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RUSSIAN SPIES AT GERSHUNI MEETING

Revolutionist Interrupts His Speech to Address Czar's Agents Who Are Present

AMERICAN MONEY AIDING DESPOT TREMBLING IN FEAR

Report That Russian Bonds Are Being Counterfeited Causes Consternation Among Bankers

The Russian revolution is not dead, as the Russian government and the capitalist papers of Russia and the rest of the world tell you it is.

This was the opening statement of Gregory Gershuni, who addressed an enthusiastic audience of 2,500 at Orchestra Hall last night.

Dr. Gershuni was introduced by Peter Sissman and was greeted with a storm of applause to which he replied in a strong, ringing Russian voice: "Comrades, long live the revolution!"

A short address was made by M. Katz, the New York editor who is the inseparable companion and guide of the noted revolutionist in his present tour through the United States.

From the very first Gershuni's speech electrified the audience.

Is This Death

"When I came to this country," Gershuni said, "I was told that the revolution is dead. I began to look around for a witness to prove that the revolution is alive. While preparing to address the first meeting in New York, I received a telegram saying that General Ignatiev is dead. Comrades, what a witness! The strongest pillar of Russian bureaucracy fell at the hands of the revolution. In the few weeks that I am here three of the strongest supporters of despotism—Ignatiev, Litwinez and Von Lannitz—have fallen. This noon I was handed another telegram stating that we have another witness that the revolution is alive. Procurator-General Pavloff has been assassinated."

From Hearts to Brain

"Comrades, the present apparent quiet in Russia is simply a transitory period. The revolution has already passed over from the hearts of the people into their brains and now it is passing over from their brains into their hands. It is passing over from theory to practice. And here is where the real revolution begins."

The Russian bureaucratic clique, which depends for its existence upon the money furnished by foreign, American and European, capitalists, makes every effort to deceive Europe and America into the belief that the revolution is crushed, that it, the government, is master of the situation in Russia.

"I was sent to this country therefore to tell the truth about the Russian government. Once this truth becomes known to the world outside of Russia it will be the moral bomb which will end the existence of autocracy in the eyes of the world. In Russia autocracy, Nicholas and his clique, are long considered morally dead."

Czar Plots His Death

"I know that the throne of Romanoff fears this truth and is already intriguing for my deportation from this country. But I appear here free and boldly, surrendering myself to the protection of the American people. I know that in the country of Franklin, Washington and Jefferson, who were soldiers of the revolutionary army, a soldier of the Russian revolution is safe."

"I know that the American people, its president and government will refuse to play the role of a policeman of the Russian government."

"To the Russian spies who may be in this audience tonight, I say: 'Go and tell your government; your clique of murderers and plunderers of the Russian people, 'Hands off! You can commit your assaults, murders and executions in your country, in autocratic Russia. Here in America champions of freedom are safe.'"

"In the name of the Russian people, who groan under the inhuman oppression of despotism, I appeal to the liberty loving and democratic American nation to help us in our struggle with the enemy of the Russian people, its present government."

As soon as Gershuni finished speaking, a collection was taken up which amounted to \$300.

A Dirge for the Heroes

An interesting moment in the program of the evening occurred when at the request of the audience the band played a dirge for the heroes who have fallen for freedom. Many men and women who had brothers, sisters and friends among these victims were seen sobbing.

It was learned yesterday that the statement Gershuni gave to the American press that he has proofs that the Russian government is counter-

feiting its bonds or that it has created great consternation among the financiers all over the country. Jacob Schiff, of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York, declared that the credit of the Russian government in the interests controlled by him is ended.

Cyrus McCormick of this city is reported to have been investigating the statements made by Gershuni and has full confidence that they are true, that the Russian government is actually counterfeiting bonds and that its securities are null. Mr. McCormick is reported to have said that this disclosure will end Russia's credit in the United States.

Dr. Gershuni will speak again at the West Side auditorium, Taylor street and Center avenue, tomorrow night.

HOW VIOLENCE WAS INCITED BY BOSSES

Edward Nockels, secretary of the Chicago Federation of Labor, was called to the witness stand in the Shea case yesterday and succeeding in telling how the Employers' association had tried to incite riot on at least one occasion.

A meeting was being held in Bricklayers' Hall, Monroe and Peoria streets, at which Shea was speaking for the striking teamsters. While Shea was counseling against violence a procession of wagons driven by scabs and filled with armed men was driven back and forth repeatedly before the hall.

These men jeered and shouted at the trade unionists, and fired shots in the hope of rousing the strikers and inciting them to some act of violence.

When Harry Roberts, non-union man, was called as a witness he was asked concerning the character of the men who served as scabs during the strike, but Judge Ball refused to permit him to answer any questions along this line. He succeeded in getting a few facts past the judge tending to show that the street blockades were due to the incompetence of the scab teamsters. He also testified that while he had seen some eggs thrown at strike-breakers, none of them appeared to contain anything not ordinarily found in the regular product of the hen.

"FAKE" STORY MAY MEAN DEPORTATION

Daily News Misrepresents Russian Refugee and He Fears It Is a Plot to Place Him in Czar's Hands

Considerable agitation was caused among Russians of Chicago over a "fake" interview with Gershuni which was printed in the Daily News last Tuesday. The interview put Dr. Gershuni not only in wrong but in ridiculous light before the American people.

Gershuni at once called up the editor of the News and the matter was explained as being due to the difficulty which the reporter had in making out Gershuni's answers through the interpreter.

In order to clear this matter up a reporter from The Chicago Daily Socialist requested Gershuni to give him the substance of the questions put him and the answers he gave to the reporter of the Chicago Daily News.

The questions put to Gershuni and the answers he gave them to the News reporter:

"I was asked," Mr. Gershuni said, "what the object of my visit to America was. I answered I came here to tell the truth about the czar, believing that this truth will be a moral bomb to Russian despotism. I did not mention President Roosevelt, Emma Goldman or Berkman."

The rebel, who is beset by spies constantly, thought at first that the Daily News was in a plot to make grounds for his return to Russia and to death.

DECLINE INVITATION TO LAKE SHORE DRIVE

Speak Kindly of Mrs. Palmer, But Say The Civic Federation is a "Con"

A slap at the Palmer pink-tea labor-capital conference has been taken by the Woodworkers' Union.

A resolution was adopted last night by the council forbidding any of its members who received invitations from attending this meeting.

They declared this meeting to be a trap to hurt the cause of organized labor in one form or another. Besides they declared they are not accustomed to speak of the labor question in "O, dear, and goo-goo-eye language."

The plans of the National Civic Federation to use Mrs. Potter Palmer's home as a meeting place of "capital and labor" to discuss the "sanitary condition of the tin cup on the fall dinner pail" promises to be attended only by capital.

ONE EARTHQUAKE TO-DAY MORE ARE PREDICTED

Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 10.—Very pronounced earthquake shocks, four in number, were felt here from 4:45 to 5:30. Houses were shaken and seven awakened over a radius of ten miles.

Don't forget the Chicago Daily Socialist has a full line of Socialist literature on sale. Send in your order.



SOME DAY THE WORKER WILL GET TIRED OF BEING RUN OVER AND WILL USE HIS VOTE TO DESTROY THAT AUTOMOBILE

27 MEN DIE FOR STEEL COMPANY

Engulfed in Molten Metal Their Bodies Pass Away in Vapor as Invisible as Their Spirits

[Scripps-McRae Press Association.]

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 10.—Scenes at the county morgue this morning were heart-rending in the extreme. The building was besieged by a constant stream of relatives of the unfortunate men who lost their lives in the catastrophe last night at the Eliza furnace of the Jones & Laughlin Steel company. So far there have been only seven deaths reported, as follows:

- GUS KESSLER, both legs burned off. ANDREW FADORKI, head burned off. ANTHONY ENOCH. MIKE. MARTIN M'FIGHE, body burned. TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEN.

