being permitted to cumber the ground, offending the eyes and especially the nostrils of the rich—is that they make the Landlord, the Coal Dealer, the Department Store Owner, the Stock Gambler, the Politician and other exploiters rich.

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One of our neighbors landed three years ago with \$14 in his pocket. He now has a nice home and made \$500.00 per acre during the present season from two crops, on an expenditure of \$40 for seed and fertilizer. You can do likewise. Why not do it now?

BRISBANE MAY DESERT HEARST

London Hears That Famous Big Type Editorial Writer Will Join Harmsworth

UNEMPLOYED INCREASE

Switzerland Has Socialist Day—'Justice' to Be Enlarged—Joke on Aristocratic Society—'Socialism' at Masque Ball

By GEORGE BATEMAN Special European Correspondent for the Chicago Daily Socialist.

London, Dec. 19.—About the time you get this into print we here will be wishing each other a happy New Year. Let me, in the name of the European comrades, who I know would desire to do so individually, express to the Socialist comrades of the American continent our heartfelt good wishes for their success in the work of making life happier for the toilers. May your reward in the next twelve months be ample, and may the Social Revolution—the betterment of the masses—be within the view even of those who have spent a long life in the effort.

Herewith I send greetings also from Comrade Harry Quelch, one of the ablest leaders of the Social-Democratic Federation, and the editor of our paper, Justice. His letter to the American friends is enclosed.

Something like a sensation has been created here today by the announcement that "Randolph Hearst's right-hand man" is coming to London. The story, for which the authority is one of the American exchanges, is that he has been engaged by Lord Northcliffe (better known as W. Alfred Harmsworth) at a salary of \$25,000 a year to become editor-in-chief of the Daily Mail, Evening News and other papers of the connection. Will he come with the Hearst program of municipalization? It is very doubtful. At present the Harmsworth publications are the most bitter opponents of anything like progress we have in the English press. Incidentally, they are the most unfair.

Yes, Lord Northcliffe has some very able clerks, some of them men who have been Socialists, others who are well acquainted with the progress the movement has made. He will not lack men to tell him that Socialism is going ahead—hat it must go ahead, notwithstanding any follies of ours and mistakes we may make. And it is not impossible that he may be found seeking to lead the democracy into safe channels, and so on. Presumably the reference is to Mr. Arthur Brisbane, who struck me, when I met him last spring, as being exceedingly able, not too clever to be taken with sympathy for those offering injustice and willing to go as far as the people were likely to follow. He was full of schemes to secure fair play for Haywood and his friends, for instance.

I asked Knir Hardie to join Quelch in his happy expression of good wishes for success in the new year, but as I write he tells me he has sent, or is sending, you an article, for which reason I won't include an extract from his pen that would have been interesting, in which he anticipates the formation of a Socialist cabinet in England.

Our unemployed problem in Great Britain is continually taking new form, each charge presenting one phase in common—the great sociological disease to be cured, and no one even professing to have a solution for it except the Socialists. The latest item is that at Crews, the great railway center of the London & Northwestern Company, where the outlook was already bad, more men were discharged. Yet the company, in the last half year for which I have the figures, paid dividends of 3 per cent on debentures, 4 per cent on preferred shares and 5 per cent on consolidated stock—the total capital for which dividend has to be found being \$845,000,000! Yet the workers must be turned out to starve in order that the dividend may be kept up to or above 5 per cent!

British Socialists are not always propagandists by the lecture platform alone, nor even with the ready pen. One of our comrades of the Carlisle branch of the Social-Democratic Federation recently astonished the most fashionable ballroom in the town by turning up at a fancy dress ball garbed as 'Socialism' and carrying her huge red flag ('a banner with a strange device') inscribed with that word of hope. 'Horrid!' 'Very bad form!' were two of the exclamations of the plutocratic ladies, while some of the gentleman commented, with a little apprehensive shiver, 'Ugh! another martyr to the Commune, or the French Revolution, don't you know?' When she won the prize for the most original costume they began to ask whether she was really a Socialist. Friends who know her are emphatic in their assurance that she would 'own up smart.'

Your excellent example in establishing a Socialist daily has been followed in Switzerland, where the 'Berne Tagwacht' has been issued daily for several weeks. In the meantime Switzerland has given up another martyr to the movement in Ottobardo Hamit, who has been sentenced in Berlin to imprisonment as a deserter. He was editor of the 'Volkarsch' of Zurich.

Talking of newspapers of our cause reminds me that Justice will be enlarged next week, a step we have been desiring for a long time. May it be for the encouragement of our friends who are new to the movement, become realists. Justice has been built up by the services of many able, middle-class men and women—devoted, able-hearted workers of both classes. I have been compositors who had already done a day's work for wages compose the paper for nothing. Of these, Robert, Howell and others are still with us. Tom Hyndman, Belfort, Baz, Herbert

Burrows, Hunter, Watts, Quelch and many more have written for it freely, have worked the press on which the bills were printed, and gone into the streets to sell it. Burns and Tom Mann, of the skilled worker class; Hyndman, Joyner, Champion, Burrows, Mrs. Hyndman and Mrs. Champion, of the middle class—all have helped to sell it. And the rank and file—the unknown heroes—have given badly needed pennies to keep it going. And never once has it lowered the standard a single inch. Excuse that little crowd about ourselves, but I felt like it at the moment, and you will not be sorry to know about it.

