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U. S. SENATORS TURN PALE AND TREMBLE

Beveridge Child Labor Speech Puts Them in a Hole—They Must Approve It or Offend Their Masters

SPARGO'S BOOK SUPPLIES MATERIAL FOR SPEECH

Little Children Tell Their Own Story in Pictures and Babish Sentences—Sordid Money-Mad Senators Startled

Washington, Jan. 24.—Senator Beveridge raised his voice in congress yesterday for more than 2,000,000 child wage slaves of the United States.

The fact that a senator of the United States was actually speaking on a subject of actual vital interests to children of the working class was enough to fill the galleries.

Senator Beveridge hopes to ride into the presidential chair on this reform. His plan to save the children is only a reform. It may, if adopted, have some saving effect, but reform cannot cure the disease of wage slavery of men, women or of children.

The eloquent Hoosier drew largely from "The Bitter Cry of the Children," by John Spargo, an active Socialist agitator.

Big interests; the cotton mill men, the glass manufacturers, the twine factory owners, anthracite mine owners and other fat, sleek capitalists are preparing to fight the bill.

The railroad senators are trembling. They fear their master's voice but they are afraid to turn against 2,000,000 children when the whole world is looking.

Senator Beveridge's bill proposes that all child-made articles be excluded from interstate commerce. He believes the law will be constitutional.

been inside of a school; few of them could read a child's primer.

Children in Glass Factories

Florence Kelly found it impossible to get consecutive answers from boys in glass factories because of the speed they were required to keep up. She says: "A boy would say: 'My name is Jimmy,' and then trot to the cooling ovens with his bottles and returning say, in answer to a fresh question: 'I live in a shanty boat,' and then trot off and returning say: 'I am going to be eight next summer.'"

GERMAN ELECTION IS TOMORROW

Royal Billy Has "Buck Ague"—People are Waking Up and Socialist Predict Victory

Berlin, Jan. 24.—Trade unions throughout the German empire will call for a general strike tomorrow at 3 o'clock for three hours in order to be able to take part in the election.

Berlin, Jan. 24.—German Socialists today are moving heaven and earth to insure a victory in the election tomorrow, and as far as can be seen at present they will be victorious over the government.

The Kaiser, through his policy and tactics, has helped the Socialists. He narrowed down the issues in the present election to a conflict between Socialism and patriotism.

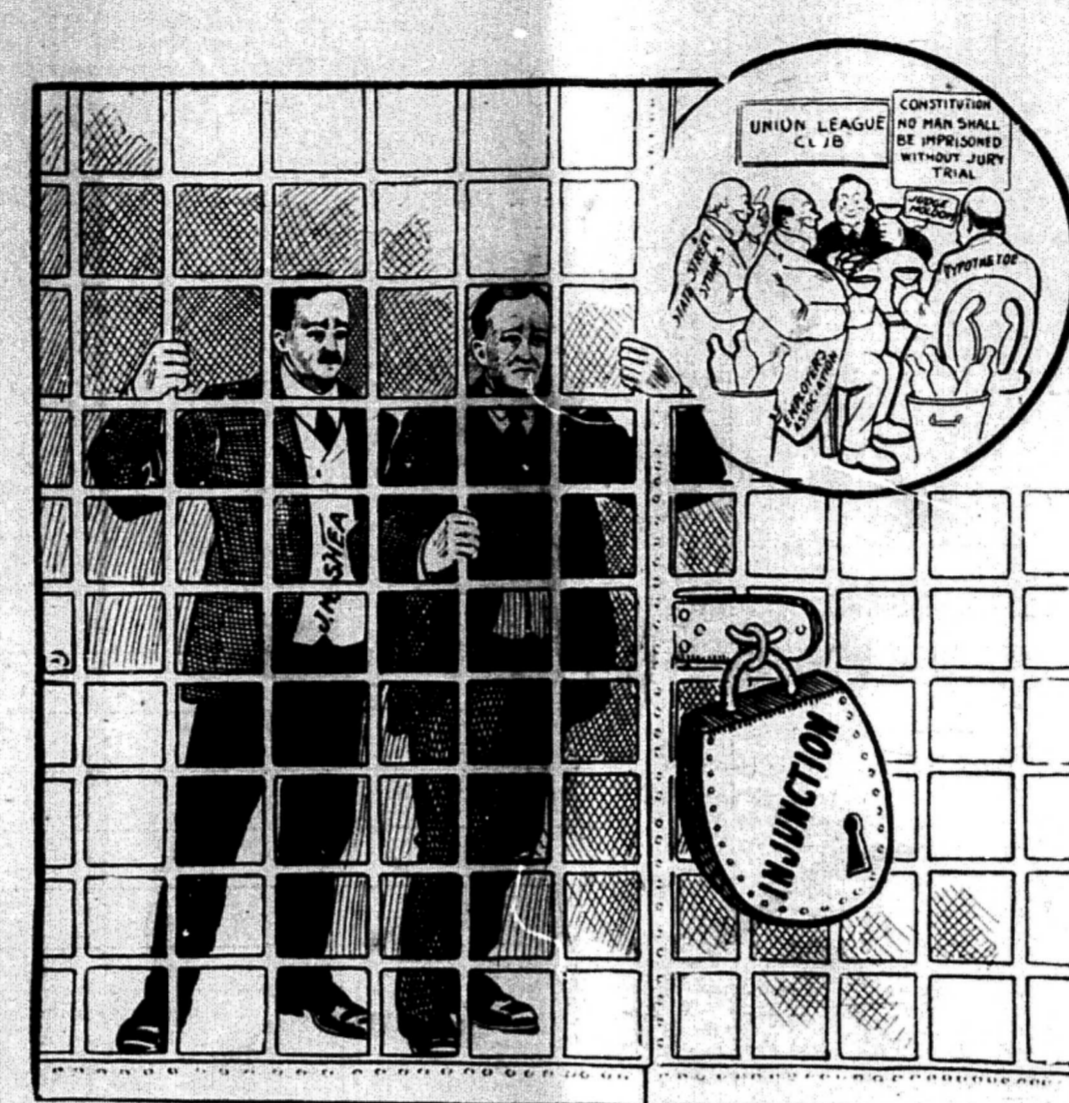
All minor differences of opinion have been swept aside and the nation is now divided in two classes—those who refuse to vote supplies and are opposed to the "real politics" of the government, and those who believe in a bigger army, a bigger navy, and more colonies for Germany.