It is believed possible that there are several bodies yet buried under the slowly cooling debris. The body found at 9 o'clock this morning was burned beyond recognition. The bodies of all the men are so badly burned and in such condition that they cannot be put in the chapel for public view, and are kept in the embalming room of the morgue. The sight is gretsome in the extreme.

At the South Side hospital, it is stated that Paul Brovanick, 32 years of age, is in an extremely critical condition, and will probably die. He was horribly burned about the body, face and hands.

At the Eliza furnace plant the officials absolutely refuse to allow any one to enter with the exception of a few employees necessary at the plant, as well as a deputy coroner or the morgue wagons, when called to remove the body of a victim. All inquirers are directed to the county coroner for information. At the coroner's office the Jones & Laughlin firm is being severely scored for neglect in several matters relative to the catastrophe, and but little information has been had by the coroner from any officials of the company.

It is learned from an employee of the company that at the moment of the explosion there were about forty men in the immediate vicinity. It was stated that at least twenty-three of this number had been accounted for, and should the estimate of forty be correct it will have the effect of making the list of dead or missing very much larger than at present. At Mercy hospital it is said that of several victims under treatment this morning all are resting comfortably except Mike Shcini and Mike Polakak, who, it is said, will not survive the day.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 10.—Twenty-seven workmen were engulfed in a mass of molten metal by an explosion of a steel furnace in the Jones & Laughlin works last night.

Out of thirty-five workers who were employed about the furnace, George

Knox alone escaped uninjured and able to tell the story.

Fifteen tons of molten limestone, coke and iron, in which the bodies of the men are now but an integral part, with nothing to distinguish them from any other elements that have entered into the combination, is the only thing left.

Fellow workers rushed to the spot and sought to save those not completely engulfed. Seven men had escaped the worst of the deluge, and were rushing frantically about, their clothes in flames and their bodies horribly burned. At imminent danger to their own lives their comrades seized the suffering men, tore the clothes from their bodies and sought to save them.

Afterward

Some of the men were so terribly burned that the flesh came away with the clothes, and in one instance the muscles were so completely destroyed that the arm came away at the socket when the clothes were pulled off.

When the families of the men attempted to enter the works to ascertain the fate of their fathers, husbands or brothers they found an armed guard prepared to shoot down and club away all who should attempt to enter. Human life and love and family ties were forced aside lest some advantage might be lost by the company in possible damage suits.

Even the police were driven back, and no newspaper men were permitted to approach the scene of the disaster.

COERCION USED TO DOWN 8-HOUR BILL

Senator LaFollette Charges That Railway Labor Unions Are Used by Corporations

Washington, Jan. 10.—When the senate took up the bill limiting the hours of labor of certain railway employees, LaFollette, who is pressing it, charged that railways were exerting themselves to secure from their employes expressions of disapproval of the proposed legislation. He intimated that coercion was being resorted to and presented a printed form of a resolution which was being sent to every labor organization with the request that it be adopted.

Referring to the protests submitted to the senate yesterday by a number of senators, he said: "It is perfectly plain that these protests were inspired, if not commanded by the railway companies."

GENERAL WHO SENTENCED GERSHUNI ASSASSINATED

Cruel "Hangman" Dies Before One of His Victims at Least

News of the assassination of Procurator General Pavloff was greeted with joy by all Russian revolutionists of Chicago. Pavloff, in his capacity as procurator general, presided at the trial of Gregory Gershuni, the Russian revolutionist who spoke at Orchestra Hall last night, and was instrumental in procuring a death sentence for Gershuni.

Dr. Gershuni in discussing the life of Pavloff and his career as a "hangman" said that the procurator general was the strongest pillar of the Russian bureaucracy. He saw in his death the beginning of the end of Tsarism.

FIREMEN VOTE FOR PLATOON SYSTEM

Overwhelming Majority of Blaze Fighters Express Wish to Live Like Human Beings and Not Like Caged Animals

Chicago firemen have decided, through a secret ballot, they desire the platoon system to be established throughout the city. The vote was 774 to 229.

President George B. Hagan opened the meeting in the Masonic Temple with a statement of the object of the meeting, after which the following resolution was read by John O'Neill of the board of trustees and the arbitration board of the Firemen's Association:

"Resolved, that the outcome of this ballot shall decide our future action regarding the two-platoon system."

A count was then taken of the number of letters returned. Out of a total of 1,539 letters sent out, 1,012 were returned, of which 1,003 were voted and nine were blank or in such a condition that they were not counted.

The result was overwhelmingly in favor of the platoon system, there being 774 for, to 229 against.

Outsiders Witness the Count

Representatives were present from all the daily papers. The Tribune had its representative there but no objections were heard from his corner of the house although no doubt the officials of the Tribune are real angry to think that any one should have the nerve to take a referendum vote without their consent and without letting them do the counting in their private offices.

There were three judges and three clerks counted the votes. Two of the judges were members of the fire department; one belonging to the union and the other to the yellow faction. The other judge was ex-Senate Senator Dawson. The clerks were M. E. Eldridge, publisher of "The Public Service," M. B. Haver of the Chicago Daily Socialist, and one fireman.

Chief Buckley Selects One Judge

Chief Buckley was present as the agent of Chief Horan. He was requested to act as one of the judges. Chief refused, and upon request of President Hagan, selected Fireman Porter to act in his stead.

After the count had been finished to the satisfaction of all present, another resolution was read by Mr. O'Neill, as follows:

"Whereas, the vote taken on the two-platoon question, opened in Room 613, Masonic Temple, on January 9, is a fair expression of the true sentiment of the members of the Fire Department; be it Resolved, that the adoption of the platoon system is the dominant issue in the fire department."

Comments on the Ballots

There was considerable comment on some of the ballots. One voter said: "Twenty-three with the platoon system."

The most suggestive comment and the one having the most meaning, was, "My wife and family have been praying for it night and day."

Another fireman voting "yes" said, "Fireman's wife."

This shows that the true sentiment of the men who think anything of their families is favorable to the platoon system as they wish an opportunity to get acquainted with the family and live like human beings and not like animals in the Zoo caged from one year's end to the other.

Warm; Snow To-Night

Snow and warmer weather to-night. Minimum temperature about 30 degrees above zero. To-morrow colder and clearing.

OBSCURE LAW WIPES OUT JURY TRIALS TO BENEFIT OF CORPORATIONS

Appellate Court Denies All Redress to Man Whose Legs Were Taken Off by the Panhandle and Another Whose Hands Went to Illinois Steel

"FINDING OF FACT" THE AWFUL WORDS LEARNED MEN SAY CONDEMNING CRIPPLES TO POVERTY

Strikers Denied Constitutional Rights by Means of Injunctions and Now Wage Earners Are Prevented From Appealing Damage Cases Against Panhandle and United States Steel

Another branch of the courts of the state of Illinois permit and compel a trial without a jury, which, according to attorneys interested in the repeal of the law, is a deprivation of a constitutional right.

In the appellate court every day cases are reviewed. The judges of this branch of the judiciary have the right to set aside the findings of the lower court, where the case was heard by a jury. The judges of the Appellate court, by the use of a few well-chosen words permitted by a legislature years ago, "finding of fact," are permitted to set aside the findings of the lower court, and the plaintiff is barred ever again from bringing action against the defendant.

The plaintiffs in nine-tenths of the cases are workmen who have been injured and who are suing corporations. In the lower court their cases are completely wiped out, and on the evidence submitted, the jury finds a verdict for the complainant.

Now the rich corporations, through its attorneys, immediately appeal the case. The records of the case, a lot of typewritten pages, are submitted to the judges of the appellate court. These higher judges have no opportunity to see the faces nor hear the voices of those testifying, and they only review "the record."