Just as I was mailing this, information reaches me that the German comrades have decided to decline any electoral alliances, and to run their own fight on definite issues and principles, rather than upon opportunist 'cries' merely. They are sanguine that instead of losing ground they will poll better than before, and gain seats. As the voting went last time they would have 126 seats instead of 79 under a proportional representation scheme. It may be remembered, for our encouragement, that their voting strength has continually increased since 1874, when they polled only 6.70 per cent of the electors. Ten years later they polled 9.71, and in 1893 23.28 per cent. In 1903 not less than 31.71 per cent polled Socialist, and on the last two years' records they may poll 40 per cent in January.

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To build up this system several things are being done. Large Chicago dailies, among them the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Record-Herald, the Hearst papers and the Chicago Inter Ocean, are of course getting their share through fake mining advertising.

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HOW NEWSPAPERS FOOL READERS

Dudley A. Tyng & Co. Desire to Get Small Editors Into Disreputable Boat With Victor Larson of Record-Herald

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The business manager of the International Socialist Review declined to accept the offer of Dudley A. Tyng & Co., who desire to live through scheming rather than work.

RUSS ARMY REBELS TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL

Fifty Socialists Will Sit in Next Duma—Third Election Probable

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—(Special).—Twenty-three military courts have been placed in Tambow to try the officers of the army who refused to suppress the peasant and military revolts which occurred in that state recently.

The military revolts in Tambow were among the most serious since the famous army uprisings at Sevastopol in July. Beside the large number of soldiers and smaller officials who will be cited, there are over twenty officials of high rank among the accused.

An official of high authority in this city stated that the next Duma will be short lived because it is expected here that it will have fully fifty Socialist representatives both from the Social Democratic and the Socialist Revolutionary parties.

The same official further said that should the government want to call a third Duma after this one it will have to annul the present election laws, which were made by Count Witte and are too restrictive.

FIRE AND RACE WAR STARTLES NEW YORK

Cosmopolitan Tenements Destroyed—Police Fight to Save Blacks From Mob Violence

[Scripps-McLain Press Association.] New York, Jan. 2.—Thousands of tenement dwellers were driven from their homes early today and two whole blocks were menaced by one of the fiercest blazes of the winter while the firemen stood looking on helpless to fight the flames because of lack of water pressure.

Water in the boilers of the fire engines ran low and the crews were forced to draw the fires from under them to prevent explosions.

While the fire was burning its fiercest and the streets about the blazing tenements were packed with scantily clad people, a stable in which the flames are believed to have started, stamped in the street and threw the crowd into a frenzy at the same time dashing into the fire department horses and almost stampeding them.

To add to the confusion, negro robbers rushed into the burning buildings and looted the tenements deserted by the panic stricken owners. One negro was caught in the act and a dozen shots were fired at him as he tried to escape and before he was laid out by a blow from a patrolman's night stick.

The fire started in a livery stable at 429 and 431 West Fifty-third street.

Police Rescue With the streets filled with half clothed men and women, the former cursing and the latter crying hysterically, the police, who had worked frantically to save the residents of the tenements, a number of whom were ill and others overcome with smoke, were called upon to meet a new trouble in form of a threatened race riot.

All of the buildings in the region of the fire had been practically emptied and a number of thrilling scenes affected when the cry that negro thieves were looting the buildings was raised. The police scattered and entered the burning buildings. Six negroes laden with loot were encountered by the officers. A desperate fight was waged in the smoke-filled hallways, which ended in the rout of the thieves and their disappearance in the crowd.

Negroes Rob A few minutes later a negro snatched a bag of trinkets from a woman and then knocked her down when she screamed. A crowd started in pursuit and a dozen shots were fired at the man before he was brought down by the officers.

Then the report of the negro outrages reached the throngs in the vicinity of the fire and a negro hunt was started. A dozen inoffensive colored persons were badly beaten before the officers could interfere. Other negroes in the crowd took the tip from the police and hustled to their homes.

When the fire was first discovered in the livery stable it was considered of little consequence. The department arrived quickly and no trouble was feared until the water gave out.

HICKS, ENTOMBED MINER, STRICKEN WITH FRIGHT Prospect of Appearing on Stage Causes Brave Miner to Tremble

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 2.—L. B. Hicks announced to-day that he has quit the stage forever.

COURTS AGAIN KNOCK OUT REFORM ACTS

Lawmakers Forced to Attempt Justice to Workers Foiled By Learned Judges—Labor Must Capture the Bench

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 1.—Following the decision of Federal Judge Evans at Louisville yesterday that the employers' liability act passed by congress last year was unconstitutional, Judge McCall of the federal district court here today declared that the La Follette fellow servants act is null for the same reason.

The Excuse Judge McCall in his decision contends that an act regulating the liability of a common carrier to its employee for injuries has nothing to do with interstate commerce and therefore it is not within the control of congress under the constitution, but is strictly a matter for state legislation.

The action was that of Damselle Howard against the Illinois Central Railroad Company and a special representative of the department of justice at Washington argued the case for the government. Mrs. Howard sued the railroad company for damages because her husband was killed while in the employ of the defendant.

No Authority to Protect Labor Judge McCall said in part: "I am unable to bring my mind to the conclusion that the liability of a common carrier to its employee for injuries is interstate commerce or commerce of any character within the meaning of the commerce clause of the constitution."