Never before in the history of Germany has any electoral campaign been fought with such ardor and watched with such anxiety.

The Kaiser is reported to be in a desperate state of mind. He constantly complains of his ministers, who, he says, are mere ciphers.

German Women a Factor The present campaign has brought upon the scene the German women, who, in spite of the Kaiser's injunction ordering them to leave politics alone, are influencing the present campaign in a large degree.

Placards everywhere urge the women to use their influence in behalf of the candidates who are favorable to the feminist movement, which, of course, means Socialist candidates.



THE OFFICERS OF FRANKLIN UNION AND THEIR EMPLOYERS CELEBRATING FRANKLIN'S BIRTHDAY

WHAT HAVE THEY AGAINST FARMERS

Congress to Kill Bug Department; Probably to Punish Rural Workers for Forming Labor Unions

Washington, Jan. 24.—The house committee on agriculture has wiped out the appropriation for the biological survey of the agricultural department. This means, if the house and the senate agree, that what is regarded as the most useful department of the government to the farmer will pass out of existence.

PLAYING A COLOSSAL JOKE ON CAPITAL

Over half the petitions received by the Referendum League by mail are clipped from the Daily Socialist.

Although socialists do not have faith in municipal ownership as a social cure-all, they do not object to advancing the interests of the workers on the street cars by giving them better conditions to work under and also the people who ride on the cars better service.

The principal reason why the socialists are so active with this petition is because they do not object to playing a joke on "Ponty" Morgan, by refusing to let him garner in a \$100,000,000 franchise for nothing, without a fight.

MINORITY WATCHES FINANCE

Democrats Have Nasty Pill for Lem Small, Patriot

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 24.—The "terrified minority" in the house yesterday found it "too hot" and the first opportunity to stir up the dust.

It has occurred to the "off side" of the house that it would be a thing of merit to ascertain by dignified legislative inquiry just where the state funds are held, how much interest is being secured, and who gets it.

SOCIAL CLIMBERS CROWD KAISER

Money-Drunk Americans Hand in Genealogical Tree and Bask in Glory—Europeans Laugh

Berlin, Jan. 24.—American aspirants to be presented at the court of Kaiser William have thronged into Berlin until they have become the objects of much ridicule from German comic papers and of an unfavorable comment from ambassadors of other countries.