In their opinion the defendant corporation was not a fault for the injuries sustained by the plaintiff, the workman, and they bring into play the magnetic words put into the law by the corporations—"finding of fact" and "that is all."

So far as the workman is concerned the case can never again be brought to trial, and the verdict rendered by the lower court is set aside, and the corporation is released from all responsibility.

It may have been that the workman who sued the corporation was blinded, or may have been scalded or had his legs or arms off, and the corporations were at fault. Then, too, a family of young children may depend on this father as well as a sick wife. This, of course, does not appeal to the judges of the upper court, for they do not see him, yet they undertake to take from the workman a gift bestowed on him since the forming of this government—a trial by jury.

The honorable judges overrule the finding of the trial judge, and leave the man a hopeless cripple and a burden on his fellowmen, and all because the judges of the Appellate court work by a law that empowers them to be supreme court, trial judge, and jury.

A few recent incidents may be cited to show just what effect the law has on workmen. Steven Buszdrakiewicz, 33 years old, and living with his family at 23 Fay street, brought action for

damages against the Panhandle road for injuries sustained by him. He had both legs cut off above the knees, and the company was at fault. The case was heard in the circuit court, where \$50,000 damages were asked. The case continued about a month, and the jury brought in a verdict for \$40,000.

Of course the case was appealed, and the judges of the Appellate court decided that he was at fault for being on the tracks of the company, although he was employed by the corporation. The famous three words, "finding of fact," were again used, and the case was thrown out of court, and the plaintiff is compelled to go through life a burden to himself and every one with whom he lives.

Another flagrant use of the trinity of words was in the case of John Zolnowski, who had both hands burned off because of the carelessness of an employee of the steel mills in South Chicago.

Zolnowski was employed as a boiler fixer, and had entered a vat with a torch to repair a leak, when an employee turned on some gas, and his hands were burned off at the wrists.

A jury in the lower court returned a verdict for \$12,000. The case was appealed, and the all-powerful trinity was called for, and after the Appellate judge had peened across the bottom of the record the magnetic words, the steel company was released from further responsibility.

The attorneys in both these cases hope they will be able to have the judges of the Appellate court reviewed the record remand the case for a new trial, the additional expenses to be willingly borne by the plaintiffs, and which gladdened the hearts of poor persons only to be blinded when they reached the Appellate division of the judiciary, have joined hands for a reform, and before the legislature closes at Springfield some relief will be asked.

The right to appeal from the decision of the Appellate court will be asked. In the event that the Appellate division finds for the defendant, it will be asked that the cases be remanded to the lower courts for retrial, and in this way give an equal amount of rights to the workman as well as to the rich corporations.

WIFE MURDERER IS GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

Prisoner Weeps and Cries "Oh, Those Hard-Hearted Jurymen."

Goshen, Ind., Jan. 10.—After being out six hours the jury last night found Lewis Fuller, the wife murderer, guilty in the first degree, and sentenced him to Michigan City for life.

Fuller hung himself on the table and cried like a baby. When he reached the jail he yelled "Oh, those hard-hearted jurymen, how could they do it."

Fuller was accused of shooting his wife at midnight as she lay sleeping at his side, October 26 last. He afterward gave the alarm and said burglars did it.

CARE FOR YOUNG WOMAN RESCUED FROM HOSPITAL

Frances Gallagher, who was found by her mother on the stone floor of the bath room of the Cook County Hospital and taken home, was today removed to the Passavant Hospital.

The Waitresses' Union, through the contributions of its members, is attending to the support of the young woman and her destitute mother. At Miss Gallagher's home, 136 Erie street, food and coal were found today, provided by the Waitresses' Union.

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THE RECORDING ANGEL

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"Here he held out his hand, and he is such a gentlemanly fellow that before I saw it I found myself shaking hands with him; and that made Craggie mad, and he began to taunt him and sneer at him. I brought that to a close for Chambers turned to me and smilingly said, 'Don't you usually protect your prisoners, Mr. Arthur? Don't you know that words are sharper than knives?'"

"Gods!" cried Craggie. "I wish you had remembered that before." "I have never forgotten it for a moment during the last four months, Mr. President, and very infrequently during the preceding fifteen years," said he coolly.

"That man is a jewel of a knave. What a pity that we live under a system that perverts such abilities as he and men like him possess," said King meditatively.

Arthur continued: "True! If we could have made an honest man out of him I would have been thankful to have taken him into partnership. The two of us could have run down any rogue that ever lived, I believe."

And then after a pause he said, "I shall never forget that ride! He asked to see the warrant, and when he noted that it was not for the blackmailing affair he laughed until I thought he would never stop."

"Well! Well! You are certainly a clever detective; but I don't think much of the courage of Mr. Craggie. Why is not the other charge pressed, Mr. President? Of course, you could not get the money again, for it is spent; but I should have thought that you would like to have your revenge. You know that Mr. Endy did not die, and I can be prosecuted only for assault with intent to murder; and a clever lawyer such as I will be certain to retain, will make it only burglary. Mr. Endy recollects nothing, and you have never found the instrument with which he was struck! And then he proceeded to badger Mr. Craggie in a style that I could have enjoyed had he been any other man's prisoner. So I told him that what was sauce for the goose, and so forth."

"He smiled as he said me another compliment and said, 'How do you propose to make me stop, Mr. Arthur. Do you contemplate gagging me?'"

"I propose to ask you as a personal favor to not make this ride any more uncomfortable than is absolutely necessary," said I.

"You are a gentleman, sir, and I take pleasure in conversing with you, and he turned his back on Mr. Craggie; and such a talk as I listened to for the rest of the journey it has never before been my privilege to enjoy. He had men, women, literature, and art at his tongue's end; and a golden tongue it was."

"At last he glanced out of the window and said, 'Yes; we are nearing Clyde, and I will have to deny myself the pleasure of further conversation, at present—and the place to which I am going is not supposed to be very attractive to visitors.'"

"I shall take pleasure in coming to see you," said I. "How in the world did you ever find time to keep so well up with things?"

"Don't make rash promises; remember with what I stand charged. I think you, for your courteous offer—but I could not wish to see you, there, even as a visitor. As to your question: A man that remembers whatever he hears and whatever his eye rests upon—be it animate or inanimate—soon acquires a stock of information in spite of himself. I had a remarkable memory even as a child; and I have strengthened it—for a purpose that knows no yielding—until nothing escapes me. Let me show you. And he reached to the table and picked, at random, out of a pile of unopened mail a book which he hastily unrolled, and he then read the first three pages rapidly. Then he handed it to me, saying, 'Test me, please. On my word of honor as a gentleman, it is the first time I ever saw a word of it.'"

"And, gentlemen, he repeated those three pages verbatim."

"How do you ever do it?" I exclaimed. "Oh, that one was particularly easy, because I am interested in political economy. You would testify as to my ability to remember and repeat accurately, would you not, Mr. Arthur?"

"Certainly, would," said I, "and with pleasure, if you needed it."

"Thank you, sir; but then, really, you have no idea of what I can do when I put myself to it, for those subjects on which we conversed have been the recreation of a very busy, and not altogether useless life."

"Worse than useless!" interposed Mr. Craggie. "Chambers paid no more attention to him than if he had not spoken."

"Turning to me from looking out of the window he said, 'I believe that I will light a cigar. These, as he opened his cigar case, are the brand I like best; but Mr. Craggie objects to them, so, on second thought, I will fill the other side of the case from his box to remember him by, and will smoke one of them—so as not to disoblige him, at the last.'"

"Clyde was near at hand—we were running in very slowly, being in the rear of the local—and the president pushed the box towards me, saying, 'Help yourself, Mr. Arthur.'"