"My conclusion is that congress is not authorized under the commerce clause of the constitution of the United States to enact this legislation for the reason that the relation of interstate carriers engaged in interstate trade or commerce to their employees and their liability to them in damages for injuries sustained in their employment as the result of the negligence

of any of their officers, agents or employees or by reason of any defects or insufficiency due to their negligence in their cars, engines, appliances, machinery, track, roadbed, ways or works is not commerce within the meaning of the constitution.

"But if it were the act does not undertake to regulate this relation of liability, but simply announces by an act of congress a new law on torts limited to a special class of those engaged in interstate commerce."

POLICE SEARCH AND ARREST STRIKERS WITHOUT WARRANT Ghetto Struggle Between Bread Bakers and Bosses Involves All Inhabitants

A vigorous protest against the action of the police who arrest striking Jewish bakers without cause or provocation, was made at a mass meeting held last night at Metropolitan Hall, Jefferson and O'Brien streets.

The bosses spread a rumor that the bakers threatened to use violence in order to prevent the sale of non-union bread, and the police began stopping and searching every baker.

They entered the hall where the strikers met and in addition to searching every baker, they arrested several of them. As no charge could be brought against them, however, the men were speedily released.

The fight of the bakers is growing more bitter every day. It has been on now for almost three weeks and no settlement is in sight. The bosses are using all kinds of tricks to induce the people to buy non-union bread.

The latest of these tricks is the adoption and use of a label on bread which is exactly similar to that of the bakers', but which is of the bosses' association. Most of the Jewish women can not read English and cannot distinguish between the bosses' label and the union label, which to the eye look exactly alike.

Resolutions were adopted at the meeting last night to use only union made bread, and a request was made to all not to do any buying in those groceries which sell non-union bread.

The strike has greatly inconvenienced the ghetto people, and for the last two weeks many of those who are strong supporters of the label were seen carrying bundles of bread with them while coming from work, from down town or other parts of the city.

HIS LITTLE JOKE Mrs. A.—Dear, I would like you to write me out a check. I want to buy a new umbrella, a mackintosh and a pair of rubbers. Mr. A.—I am not giving out any rain checks these days. The baseball season is over.

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SOCIALIST WILL FIGHT JIM JEFFRIES

Miner Who is Sunday School Teacher and Student Politician Wins Fame as Boxer

Bill Squires, the Australian champion, who threatens to come to this country and dethrone Jim Jeffries as heavyweight champion of the world, has a rather interesting career for a fighter. In fact this Squires person is one of the most remarkable fighters the world has ever seen, according to Australian writers.

As a pugilist the Australian is an accident. Formerly a miner and Sunday-school teacher, his ability to fight was brought out unexpectedly, and from a novice he went to the top rung in rapid jumps.

Economic and Moral Reformer In Squires' early days his only interests in life were to bring heathen to the fold of Socialism and truant youngsters to his Sunday-school. For many years he never had an opportunity of finding the power of his potent fists. He passed through his early youth thumping nothing but the bible.

In the mine where Squires worked, his fellow-miners would jeer at him and he received with quotation from the scriptures. Still at heart the man was an athlete, and, though not taking part in boxing, he invariably attended the fights at Newcastle.

How He Found is Strength One night several miners persuaded Squires to visit an athletic hall. For the first time of his life Squires put on the gloves and was led in as the goat. The pugilist came forward and each one wanted a chance at the novice. Squires asked "How'll I start?" He was told to hit his opponent anywhere he could. As a result Bill laid low his man. Squires' wonderful swings and whirlwind attack took the instructor, Bill Smith, off his feet, and he hung to the novice.

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Squires is 27 years of age, 5 feet 9/4 inches in height, and weighs 172 pounds in condition. He never drinks nor swears and smokes rarely.

Though he never reached greatness in any other department of sport, Squires' great strength and activity made him a leading football player in the state of New South Wales and he was a swimmer of note in the land where everybody is a swimmer.

TRACTION EXPERTS READY TO REPORT Transportation Committee, Big Eyed and Envious, Listen Enrapt—Business, Wise Business!

The local transportation committee met today to hear Expert Walter Fisher and Alderman Verco tell of the happy outcome of their visit to New York.

They went down east to see J. Pierpont Morgan's attorneys about the street car system operated by 12,000 Chicago citizens and used by about 2,000,000 Chicago citizens.

They were entertained lavishly by the magnate and hauled about in a private car, of course on passes. They believe the traction question is settled and will urge that it be adopted by the city council without submission to the people. The city council, which in its mighty business wisdom, made the contract with Jake Kresner through which the city would have paid in rent in six years more than a building and ground cost, is of course, able to "settle the traction question on business lines."

HERMAN DEFEATED BY GANS Will Devote Life to Cigar Business and Politics—Soon to be Married

Tonopah, Nev., Jan. 2.—(Special).—Joe Gans put "Kid" Herman out of the fight yesterday in eight rounds. The final blow of Gans cut Herman's upper jaw and left him unconscious for three minutes.

Joe Gans is by this victory again champion of the world, which honor he held for years.

Kid Herman, who owns a cigar store on Dearborn street, will, upon his turn, get married, settle down, and begin to mix in politics. Herman got \$8,000 out of the fight. Gans received \$12,000.