The feature of the January court receptions was the unprecedented number of Americans seeking presentation. Every year a constantly growing crowd of such aspirants flock to Berlin in January, and court officials whose regulations require that every aspirant must present his genealogical tree and passports as a qualification of entry, view the American invasion with disfavor.

Ambassador Tower, who is responsible for all recommendations for court presentations, has been greatly embarrassed by the number of applications this year. He suffers greatly on account of interference from Washington.

President Forms Idiomatic Crowd

Under instructions from Washington he is compelled to present many ladies who otherwise would not be recommended. Such coercion from Washington may easily bring Mr. Tower into disfavor at court, where the presentation of undesirable persons is bitterly resented.

"I WANT TO BE A LEADER IN SOCIETY"

Mrs. Shonts "Pulls Out" of the Washington Swim Because She Was Outranked by Wives of \$7,000 Employees

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—Troy had it Helen; the Panama canal had it Mrs. Shonts.

Blighted social aspirations of Mrs. Shonts resulted in her husband's resignation from his position as chairman of the isthmian canal commission. The resignation of Mr. Shonts was accepted by President Roosevelt on January 22, and will take effect March 4.

Mrs. Shonts will not, of course, be out of a job. He leaves the government employ to go into that of the Ryan-Belmont combination in the management of the Interborough street railway system in New York.

His salary, too, will not be cut down, but on the contrary it will be increased. Mr. Shonts has been getting on the canal \$30,000 a year. Belmont will pay him at least \$50,000.

But money considerations do not enter into the question of the resignation of Mr. Shonts. It was another "Judgment of Paris" that created this great havoc.

Mrs. Shonts expected that her husband's position would put her in the first rank of society at Washington. To her disappointment, however, she found that thisthmian canal commission takes rank after the interstate commerce commission, which meant that Mrs. Shonts was put way back in the ranks of the Washington immortals.

It was then that, like another Juno, she swore eternal hatred to Washington, the white house, and—ye gods—Mrs. Roosevelt.

She appealed to her husband to avenge the insult, and avenge it he did, like a true Roman. He resigned and received a better paying position in New York.

CUT OUT THE PETITION AND THEN SEND IT IN

Cut out the referendum petition to be found in this issue, paste it carefully on a sheet of paper, get all the signatures you can and return it to the office of The Daily Socialist.

MANUFACTURERS TRY TO EVADE CONVICT LAW

Warden of Prison Is in—Organized Labor Attempting to Block Game

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 23.—Organized labor is aroused throughout the state over an alleged conspiracy by the authorities of the penitentiary and a coterie of wealthy manufacturers to evade the new convict labor law by making fat contracts in the interval between the passage of the law and its publication.

The agitation was started by Secretary Michael Goldsmith of the Ohio Federation of Labor, and meetings are being held for the purpose of directing the fight.

The charge was made by Secretary Goldsmith after an examination of the prison records, that in the interim of the act and its publication seven manufacturing concerns, Warden Gould and the board of managers of the Ohio penitentiary entered into a conspiracy whereby new contracts for five years each were made.

The investigation is based on the new law providing that not over 10 per cent. of convict labor shall be contracted to private manufacturing concerns. The law allowed unexpired contracts to be finished by the convicts.

The labor official declares that charges will be filed against Warden Gould, the penitentiary managers and the seven manufacturers.

20 MINERS DIE FOR ROCKEFELLER

Nonunion Workers Go Into Colorado Hole to Take Out Wealth for Corporation and are Lost

Trinidad, Colo., Jan. 24.—Twenty miners lost their lives as a result of an explosion which occurred at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in the Colorado Fuel and Iron company's coal mine near Primero, twenty miles west of this city.

Coffins for that number have been ordered by the company from a local undertaking establishment. The names of the men killed have not been learned, as the shift boss who checked up the men who went into the mine is missing. All the men except one were foreigners, most of them being Italians. Four bodies have been recovered.

The explosion stopped the air fan, which was not repaired until late yesterday, and there is little chance that any of the men in the mine at the time of the explosion are still alive.

(Comment.—The mine owners, it is understood, will try to fasten responsibility for this accident on Mayor, Haywood and Pettibone.)

RATHER DIE THAN WORK

Scion of Rich Family Ends Life When Allowance is Cut Off

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 24.—Because he preferred death to work, Benjamin R. Beasley shot himself through the head yesterday while standing at a hotel bar.