"I accepted and lit a cigar and Chambers lit his from mine, and then said very seriously, 'Really, I would not advise you to gamble with Fate as I do; for, though life is a disease of which sleep relieves us; it is a palliative; death is the remedy—as Chamfort says.'"

"What do you mean?" said I. "Simply that Mr. Craggie has not enjoyed my society lately, and I have been gratifying my love of gambling by smoking his cigars."

"Gambling?" said I. "Neither more nor less," he replied seriously. "Chandler remarked just the other day that I was getting very thin and even more pale than usual; and it is all through anxiety as to whether any of those cigars will eventually permanently disagree with me."

"He continued to smoke very fast, and paid no attention to my warning." "I had had an exceedingly pleasant time the last three months, and more, in Mr. Craggie's society. I've been a sort of big fish myself, you know; and I've enjoyed that almost as much as my friend, the President, does."

"Turning to him he said, 'Sir, I hand you a commission which you will find of the utmost interest,' and as Mr. Craggie took it from his hand he said, 'Good-bye, Sir, I shall be pleased to see you whenever I am going.'"

"Mr. Craggie immediately tore open the envelope and Chambers turned to me and after an instant's pause said, 'Here is my confession in writing. You may need it to set young Emmons free at once. Tell him that I would never have seen him actually convicted of the crime—even though I did spirit his witnesses out of his reach. I have carried that confession about with me ever since the day of his arrest. I am thankful that Mr. Endy did not—'"

"He stopped; the cigar fell from his lips; and, as Mr. Craggie dropped the paper he was still holding unrolled white he listened, he, Craggie, almost screamed. 'Poisoned, by Jove!' and Chambers fell forward."

"I caught him and laid him on the floor of the car." "He was dead." (To be continued.)

TENANTS FORM A MILITANT UNION

Will Camp in Summer and Stop Income of Greedy Landlords

[Special Correspondence.]

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 4.—To prevent a further increase in the cost of houses, tenants have been quietly organizing a union to combat the demands of landlords. The new organization will have among its members many of the tralee unionists, and it looks to the central bodies of unionism for support. In the prospectus of the new organization it is asserted that the landlords are responsible for the prohibitive prices of foodstuffs and other commodities.

"The merchant," reads the prospectus, "who is compelled to pay an excessive rent makes up his goods accordingly, and the unfortunate man with the hoe gets the double cross of paying not only exorbitant rent for himself, but also shoulders the burden that the merchant has shifted in the increase of all the necessities of life."

Just how the new organization is to force down rents to a reasonable figure does not appear, except that in a general way the members of the new organization obligate themselves to move from houses where the rent is found to be excessive.

A list of the unjust is to be maintained, which from time to time will be published. On the approach of warm weather the members of the union are expected to move into vacant lots, so that the houses will be left unoccupied.

COAL FOR SCHOOLS CONFISCATED BY RAILROAD

San Bernardino Almost Without Fuel—Blame Railroads

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 10.—The Salt Lake railroad has confiscated two carloads of coal destined for the public schools of this city. The school board finally wrung forth the confession that the road had concluded it needed the coal worse than the schools of San Bernardino, and confiscated the two carloads consigned to Eikelman for the use of its locomotives at Las Vegas, Nev.

Other dealers in the city are expecting coal from the Utah fields, and their shipments may have met a like fate.

MAYOR PARDONS MAN WHO CREMATED HIS DEAD CHILD

Mayor Dunas today pardoned from the House of Correction Charles Peterson, 149 Townsend street, who was fined \$25 and costs by Judge Himes because he had violated the health laws of the city, when, wishing to give his three-week-old child a decent burial, he threw it into a furnace and cremated it. The mayor, when he heard of the hardships of the Peterson family and the good intentions of the parents, immediately demanded a report of the arrest, and at once ordered the release of Peterson. Peterson kept the body of the child in his home five days after it died and sought to give it a decent burial, but was unable to get sufficient funds. On Tuesday he wrapped it in a blanket and took it to where he worked and threw it into the furnace.

IS THIS THE TARIFF'S FAULT?

Muskegon, Mich., Jan. 9.—When the sawmills of Muskegon cut 600,000,000 feet of lumber and 300,000,000 pickets and lath in one season, mill men sold four-foot slabs on the dock for \$1 a cord. Laborers received 25 cents a cord for piling them. When the demand became greater for slabs, Mr. Mill Man raised the price \$1.50 a cord and reduced the wages of the laborer for piling them to 10 cents a cord. Laborers here have been trying to find out where the tariff on lumber benefits them, but as yet have not succeeded.

CONSISTENT VIRTUE

Mrs. Gaddy—I make it a point never to listen to servants' gossip. Mrs. Gable—So do I. Mrs. Gaddy—Now, my laundress tells me that Mrs. Tellit makes her maid tell everything she hears.

Gussie—Can—can I do anything to make myself attractive to you? Miss Tabasco—Yes, act like a clock. Gussie—Clock? Miss Tabasco—You might keep your hands before your face.

SOCCIALIST NEWS

A committee of five members of the Ninth ward branch of the Socialist party was appointed at its regular meeting, Jan. 8, for the purpose of securing subscribers to the Chicago Daily Socialist. This action by the comrades furnishes an excellent example for every local in Chicago to become amateur Harrisons and go after what they want.

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DOING THE RURAL WORKERS GOOD

Elevator Trust Runs Up Against Farmers Determination to Mortgage Crops Rather Than be 'Skinned'

Rather than submit to tyranny of the elevator trust, as exposed in the Daily Socialist a few days ago, farmers are mortgaging the grain in their bins to carry them through the spring and summer months. So great is the power of the combine that farmers are simply helpless. One firm composing the elevator trust that entered into this conspiracy, with elevators in Illinois and Nebraska, today reports that it has received in the past week an average of one to two thousand bushels of corn and oats, and no wheat at all.

Their private advices told of the facts and they offer no explanation nor attempt an apology. The prices are too low and the steal was transparent.

Misery in Missouri

A large portion of Missouri is under water, and corn in the field is well ruined. No grain is being marketed anywhere, and yet prices on the board of trade do not advance as they should.

Rockford, N. D., has more than 10,000 bushels of wheat lying on the ground awaiting cars, and the line is blocked for ten days, thanks to the Great Northern and Jim Hill, the farmers' friend.

Has the Chicago board of trade outlived its usefulness when such conspiracies are permitted to stand? The idea of reducing cash grain prices on country deliveries on account of alleged shortage of grain is a fraud.

The Board's Function

The board of trade's functions are those of a great machine organized and equipped to handle the grain of the entire country at the lowest possible minimum of expense, and the moment it permits its members to engage in such fraudulent conspiracies it becomes a party to the theft. If John Smith has 1,000 or 5,000 bushels of wheat to sell in any part of the country, he can do so during the open hours of change, and get the market price for it, subject to a specified monthly delivery in Chicago. He can sell it nine months in advance if he wants to.

Thus, if the ruling price of his commodity is eighty cents, the elevator trust has combined to make it seventy-eight cents or whatever the ruling price may be, less two cents for "good luck" and the balance of the difference in price for storage, railroad cartage, etc.

To Skin the Rural Producer

But the elevator trust has conspired and conspired to do these things and the producer is tied hand and foot. The board of trade is supposed to represent the very acme of capitalistic perfection in rendering the producer, the consumer, the dealer and the general public, a square deal. Will the state's attorney's office put the machinery of the law in motion to correct this evil, or are John Hill, Jr. and his followers content to do nothing when it comes to destroying human life, as history will point out.