TWO FIREMEN INJURED Men Who Work Twenty-four Hours a Day Risk Lives for Property

Two firemen were injured and scores of persons routed from their beds in a fire which broke out in a frame building at 4345 Wentworth avenue early today.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

REPORT OF EVENTS REDUCED TO PARAGRAPHS FOR EASY READING AFTER SUPPER

D. W. Woodward, the negro student of Chicago University who caused so much trouble to white students by refusing to give up his dormitory quarters, has now done so and is living in a flat on Ingleside avenue.

Mrs. Russell Sage made presents of \$5.00 to all park employes in New York who are receiving less than \$3.00 a day. As a result, 225 people will get \$5.00 more in their pay envelopes than was expected.

Chicago is to be the center of life-saving car manufacturing. The Pullman company will manufacture steel cars.

Governor Hughes of New York will see that there is no partiality toward "different classes of people" in New York, according to statements made by him in his inaugural speech.

Archbishop Ryan called French law-makers infidels and pagans in a New York speech.

Howard Dennis of Cleveland, while attending a meeting in what is known as "Rockefeller's church," arose and severely scolded Mr. Rockefeller as "an arch oppressor of labor." He said, "If I were a member of the same church as John D. Rockefeller or J. P. Morgan either, they would get out or I would."

The free alcohol, the pure food, and the anti-pass laws become operative to-day.

Allen Raines, a negro living in Hamilton, Ohio, without a word of warning, went into a dance hall New Year's night and fired four shots into Bessie Wright, his sweetheart. She fell dead among the dancers and he escaped in the confusion which followed.

The arm of the president should be in a sling to-day. He shook the hands of 3,761 people yesterday and perhaps a few more who "shook" without being counted. There were fourteen colored men in the shake.

Children in Mercy hospital were treated to something rare last night. Sixty boys from the choir of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church went through the hospital singing to the poor foreign patients who could not even understand the English language, but were pleased with the music.

The eighteen prisoners in the Harrison street police station were treated to all the New Year sweetmeats yesterday by workers from the Wabash avenue Methodist Episcopal church. In the evening the church people again appeared, this time with music and church songs. One man in the station said that this was the first New Year that he had not been "piped" in twenty-five years.

The Jamestown Exposition, which comes off next May, will be honored by the presence of a fleet of first-class armored cruisers from Britain. This is to be a compliment to President Roosevelt.

Attorneys for Hearst and McClellan of New York will be served with papers to present arguments before Attorney-General William E. Jackson, who took his seat last Monday. Hearst made the application and makes the same charges he made when he started his fight over a year ago for a recount on the majority votes.

George Ayers, the engineer in the power house of the Chicago and Oak Park elevated road, was fatally injured in an accident in the power house at 1133 West Lake street. In attempting to throw in a light switch he got hold of a charged switch and was

thrown to the floor. The charge was so heavy that it set fire to his clothing. His wife heard him and rushed to help. After the fire was extinguished he was taken to Monroe hospital.

Temperance advocates see in the new charter a peril. The peril they see consists only in the liquor question. They demand a closed shop on Sunday, and say "we must have a dry Sunday."

John Bruches, 14 years old, of Evanston, fought a mad dog, and after having been bitten several times, strangled the animal and aen fell senseless. Members of the family found him in this condition beside the dead dog.

Veterans of the civil war played on the file and drum in the rotunda of the Palmer House yesterday. It was General Grant's old drum corps. They were treated magnificently by the guests and manager of the hotel.

The Aero Club of "L. Louis made its initial attempt at flying long distances. The new sailors averaged a height of 2,100 feet above the earth and landed safely near Pearl, Ill., a distance of eighty-six miles.

General Booth of the Salvation army is preparing for a trip around the world. He will stay a considerable time in every country he visits.

The Military Club of Madrid, Spain, is out \$26,000. The treasurer of the club has been missing for a considerable time.

Charles F. Gunther admitted at a meeting of the Burke Democratic Club last night, that he would like to be mayor. He said that he would make a good mayor. He is the only Democrat to openly state his qualifications so far in the mayoral campaign. Gunther says the city needs a "business administration" and that he could give it.

The will of A. J. Cassatt is to be probated to-morrow. It is said that his wealth is \$100,000,000. The disposition is entirely satisfactory to his family.

State civil service commissioners want the limitations allowing only citizens of Illinois to apply for work removed. They favor placing city and county boards under the control of the state body.

Comment on the Hermann-Gans prize fight in a coach on the St. Paul railroad last night caused Joseph Montarino, 123 West Polk street, to shoot Oscar Streets of Gleadon Park. Streets is perhaps fatally injured. Montarino was immediately arrested.

Mrs. W. C. H. Keough says that she will protest very strenuously against the use of the school children to circulate Mayor Dunne's traction referendum.

James Martin, a candy manufacturer of Dubuque, Iowa, after shouting a "happy New Year" to his family at the head of the stairs, missed the top step and crashed to the bottom. When members of the family got to him, he was dead.

The residence of Gen. Adna E. Chaffee, in Los Angeles, Cal., was raided by poach climbers last night. A neat job was done. Over \$3,000 worth of jewelry was taken, along with clothing, etc.

Raisuli, the Morocco bandit, was arrested yesterday and immediately taken to Tangiers. He was constructing walls at Zinat with material and men from Tangiers. He will have to submit to a decision of the Moroccan minister of war. He is in the same cell occupied by Stensland.

The best little restaurant in the city. Quaint, homelike. The best in the market properly cooked, ready and quickly served.

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The Traction Question

The streets of Chicago are to be sold for the next twenty years to a few New York millionaires.

The terms of the deal are now being settled at Atlantic City. THERE ARE NO CONDUCTORS OR MOTORMEN OR LABORERS OF ANY KIND THERE.

There is a committee there which is supposed to represent the city of Chicago, but it contains no members from the class which makes up eighty per cent. of the population of Chicago.

There are no provisions in the proposed charter to safeguard the interests of the working class.

There are provisions which are supposed to safeguard the interests of the little capitalists.

These provisions were put in there as a result of a bargaining between the small capitalists of Chicago, who wished to see taxes reduced and the big Capitalists of New York, who wished to see dividends increased.

As usual when such a bargain is made the little capitalists were beaten.

According to the terms of the proposed franchise, after the corporation has expended all it can think of in the way of salaries, purchasing of supplies (perhaps from itself), interest on bonds and five per cent. for dividends on stock issued to cover property that belongs at present to the city of Chicago, then 55 per cent. of what is left will go to reduce taxes.

This is the franchise which is proposed to stampede through the city council in violation of the promised referendum.

The franchise grabbers' only hope of success lies in keeping the facts in the background and filling the air with hysterical cries for "immediate action."

DISCUSSION AND PUBLICITY MEANS DEATH TO THE WHOLE SCHEME.

This franchise question has been before the people of Chicago for a decade. During all that time the interests of every possible party to the transaction save the workers have been discussed.

It is now recognized that the laborers of Chicago are reaching a point where they can make their influence felt—where their blind ignorance can no longer be depended upon.

Therefore it is proposed to rush this matter through before the organized workers can have time to take action.

WAKE UP AND DEFEND YOUR RIGHTS.

Only A Beginning

Nearly every Socialist will agree that the crying need of the Socialist movement of the United States is a daily press.

Every other nation of any importance has its daily Socialist press. Germany, Belgium, France, Denmark, Russia, even Japan, have daily organs of working-class interest.

The United States lags far behind in the procession—or has done so until a few weeks ago when this paper was founded.

The Chicago Daily Socialist is but the beginning of what will grow to be a wide-spread powerful Socialist press.

Nothing will help to establish dailies in other localities so much as securing the success of this one.

With a hundred thousand subscribers for the Daily Socialist, it would be possible to establish dailies in a half dozen other cities with the certainty of success.

The same news-gathering service would be used for all the papers, and we could bid defiance to the Associated Press and all other capitalist news agencies.

To make all this possible requires work right now to make the Daily Socialist such a success and a power that it can serve as a foundation on which the superstructure of a great national Socialist press can be erected.

Appalling Editorial Ignorance

Now it is the Chicago Tribune whose editorial staff seems to have the record on ignorance. Nearly a column is occupied in a recent issue with what is supposed to be a sarcastic editorial on the School Board, the culminating point of which is an ironical suggestion that if it is desired to make the schools truly democratic some way should be found to secure the co-operation of the children in the school management. Does not somebody around the Tribune office have knowledge enough of modern pedagogy to know that this is exactly what every great educator from Froebel and Pestalozzi to Dewey has considered a prime essential of a properly conducted school. Really the Tribune almost reaches human intelligence when it tries to be funny.

Unconstitutional

Now it is the employers' liability law which has been declared unconstitutional.