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TERRITORIAL SOCIALISTS NAME STATE TICKET

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 7.—At a meeting of territorial Socialists here, candidates for state office to be submitted to a referendum vote were named as follows: Governor, C. C. Ross, Shawnee; lieutenant governor, M. H. Carey, Marshall; J. Allen Wilson, Quilman; treasurer, J. R. Lab, Stillwater; and C. B. Boylan, McCloud; auditor, J. M. Davis, Geary; attorney general, J. M. Fisher, Komally; superintendent of public instruction, J. E. Sanders, Oklahoma City; secretary of state, John Hagie, Oklahoma City.

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CHALK USED BY FLOUR MAKERS

Kidney Cure Sold as a Beverage in South—Other News From Gulf Coast

HENRY E. ALLEN (Special Correspondent.)

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 2.—A working-man told me today that he spent several weeks in a Southern turpentine camp seven years ago, and the disclosures made by the Appeal to Reason were no surprise to him.

These abuses have been running for years, and in all probability no prosecutions would have been made had it not been for the natural aversion of the Socialist for all brutality and injustice toward their fellow wage slaves.

Many of the labor conditions in the South today are most creditable to any people claiming to be civilized. The thousands of children being worked long hours in the cotton factories for a mere pittance under conditions injurious to health will not be tolerated long, for the agitation now going on will no doubt soon end this infamy.

The Vagrancy Laws

But there are other barbarities of longer standing that unfortunately are not so much in the limelight. The vagrancy laws of most of the Southern states permit the arrest of anyone looking for work, and provide that such person may be put up at auction and sold into slavery to the highest bidder, like any convict, and this in the year of our Lord 1907.

I frequently meet a young man here who is traveling for a wholesale drug house.

His best customers are the big lumber camps, and his best seller to the commissaries at these big lumber camps is a concoction known as 'Lewis' Kidney Cure.' The drug house receives \$45 a gross for the pint bottles and the lumber commissaries receive \$72 a gross for the stuff, which is marked, 'Not to be used as a beverage.'

Kidney Cure a Beverage

But it is used almost exclusively as a beverage. By this arrangement the license of \$1,100 a year is avoided and the slaves in the camps are robbed of their money, so that in most cases they simply exist, and all their surplus, after paying for their living at the company store, goes for this proprietary booze, which is said to contain two gallons of alcohol and some burnt sugar for each gross of pint bottles.

The salesman states that the men in nearly all the camps he visits are actually deteriorating. They are, in fact, selling their lives to the profit lords, and this is heralded as a phenomenal prosperity!

Chalk Used by Flour

A short distance north of Pensacola is a chalk quarry. Daily caller yesterday was telling what quantities of powdered chalk were shipped from this quarry to a certain flouring mill at Atlanta. I noticed that Mrs. Allen moved uneasily to the pantry—only to discover that the sack of flour she had just opened bore the address of this particular Atlanta flour mill.

But, my dear reader, we are living under capitalism, and we must not allow little matters like air-slacked lime in our baking powder and alfalfa in our tea to disconcert us in the least. Comrade, here I counted twenty cars of powdered chalk on the way to a Louisville paint house—and still they affirm that there is no room in America for Socialism.

Pr's Lies as Usual

The papers pretty much all over the South published the falsehood about the Socialist paper at Burkeley, Wash., printing threatening articles against Roosevelt, etc. Socialist papers are kept too busy printing facts; besides, the Socialist has no desire to threaten anybody—things are coming his way too fast for that.

But let us be charitable, for when something else must be done.

We are looking for Comrades South-west and Reeves, from Benton Harbor, here in a few days. We expect to have a lot of fun stirring up the animals.

We expect Comrade Wilshire here some time the last of this month or the first of next, when we will have the biggest opera house in the city and a brass band, and will show some of these unconquered rebels that this is 1907, and they had better wake up. Quite a number here are taking the Chicago Daily Socialist, and more will follow.

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LABOR UNION NEWS

Members of the Carpenters' Union in San Francisco, determined to put an end to Japanese competition, adopted a resolution to fine any member caught employing a Japanese, patronizing a Japanese merchant, or dealing with any person who employs any subject of the Mikado.

The third annual smoker of Teamsters' Union, Local No. 711, U. T. of A., will be given Sunday, Jan. 13, at 12 Clark street. The newly elected officers of this union will be installed.

Electrical Workers' Union, Local No. 134, elected the following officers: President, Harry McKinzer; vice-president, Samuel Grinhat; recording secretary, P. F. Sullivan; financial secretary, R. A. Shields; business agent, M. J. Boyle; treasurer, A. A. Hall. The organization will give its seventh annual reception and ball on Jan. 26 at the First Regiment Armory, Sixteenth street and Michigan boulevard. The proceeds will go to the sick benefit fund of the organization.

Bakery Crakers, Pie and Yeast Drivers' Union, Local No. 734, I. B. of T., will give its annual ball Saturday, Feb. 16, at Brooks' Casino, Wabash avenue and Peck court.

ALCOHOL PLANT IN THE WESTERN DESERTS

Cotulla, Tex., Jan. 9.—As the result of a series of experiments, it is discovered that wood alcohol can be made from cactus leaves. The importance of this discovery lies in the fact that it will afford an unlimited supply of the alcohol, and the price will be necessarily cheapened. Wood alcohol, if produced in great quantities and at a small cost, would to a great extent take the place of gasoline and kerosene in engines, automobiles and stoves. The new discovery, if it is as successful as claimed, will make millionaires out of many ranchers in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. It is said that a ton of cactus leaves will yield nearly half the weight in wood alcohol. Much of the land on which cactus grows in profusion has heretofore been considered worthless. The supply of cactus leaves is almost inexhaustible.

TRADE UNION MEETINGS.

Boat and Shoe Workers' Union, Local No. 298, Sole Fasteners and Edge Workers—Meeting Friday night at Bush Temple, F. W. Lee.

Truck Drivers' Union, Local No. 5, U. T. of A.—Meeting Sunday afternoon at 1145 North Dearborn street.

Water Pipe Extension Laborers' Union—Important business meeting Saturday night at 246 Halsted street. Election of district stewards. Joseph Downey.

Baggage and Parcel Delivery Drivers' Union, Local No. 723—Election Saturday night at 6 o'clock P. M. to Sunday noon 12 o'clock, at Halsted and Adams streets. Meeting 2 o'clock Sunday to install officers. F. J. Hilde.

Steam Fitters' Protective Association, Local No. 78—Important meeting Friday night at 1145 North Dearborn street. Committee on Locals Nos. 2, 54 and 59. Music and refreshments. O. R. Burke.

Excavating Drivers' Union, Local No. 741, R. of T.—Meeting at 171 Washington street Saturday night to elect officers. Edward Coleman.

Greasy and Market Drivers' Union, Local No. 752—Meeting at 2:30 o'clock Sunday at 10 South Clark street to install officers. Smoker. J. J. Deary, report from committee on Locals Nos. 2, 54 and 59.

Ship Butchers' Union, Local No. 118—Election Friday night at Forty-seventh street and Ashland avenue. John Spink.

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\$35,000 BALL AMID FRISCO'S RUINS

Miss Crocker's Coming - Out Party in Magnificent Pavilion, Which Was Destroyed Next Day

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 6.—Miss Jennie Crocker made her initial bow here at an expense of \$35,000 last night. Her coming-out ball was the most starting display of splendor which the coast has experienced in a decade.

Orange Hung from Trees. Six orange trees with the golden fruit hanging in clusters were arranged at intervals along the sides in huge colored boxes.

Umbrellas Hung from Trees. The electric globes, of which there were 500, hung in clusters from the ceiling, their garish light softened by shades of yellow.

Orchestra Hidded by Flowers. The orchestra, stationed in an alcove at the west end of the pavilion, was screened from the view of the dancers by a bow of fern and poinsettias.

Veranda Adjoining the Pavilion. The veranda adjoining the pavilion was also converted into a garden. It was inclosed with canvas and glass.