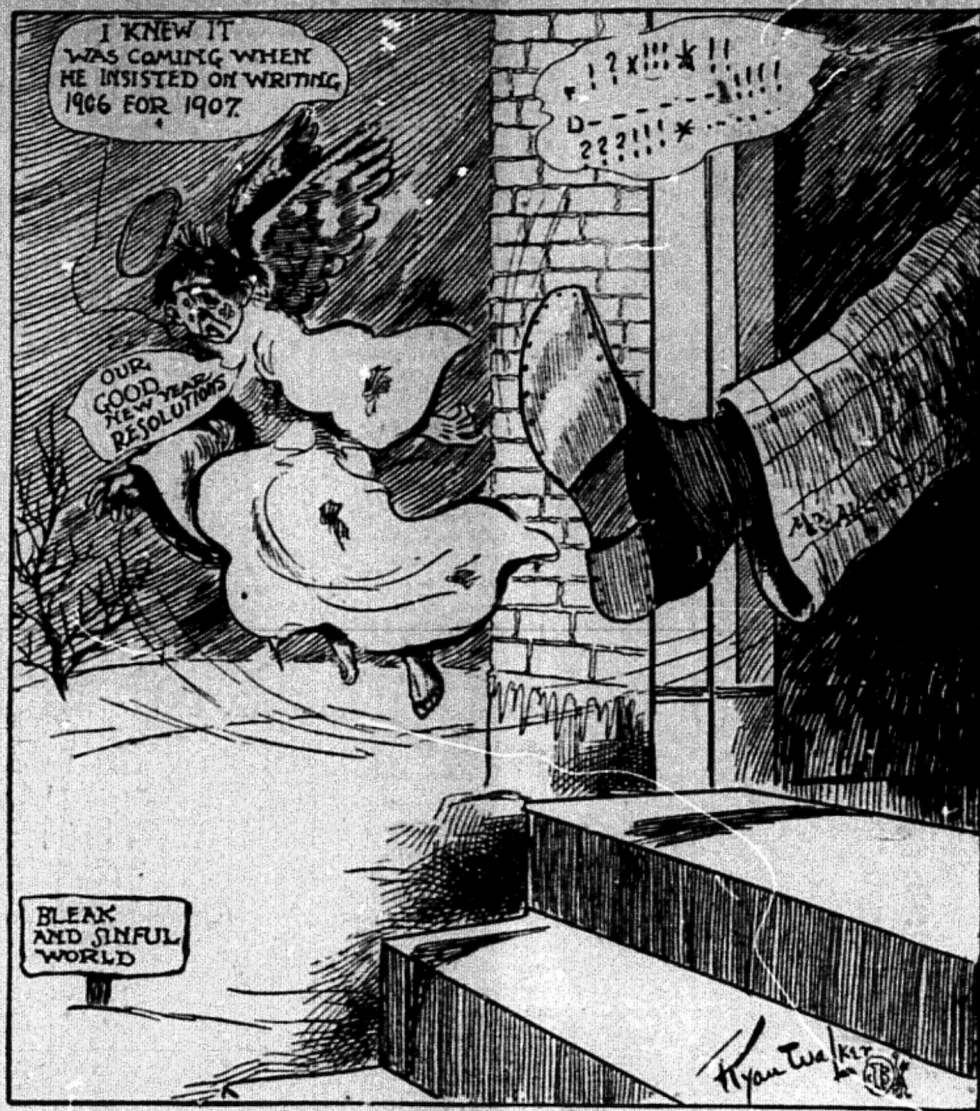
Years of lobbying and thousands of dollars for agitation spent by the American Federation of Labor have been shown to have been criminally wasted.

How long before workers will recognize that they must control government, courts and all before labor legislation will be more than a farce?

The Blight of Commerce

Commerce has set the mark of selfishness. The signet of its all-enslaving power, Upon a shining ore and called it gold; Before whose image bow the vulgar great. The vainly rich, the miserable proud, The mob of peasants, nobles, priests and kings. And with blind feelings reverence the power That grinds them to the dust of misery. But in the temple of their hireling hearts Gold is a living God, and rules in scorn All earthly things but virtue. Since tyrants by the sale of human life, Heap luxuries to their sensualism, and fame To their wide-wasting and insatiate pride, Success has sanctioned to a credulous world The ruin, the disgrace, the woe, of war. His hosts of blind and unresisting dupes The despot numbers; from his cabinet These puppets of his schemes he moves at will (Even as the slaves by force or famine driven Beneath a vulgar master) to perform A task of cold and brutal drudgery:— Hardened to hope, insensible to fear, Scarce living pulleys of a dead machine, Mere wheels of work and articles of trade, That grace the proud and noisy pomp of wealth!

PERCY B. SHELLEY.



THE DAY AFTER—WE KNEW IT WOULD HAPPEN

PANICS, PRESENT AND FUTURE

By A MANUFACTURER

Editor Daily Socialist: I like to read your paper; you are the sanest individuals in this crazy world. Just look at that man Shaw slopping over in school-boy style—sightless and void of every other sense. All the meaning of the evolution of business these last two decades lost on him. So thoroughly impregnated with his own wisdom and importance that a new idea, even if sent from a rifled hundred-ton gun, would fail to penetrate the place where he keeps his brains. The man mistakes his own little field for the country.

Panics! Fudge! The only panic that will come will be among the speculators whose imagined figures make them rich or poor. Not a dollar of capital is really locked up. Its all in use. We've had half a dozen financial furies since 1893, any of which, under the old regime, would have created a panic, and there wasn't a ripple in industrial affairs. Then there are some prophetic geniuses who aver that waste keeps people busy, and that the war with Spain and the fire at San Francisco help to prolong this "unnatural" period of prosperity. "Unnatural," indeed! Anyone who has his eyes open could expect nothing else with the new methods of industry. Let us see. The total capital used in production and distribution outside of the farming industry, may be considered around twenty-two billions. Of this about thirteen billions are used in transportation and distributive facilities, public utilities and enterprises of like nature. Is it conceivable that under any condition there can be used less? Are they not always insufficient and in need of improvement and enlargement? No panic can affect these things very largely.

Then there are the eight or nine hundred billions invested in purely productive enterprises (not counting, as aforesaid, agricultural interests). Any one man's figures may be found faulty, but it is the consensus of opinion among statisticians on economics, that close to three quarters, more or less, of the total, is handled by large combinations and trusts, whose business methods are essentially different from the smaller individual concerns of twenty years ago. The daily, weekly and monthly reports of production and consumption are balanced and no overproduction of stock takes place. The slightest change in the market is followed by a corresponding change in the factories. Any large order of ordinary staples has to await in some degree the productive output. Ask any man who is a large buyer if this is not so. There are many reasons for this. Goods in stock do not pay interest on their value. There are storage expenses, market changes are more likely to depreciate than to appreciate. Direct shipment to the purchaser from the factory with only one handling saves a lot of money in wages. These four reasons show plainly the reason why you can pump fifty per cent water into the capital stock of these concerns and still pay a reasonable dividend. And there are other reasons for not keeping large stocks on hand. Prices can be raised on a short supply; never when the stocks are large. And have not prices gone up? Against this short supply comes a financial flurry or a speculative boom in real estate. The speculator thinks with Shaw that he is the real thing. What is the result? A few scare heads in the daily papers—that's all. There will be no more panics in the old sense. "Order reigns in Warsaw."