KILLED IN FIRST HOUR AS N. W. R. EMPLOYEE. Less than an hour after he had secured employment as a brakeman for the Chicago & Northwestern road, Emanuel Martin, 28 years old, was killed.

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ROCKEFELLER A FUGITIVE William Expected to Follow James Stillman and Others to Europe

MONROE, LA., LIKE NEW ZEALAND Old South Has One Town That is Ahead in New Industrial Movement

Monroe, La., Jan. 8.—Monroe is looking for new fields to conquer—will some one please come forward with a suggestion? For municipal ownership of street railways, and of many other activities as well, has proven successful in this city of 5,000 residents.

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JAPS ENCOURAGE FORMATION OF TRUSTS Instead of Wasting Energy in "Busting" Efforts They are Favoring Capitalistic Co-operation and Centralization

Washington, Jan. 10.—Official Washington—that part of it which thinks—is somewhat stirred by the Daily Consular reports, issued this week. American manufacturers have long talked about Asiatic markets and the open door and dreamed of the day when they could cross the Pacific and Manchurian should wear a shirt made from cotton from this country, a pair of shoes from Massachusetts, chew Stra tobacco and use Standard oil for brushes, hurls, pains and aches.

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OPEN SMOKING AND REST ROOM IN GHETTO Most Progressive Steps Taken by Jewish Socialists—Establishes Radical Center

One of the progressive steps taken by locals of the Socialist party in Chicago must be accredited to the Ninth ward Jewish branch of the organization. It has opened club rooms at 486 Halsted street, where anyone, whether he is a Socialist or not, can come in out of the cold and smoke his pipe or cigarette in comfort and have at his disposal a library of books in Jewish, German, Russian and English, ranging from the most profound scientific treatises to the literature that makes the hours fly with dancing feet, or he may read radical newspapers in all languages and learn of the lively doings of his kin in foreign lands.

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27 YEARS IN A SLAUGHTER HOUSE Woman, 81 Years Old, Still Working for \$4.50 a Week—Once Her Wages Were Raised \$1 a Week

Kansas City, Jan. 10.—The oldest employee in a Kansas City packing house in point of service and age is a woman. She is 81 years old and has been employed in packing houses here continuously for twenty-seven years. Her name is Catherine Reichart. She is a widow and lives at No. 37, "the Patch," just in the rear of the Armour packing house in the West Side.

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NEWS AND COMMENT

The mayor of Chicago will have authority to revoke licenses of theatres the managers of which are caught in league with ticket scalpers. Attorney-General Hadley yesterday filed suits against railroads, express companies and coal mining companies of Missouri to dissolve a merger and revoke the licenses of properties controlled by the Goulds. They were filed in Jefferson City, Mo.

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STILL LAMBASTING E. H. HARRIMAN

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The Civic Federation's "Public"

The Civic Federation is based upon the idea that there are three parties to every industrial struggle—laborers, capitalists and "the public."

One-third are well-known capitalists, with August Belmont at the head. He is also president of the organization, and the American representative of the Rothschild interests, and one of the principal heads of the Standard Oil System.

So far as the representatives of "Labor" are concerned, the less said the better, and the more thanks they will give us in the years to come when they are trying to live down their record in this respect.

The whole question of the fairness of the organization, the theory upon which it rests, and its possible influence in industrial affairs turns upon the character of the men whom it has selected as representatives of the "public."

In order to be as fair as possible the entire list of all who have functioned since the formation of the organization, including those who are occupying that position at present, has been examined. The only place any information could be found concerning them was in such authorities as "Who's Who," "Directory of Directors," "Financial Red Book," Moody's "Manual of Corporations" and "Truth About the Trusts."

Here then is the list:

- Grover Cleveland, Trustee N. Y. Life Insurance Company. Cornelius N. Bliss, Ex-Secretary of the Treasury, Director American Cotton Co., Equitable Life, Fourth National Bank, Home Insurance Co., Trustee American Surety Co., and Central Trust Co. Oscar S. Strauss, Secretary Commerce and Labor, President New York Board of Trade and Transportation, Trustee New York Life. Charles Francis Adams, Former President Union Pacific Railroad; Director Kansas City Stock Yards Co., and Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co.

Isaac N. Seligman, Banker, Member Advisory Committee of Stockholders' Audit Co., of New York; Treasurer and Director City and Suburban Homes Co.

David R. Francis, President Louisiana Exposition; Vice-President Laclede National Bank, and Director Mississippi Valley Trust Co., of St. Louis, and Waters-Pierce Oil Co., a branch of the Standard Oil Co.

James Speyer, Director Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; Trustee General Trust Co., and Director and Trustee of a dozen or more other companies, mainly Standard Oil concerns.

Franklin McVeagh, Merchant, Reformer, Trustee Chicago Penny Savings Bank and several other Chicago institutions; active member of the Chicago Employers' Association which broke the teamsters' strike and is now prosecuting Shea.

James H. Eckels, former Comptroller of the Currency, in which position he was known as the most subservient tool of Wall Street that ever held a treasury position, with the possible exception of Shaw. He is also a director in a long list of companies.

John J. McCook, Corporation Lawyer, Trustee American Surety Co.; Director Equitable Life; International Banking Corporation; Mercantile Trust Co.; Wells-Fargo & Co., and Trustee Sun Insurance Co.

John M. Milburn, Corporation Lawyer; partner of Lewis C. Ledyard, of Milburn, Ledyard & Carter, of New York. Mr. Ledyard is a director in a long list of corporations, mainly Standard Oil.

Charles J. Bonaparte, Secretary of the Navy; member of the most influential clique of capitalists in Baltimore; closely connected with Standard Oil at many points.

Everett Macy; gives occupation as "Capitalist" in the directory. Director of long list of companies, including the Standard Oil, Oro Grand Mining Company and Queen's Borough Gas and Electric Co.

Besides these there are Archbishop John Ireland, the well recognized representative of great capital interests within the Catholic Church; Bishop Henry C. Potter, commonly known as J. P. Morgan's preacher, and President Charles W. Elliot, President of Harvard University, principally known to fame from his discovery that the scab was the great American Hero.

According to this classification ABOUT NINETY PER CENT OF "THE PUBLIC" IS COMPOSED OF STANDARD OIL OFFICIALS, ATTORNEYS AND SERVANTS.

THIS IS THE BODY THAT IS ARRANGING SOCIETY FUNCTIONS FOR THE CHICAGO LABOR LEADERS.

Do It Now

For years the Socialists of Chicago have talked about the time when they should have a daily paper.

They have hoped and worked for the time when Socialism should have a voice every day in the week for the workers of Chicago.

To-day that hope is realized. The paper is here, and if the letters that come into the office and the words that are spoken by those we meet are any test the paper is what has so long been desired.

Now the very existence of that paper is jeopardized by the inactivity of those to whom it belongs—who have established it, who have made it possible.

We, who are in the office, are only the servants of those who own and read and circulate the paper. If we are not doing what you want let us know.

We should be false to the work you have committed to us if we did not tell you the exact truth about the situation.

We have told it to you. We tell you again, that the one weak spot in the circulation of The Daily Socialist is right here in the city of Chicago.

That weak spot must and will be strengthened. The statement which appeared Saturday awoke many of the workers to action. But this is a time when EVERYONE must help.

Get a bunch of subscription blanks from the office and carry them wherever you go.

It would not be difficult for every reader to pick up an additional subscriber every day for the next week, that would mean the wiping out of all deficits and the creation of a power that would put a Socialist Mayor in power next Spring.

Do not let this down until you have decided to do your share. Go out and get one new subscriber to-night. DO IT NOW.

IN THE ART GALLERY

After the morning sermon at the Christian Socialist Fellowship Center, I went to the Art Museum and looked over the paintings of Birge Harrison, of Blairsville, New York state, a little place which boasts a great artist. I exclaimed with delight over the pictures—to the guard—the only other person present—and we ran to and fro pointing out the charming contrasts, and recalling the experiences of city and country life suggested by the realism of these pictures, like the new-made friends that we were, as the influence of these pictures made us.

Very likely the choicest of them may soon be hidden away in the palaces of the profit-making plutocrats, but until January 20, on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons, they are institutions of socialism, each for all. These paintings had this effect upon me. After I had seen them, their values clung in my mind so that the outside streets and skies acquired new interest and beauty. They are fit types of such work as genius may contribute to the commonwealth beyond any sordid equivalent. C. H. F.



WHEN CONGRESS GETS A MOVE ON

DOWN IN INDIANA By ELIZABETH ELROD

My husband came home early from the office and we settled down to pass a quiet uninterrupted evening at home.

Within the room was bright and warm. The frolics and laughter of the children supplied the needed charm.

Without there was a cold constant drizzle; a chill wind that made straight for one's bones, and on the ground a half frozen slush in which the foot sank ankle deep on the paths leading to the village.

In the midst of our gayety a sturdy knock sounded at the door. At our invitation there entered a tall, strong, finely formed man with a handsome intelligent face. He was one of the many men who have grown up on the farms around and are now employed in the mines near the village.

Taking a proffered chair he said, without further ceremony, "Well, Doc, I've come to pay you what I owe you. How much is it?"

On being informed of the amount, which to be exact was two dollars and twenty cents, he apologized profusely for having waited so long before paying. To again be exact, the time had been a year and a few days over, since the debt was owing.

"It seemed like I just couldn't get the money ahead to pay you any sooner. It looks like a fellow ought to do better than that on two dollars a day, but by the time we pay for everything it takes for seven of us to wear and eat it don't seem like there is ever anything left. Some people say it's poor management, but I don't see how we could manage any better than we do. I do believe my wife is just as careful as she can be, and I know I don't spend anything unnecessarily."

"Yes," I put in, "there are always people ready to tell us when meat is too high for poor people to buy, that 'we as a nation eat too much meat'; when flour is high, 'the American nation eat too much bread, and our bones are brittle because of it'; or if fuel is high, 'we keep our homes unhealthy by overheating' or some such nonsense."

"Yes," he said with a smile, "That's just the way they talk."

We asked him how they liked the new place into which they had lately moved.

"We like the place fine," he answered. "But we would like it better if the house was a better one."

"Isn't the house a better one than the one you lived in here in town?" my husband asked.

"Well," he answered, "I don't think it is. It leaks awfully bad, and the floor is so open we can hardly keep it warm at all when the weather is very cold. But we have three acres of land there with lots of fruit on it. And it's far enough away from town that the boys are always at home now at night. We like that part of it awfully well. Lots of times when I came home from the mine, when we lived here in town, the boys would be out at bedtime, and I would feel too tired to go out after them. Down here they are always at home when bedtime comes. So I guess we can put up with the bad house a while and maybe some day, if we don't have too much bad luck, we can build one that will be fit to live in."

"Isn't it a shame," I said, "that a man who works so hard can't afford a decent place for his family to live in?"

He looked up quickly, and with a thoughtful nod of his head replied, "It's pretty nearly enough to make a Socialist out of a fellow, isn't it?"

"Yes," I said, "if any thing would."

Socialism and Religion

The aim of Socialism is economic justice, its methods are political. The legal enforcement of the collective ownership of natural resources and the public management of the agencies of production and distribution are the means proposed.

"But," say some of the opponents of Socialism, "how about the church, the family, personal liberty?"

Socialism is not inimical to the integrity of the family. It insists that conjugal relations should not be based on sordid considerations, but on a free choice based on affection. The rational aim of matrimony is the rearing of healthy children, healthy physically and morally. It cannot be accomplished without the permanent and loving cooperation of both parents. Socialism does not in any way interfere with the moral and religious basis of matrimony. It seeks to give it a firm economic basis. Its strongest argument is that many a father, in spite of unremitting toil, is not able to provide properly for his wife and immature children, especially if he has followed the Christian ideal so strenuously advocated by President Roosevelt. How many parents are not anxious about the future prospects of their daughters, either as wives, or as independent workers without compensation sufficient to secure them against want and temptation?

Socialism is not opposed to religion. If there are some Socialists who do not believe in revealed religion, there are more opponents of Socialism who violate the moral teachings of religion in private, business and public affairs; who have no respect for the authority of the church; who have no faith in her doctrines; and who relentlessly persecute her if she is not subservient to their selfish interests. The difficulties in Europe arising from the historic association of ecclesiastical and political affairs cannot arise in this country where the church is free. There can be no serious danger to the church in a co-operative commonwealth, where men will be free to associate and devote their means to the promotion of scientific, literary, social, political, or religious aims.

Socialism is not opposed to personal liberty, but would add to it economic liberty. It leaves every one free choice as to the manner and extent of his labor, and secures him in the enjoyment of its fruits. It seeks to make every citizen responsible for the welfare of his fellows, and gives him a voice in the management of the common interests. It does not aim at equality of station, or equality of possession, but equality of opportunity.—By "A Catholic" in the Vanguard.

Now that Mabelle Gilman is going to discard the stage for good and marry a millionaire, why does she not go back to the old way and spell it "Mabel"?

Do you notice how enthusiastically the new state legislatures are being written up. Just wait two months.

Since it has had that bomb outrage Philadelphia feels just as proud as imperial St. Petersburg.

THE HEIGHTS BY GREAT MEN REACHED AND KEPT. Were not attained by sudden flight; But they, while their companions slept, Were toiling upward in the night. —Longfellow.

THE WEALTH BY RICH MEN GRABBED AND KEPT. Did not accrue by methods right; They schemed, conspired, while honor slept, They slaved the toilers day and night! —A Fellow "Short."—Crk.

LIVES OF GREAT MEN OFT REMIND US. We can make our lives sublime; And, departing, leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time. —Longfellow.

LIVES OF RICH MEN OFT REMIND US. We can gain by scheming bold, And, departing, leave behind us Blood-rust on our shekels gold. —A Fellow "Short."—Crk.

OUR STATISTICIAN

CONCENTRATION IN MANUFACTURING

There were 216,262 manufacturing firms in the United States in 1905. Of these 71,162 had less than \$5,000 capital. Their total capital amounted to \$165,317,454. This was 1.3 per cent of the total manufacturing capital of the United States.

At the same time there were only 1,899 firms with more than a million dollars of capital. BUT THESE FEW FIRMS OWNED OVER THIRTY-SEVEN PER CENT OF THE CAPITAL INVESTED IN MANUFACTURING.

A Laugh or A Smile By P. B.

But what did old Monibags say—or, rather, what did he do when you asked him for his daughter's hand? we ask of Johnny Smart. "Oh, I asked him over the telephone."

There is a meat famine in the city of Frankfort, Germany. This at the very home of frankfurters.

The farmer may be rolling in wealth, as reported, but the chances are that he still gets up at the inconvenient hour of 4 in the morning, no matter how cold the weather.

One woman called another an old maid in Wilkesbarre, Pa., and had to pay a \$200 fine for it. Who can doubt that the world is growing better?

Emperor William will not know whether his subjects are having a safe and sane campaign until he sees how many candidates the Socialists have elected.

You will have to send that young man away earlier in the evening," said the girl's father. "I won't pay such outrageous gas bills." "Oh, that will be all right, father. We won't burn so much gas in the future."

It was the personal enemies of the actress who got that play suppressed in Paris. If that had been explained in the first place the story would not have sounded so unbelievable.

"Ah," said the photographer. "I have secured an excellent picture of you." "Yes," said Gubbins, looking at it with an air of resignation, "I am afraid you have."