Mr. Editors, you are above the common prejudice against the trusts. I may not hold with you that they are preparing the way for Socialism. I confess that there is reason for that view. I must confess, also, that by their disregard of the welfare of the people they may become their own executioners. Nevertheless, they are teaching us a lesson of efficiency, order and vitality in production and distribution that is an edifying spectacle. If, added to this, they show that periods of business depression are preventable, they will have well served their age.

A Laugh or A Smile

By P. B.

Flattery

"Why is it Brierly has such a standing up discont?"

"One day he kissed her, pretending that he mistook her for the daughter."

Have you broken that New Year's resolution yet?

If you break one resolution, however, you can make another to replace it in a second.

The talk about automobiles becoming so cheap that everyone can have one must sound very ridiculous to the man who is not able to keep even a horse.

Courtesy Withheld

"Poor Penstock! I understand his manuscripts are always returned by the editors 'with thanks'!"

"Not always."

Scotland had a wreck in which sixteen were killed. Then America has a wreck killing twice that number. Who says the days of competition are past?

A prophet of evil predicts that ships will someday sail over Chicago. This must be exceedingly comforting to New York.

It is a hard blow for a man's vanity when he keeps on writing the figure 6 when he is all the time endeavoring to write 7.

He Didn't Finish

"You are a fool, Henry Peck; you are a fool," cried the shrewish wife.

"I know it," meekly responded Henry, smiling.

But he didn't add the thought that was on his mind.

If they could have a good old North Dakota blizzard over in England they never would get over talking about it.

The gentlemen who used to ride on passes doubtless all made resolutions never to let a chance slip to give the railways a black eye.

Commissioner Garfield says the steamship companies are just as piratical as the railways. When the airship is perfected will the trusts control them also?

The Contrary

"Did you say that Bjones lost his health trying to get money?"

"I did not, I said that he lost all his money trying to get health."

If congress gets tired of so many messages from Roosevelt, it should blame it on Mrs. Bellamy Storer. She says she made him.

Did your dealer try to give you a calendar and did you escape without having to carry it home?

A New York man applied for an injunction to prevent his wife from pulling his whiskers out. It would have been cheaper for him to have visited a barber.

The postmaster general has vindicated Anthony Comstock and the government is once more in the good graces of that noble man.

It is not race suicide that is troubling Mississippi quite so much as race homicide.

OUR STATISTICIAN

Celebrate the new year, if you will. I must mourn for my brothers, poor. Joy at the new hope, if you can, I must think of my sisters, unfortunate. For I know the life of the thousands—The life with no hope for the future, Burdened and worn and deserted. Happy for what? Joy for what?—I cannot deceive myself so well.

A bookseller in Cleveland advertised for a porter. A big muscular Irishman walked into the shop and glanced around. Finally his eye rested on a big sign over a table filled with books: "Dickens" works all this week for \$4. The Irishman read it thoughtfully, and then edged toward the front door. The floorwalker asked pleasantly if there was something he wanted, and the applicant remarked, with a backward glance toward the sign: "O' came in t' git th' job, but O'll not car fr it. Dickens kin work all th' week fr \$4 if he wants to. O'll not. Ye'd better kape him." And the visitor strode vigorously out.

"Twenty-five dollars! But my machine is only built to go seven miles an hour."

"Oh, then you obstruct the highway and prevent others from speeding!"—New York Herald.

I MOURN

(Kiichi Kaneko.)

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The Coming Panic

A correspondent on this page takes issue with the sentiment expressed in these columns that the present rush of "prosperity," like the many that have preceded it, is only rushing to a fall in a coming panic.

We hope our readers will notice what he has to say. It is as strong an argument in favor of the possibility of permanent "prosperity" as we have seen.

Then read what Stuyvesant Fish has to say on the same subject, as told in our news columns.

Then think the whole subject over and draw your own conclusions.

Do you think this race between rising wages and faster rising prices can go on forever?

Do you believe that we will have an international war, a San Francisco earthquake, a Russian famine every year?

DO YOU THINK THAT A CIVILIZATION THAT NEEDS THESE THINGS TO KEEP IT RUNNING IS WORTH PRESERVING?

Do you think that a society that depends upon calamities for life can continue to live?

If it is not going to continue what will take its place?

A Happy New Year?

TO THE TOILER IN THE DARK

As well wish the lamb in the lion's den life,
As to wish you peace and joy in the strife
You must face in the coming year.
Your lot will be hunger and want and cold;
Your young will go down, as well as your old,
And the world will shed no tear.

Why mock you with wishes that cannot come true?
There is just one wish: and that is that you
May awake to the plight you are in,
May awaken and join your kind in the fight
They are making for Justice and Truth and Right;
Then your Happy New Year will begin!

—JOSEPHINE CONGER-KANEKO.

If the firemen sell out their right to organize for that 10 per cent raise they will have made a bargain beside which the historic one of Esau was a monument of wisdom.

If the average life of a brakeman is only eight years of service (as the statistics show) what chance is there of his living to get a pension at sixty-five years of age?