Do you notice how enthusiastically the new state legislatures are being written up. Just wait two months.

Since it has had that bomb outrage Philadelphia feels just as proud as imperial St. Petersburg.

THE HEIGHTS BY GREAT MEN REACHED AND KEPT. Were not attained by sudden flight; But they, while their companions slept, Were toiling upward in the night. —Longfellow.

THE WEALTH BY RICH MEN GRABBED AND KEPT. Did not accrue by methods right; They schemed, conspired, while honor slept, They slaved the toilers day and night! —A Fellow "Short."—Crk.

LIVES OF GREAT MEN OFT REMIND US. We can make our lives sublime; And, departing, leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time. —Longfellow.

LIVES OF RICH MEN OFT REMIND US. We can gain by scheming bold, And, departing, leave behind us Blood-rust on our shekels gold. —A Fellow "Short."—Crk.

We Object

We do not know whether Cornelius P. Shea ever took a leaf from the book of morality of the merchants who are persecuting him and levied blackmail upon some capitalists for the benefit of others. If he did he should be condemned for it, by those whom he injured.

But he is not on trial for grafting now.

He is on trial for conspiracy, and the State Street Stores' Attorney, Miller has declared that he proposes to show that every sympathetic strike is a conspiracy.

No evidence is admitted which would show that the real conspirators were these same State Street merchants, who, under the direction and expert advice of Levy Mayer, imported an army of cut-throats, whose murderous and thieving career since they were discharged from their work as scabs, has given Chicago a reign of crime almost unparalleled in any other city.

We do not claim to be experts on the rules of evidence.

It is easily possible that Judge Ball may find his rulings sustained by a higher court. We do not pretend to know just how far class justice may be carried.

We feel that there ought to be one more objection filed in addition to those of the State Street Stores' Attorney.

WE OBJECT TO CLASS JUSTICE WHEREVER IT IS FOUND.

This objection can be sustained by the workers whenever they use their ballots intelligently to retire, not only Judge Ball, but the lawmakers who made the law that he claims to be interpreting.

Wage Slavery

"Shall man assume a property in man? Lay on the moral will a withering ban? Shame that our laws at distance still protect Enormities, which they at home reject? Slaves cannot breathe in England—yet that boast Is but a mockery! when from coast to coast, Though fettered slave be none, her floors and soil Groan underneath a weight of slavish toil For the poor Many, measured out by rules Fetched with cupidity from heartless schools, That to an idol, falsely called the 'Wealth Of Nations,' sacrifice a People's health, Body, mind and soul; a thirst so keen Is ever urging on the vast machine. Of sleepless Labor, 'mid those dizzy wheels The power least prized is that which thinks and feels." —From Wordsworth's "Humanity."

The Civic Federation

Of all the hybrid creations in nature or out of it, there is, to my mind, nothing to compare with this most unnatural thing, the National Civic Federation. The product of the horse and the ass is a normal creature by the side of this freak mule of society. Nature will refuse to go farther in either case.

It is an attempt to mix elements that cannot be mixed. To amalgamate or compound labor and capital into a homogeneous social mass under the present system is an impossibility. Even a mechanical mixture of sawdust and sand is out of the question. Like oil and water they will not mix. The water (labor) remains at the bottom, while the oil (Standard) stays at the top.

The spectacle of all the union labor men in this country once a year packing suit cases with boiled shirts, silk stockings, white vests and swallow tailed

coats and on reaching New York making a loan of a silk tile to appear in proper style at the Federation banquet at Park Avenue Hotel with the Belmonts, Strausses, Andy Carnegie, etc., is a sight for the gods.

Of course not all the trade unionists are there in person, but all are there by proxy, represented by Gompers and Mitchell, who appear to be debonair and sycophantic enough to be acceptable to the frenzied financiers and to enjoy a farce that is too supremely absurd and ridiculous to be even funny.

And now Chicago is to enjoy a piece of this same farce with Mrs. Potter Palmer as patroness.

Those labor leaders who decline invitations to this unique and unnatural function are to be commended.

Labor officials should be morally, socially and politically above such association. Yours in the interest of labor. H. S. McMASTER. Dowagiac, Mich.

Objections to Socialism

The objection to Socialism is that it is utopian. Socialism, defined as the collective ownership of the means of life, or co-operation in production and distribution, however you may define it, is a plan for a future state of society. The Socialist philosophy itself teaches that it is unscientific. The society of the future must be made by the men then living. It cannot be thought out in advance, because the ablest thinker cannot know all of the facts in the case.

If Socialism is defined as the organization of the working class for the purpose of taking possession of society and doing the best they can with it, then there is this objection, that the more aggressive of the workers are already organized for the purpose of doing what they can for themselves, and not along utopian lines for some future day. The struggle for the betterment of the individual is not only useless, but it is doing the very thing that it preaches against, dividing the working class.

STUDENT.

My chief objection to Socialism is that it is impracticable. As I understand it, if Socialism became an accomplished fact all public utilities and business enterprises would be controlled by the public. All of this new public utility would require an enormous increase in the number of public servants, and if any one dreams that a office-holding is not going to work for his own individual pocket and the perpetuation of his self and friends in office just because he was elected on a Socialist ticket, let him cast his eyes on the grafting officials elected by the laboring men of San Francisco and think again. If everybody worked for the government the men of ability and push and the men who do not pass at unscrupulous methods to advance themselves, would hold all the fat places, just as they do today, and the sluggish, dimwitted and improvident, would be calling just as loudly for a new deal.

And then again, I have never heard any Socialist speaker or writer explain to my satisfaction how individual effort would be encouraged under Socialism. No one can deny that this world owes much of its advancement to certain individuals who, like public utilities and business enterprises, have followed: men whose inventions, writings and discoveries have enriched themselves and benefited the whole world. Now, if under Socialism these inventions, writings and discoveries became the property of the public, where, pray, would you incentive to any extra effort by these unusually gifted individuals? Would not a great writer be rather foolish to turn the midnight oil and seek his shining crown in the knowledge that his work would be the property of his fellow-citizen? Do you think the inventor will be discouraged

of labor-saving devices and methods is going to work as eagerly for the public gain as he did for his own individual self? And the men who were formerly the managers of great business enterprises: they will now be working for the government at salaries such as they formerly paid their clerks; don't you suppose under such conditions they would relax their efforts somewhat? Of course, a great many dreamers think that when Socialism becomes an accomplished fact, private property being a thing of the past, the incentive to be selfish will pass away; there is no doubt to my mind but what the incentive to individual enterprise would be a great measure cease. People would say, "Oh, what is the use of hustling? The government will get the benefit of any extra energy on our part, and we might as well take it easy." Others, being checked in an effort to work for their own interests in the most natural way, would turn their wits and energies to getting the better of the government which thus hindered their efforts. Individual effort would, like the damned waters of a stream, seek a thousand new and mischievous channels and chaos and final anarchy would end the disastrous experiment.

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PAPER CONSTITUTIONS

By virtue of its sublime promise to establish justice, we have seen injustice done for nearly a hundred years. It answers very well for Fourth-of-July purposes, but as a charter of liberty, it has very little force. In Idaho, at the time of the official kidnapping of Moyer and others in Colorado, the attorney of these men tried to show the court the unconstitutionality of the procedure, when the baffled rage of the judge prompted him to exclaim: "I am tired of these appeals to the Constitution. The Federal Constitution is a defective, out-of-date instrument, anyhow, and it is useless to fetch that document into court. But Constitution or no Constitution, we have got the men we want after; they are here; they are going to stay here until we have had our final say, and I would like to know what is going to be done about it?" No wonder that the wise Herbert Spencer wrote: "Paper constitutions raise smiles on the faces of those who have observed their results."—Theodore Schroeder, in the December Arena.