During the next few days, when everyone is busy with the holiday festivities, do not forget your paper. This is the time of all times when it needs your help.

DISCONTENT IN THE PRESS

"Just another one of those lying, yellow journals that are all the time stirring up discontent," was a reference given the Chicago Daily Socialist the other day by one of our "conservative" friends who glanced hastily through a copy he had eagerly bought out of curiosity.

Now, the only objection to this reference is the use of the word "lying" instead of "truthful" and the insouciance attached to our paper by the use of the word "just." That the Chicago Daily Socialist is striving to stir up discontent is an undeniable compliment.

Discontent is a reigning power all over the world but too much of it is the wrong kind. There are two kinds of discontent, you know.

"Discontent is the want of self-reliance; it is the infirmity of will."

That is, one kind, as Emerson describes it, and that is the prevailing kind, but we don't want that kind.

Some other wide individual, evidently an optimist (all true Socialists are optimists because of their faith) he said: "Discontent is the foundation of all human effort."

That's the right kind of discontent and the kind Socialists are endeavoring to stir up. You see, before the baby could possibly learn to walk it had to become discontented with creeping on hands and knees.

Really, however, the term "yellow" is a misnomer unless it suggests a sunlight that destroys bacteria, and that it should be more properly termed "white" is manifest because it is the champion of civic purity.

You will notice that the man who calls us "yellow" will refer to himself as conservative. He thinks that is dignified, of course, and is proud of himself when he says: "I never read anything but conservative newspapers. All others are insane. I never read radical literature of any kind."

"My dear sir, do you know what the word 'conservative' means?" might have been an impudent question to ask of him. Perhaps he couldn't have answered.

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary: "Conservative—n., the desire and effort of preserving that which is established.

"Conservative—n., one who wishes to maintain an institution or form of government in its present state. (Modern usage.)"

Conservatism, here it may be seen, is sometimes good and sometimes bad—bad when the desire and effort mentioned are to preserve an established evil. The word applied to our conservative newspapers, however, is synonymous with cowardice and evasion.

"Conservative" journalism is the subsidized attorney of the corruptionists, of the parasitic classes that consume without producing, sucking the life-blood from the veins of those who produce without consuming.

The "conservative" journalism we have is supine; it is the dog that licks the hand that wields the whip; it is colorless, almost neutral, non-progressive, obstructive and retrogressive; it is very like the crab that goes backwards; it is too complacent and conservative—i. e., cowardly—to denounce a public evil; it is the sycophant that cringes and jumps at the voice of its master, the railroad king, the corporation baron, the public office holder and the prince of the church.

If a "conservative" journalist had been born in a country where anabulism prevailed he would be too conservative—again, i. e., cowardly—to denounce the cannibalistic practice. Had conservative journalism prevailed when Aristotle declared the world to be round, it would have joined in the clamor against his theory and would have demanded his execution as a dangerous man.

In addition it may be said that there is a large element associated with the many elements composing "conservative" journalism, that has sprung from the source of unscrupulous greed. The element springing from this source consists of self-conscious rascals who realize the wrongs they advocate but defend them because they have already obtained or hope to receive part of the booty of the plunderers. These "conservative" journalists are like the camp followers of an army—ready to perform any office, degrading, immoral, menial or meritorious, for the conquerors, which ever side they may be on.

Yes, the Chicago Daily Socialist is "yellow"—or, more appropriately, "white"—and I hope it stirs up a whole lot of the right kind of discontent.

Albert Hontzford.

Objections to Socialism

This is an objection to Socialism. Capitalism makes poverty and poverty drives the masses of the nations to labor, hence labor, poverty or imprisonment, which are all about the same under present conditions, drive all men to their wife's ends, so to speak. Every man tries to invent a discover or exploit something to enrich him. Thus we have Franklin and the electricity. I could name a hundred other instances where laborers or poor men, inventing or discovered something useful. Do away with capitalism as it is at present and you stop the progress of the nation and world; then the people of the world would not prosper and not work. You can't do it. The fact that some people are born with more sense than others, or you can't better them on a level basis; you must have masters and slaves, superiors and inferiors, rich and poor, and, moreover, the Word of God says we should be content with our lot in life—we should look to something greater than getting upon a level with every one else. Capitalism has made the world just what it is today. Socialism would not benefit the world or nation. It might help out the poor class of the present decade, but in the end the nation would soon go to the bad. Study it over and see if it is not almost, yes, altogether, an advocate of "free love." The love does not exist at present. Just for a minute imagine all men equal. It confronts us with the question that must be asked—race suicide.

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My objection to being a Socialist is, I think Socialism is to come by evolution, and I therefore vote the Whig ticket, so as to get municipal or government ownership, which are some degree in the right direction. It is not possible to make a sudden change from individualism to Socialism on a level basis; you must have masters and slaves, superiors and inferiors, rich and poor, and, moreover, the Word of God says we should be content with our lot in life—we should look to something greater than getting upon a level with every one else. Capitalism has made the world just what it is today. Socialism would not benefit the world or nation. It might help out the poor class of the present decade, but in the end the nation would soon go to the bad. Study it over and see if it is not almost, yes, altogether, an advocate of "free love." The love does not exist at present. Just for a minute imagine all men equal. It confronts us with the question that must be asked—race suicide.

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