Beasley had been drinking with companions and lamenting the fact that he would have to go to work, as his sister had cut off his allowance. Suddenly he drew a pistol, placed it to his head and crying, "I would rather be dead any time than work," pulled the trigger. Physicians say that he has a slight chance for recovery.

BENEFIT FOR M'GOVERN

Boston, Jan. 24.—Every prominent manager, actor, pugilist and sporting man in this vicinity joins to-night in the monster benefit to be given at the Hub Theater for Terry McGovern. The main thing in the performance will be "Scenes in a Gymnasium," a playlet in one act.

THE PLIGHT OF GAGE PARK

Residents of Gage Park have a hard time in getting fuel. Coal dealers absolutely refuse to deliver the black diamonds in the district for fear of injuring their horses, as the territory is one vast mass of ice. People must get fuel as best they can or freeze.

BIG BUSINESS AFTER BARTZEN'S JOB

Building Commissioner Has Foolish Idea That Laws Should be Enforced

HIS FOLLY CAUSES UPROAR AMONG "RICH ANARCHISTS"

He Even Tried to Force Marshall Field & Company to Observe City Ordinances—Wabby Mayor Tuncne May Remove Him

Concerted action on the part of the moneyed interests of Chicago, with such men as Aldermen Snow, Bennett and Foreman, and backed by the Daily News, the Chicago Tribune and other capitalist newspapers, is being taken to have Building Commissioner Bartzen ousted from his job.

Experience has shown the public—the thinking public—that these men have had the ear of Mayor Dunne a great deal more than the interests of the people at large, and never yet has a man who was incompatible to these interests held his job in peace.

The Daily News, in an editorial, virtually asks that Bartzen be punished for presuming to question the integrity of the "honest though careless" council. This is an excerpt: "The building commissioner stands before the people as a man who, in a spirit of pique, made against the city's body of legislators, slanderous charges which were without foundation. Bartzen gets off without a word of disapproval from the committee that gave him liberal opportunity to make out his case."

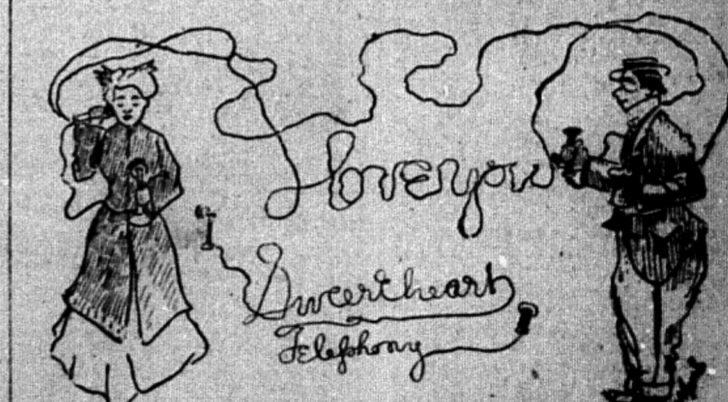
The opinion of this moneyed clique is that a man of "Bartzen's caliber" should be allowed to "keep on working." A man that treats State street merchants with as little respect as an ordinary lawbreaker is something entirely new to these men, and they feel hurt and rather scared withal.

Bartzen's Bad Habits Bartzen has a habit of unceremoniously swooping down on some rich lawbreaker who has heretofore basked in the sunshine of city hall favor, and packing him off to court to tell how it all happened. This is a terrible state of affairs for the moneyed interests, and radical steps will be taken to have Bartzen removed. If not fairly—then unfairly.

The last straw was when Bartzen went to the Marshall Field store and told it in no uncertain language that it was breaking the law, and that certain changes would have to be made or the managers would be dragged to court. Think of it! Marshall Field's store in court! He closed it one day, but wabby Mayor Dunne opened it immediately.

This appalling crime of Bartzen awakened the representatives of the "better element" to the fact that something must be done to Bartzen, and done hard and done quick.

Bartzen was yesterday busily engaged in overseeing the work of a gang of men who were spiking his chair to the floor. "No resignation for me," he said.



"FROM THE HEART I SPEAK, DEAR!"

The dramatic editor of the Chicago Daily Socialist yesterday afternoon made a discovery that is claimed will revolutionize love-making the world over.

While engaged in talking over the phone to his sweetheart, living in Englewood, he absent-mindedly placed his left hand, transmitter and all, over his heart, and, using his right hand for gesticulation, avowed earnestly his tender regard.

THE RECORDING ANGEL

By EDWIN ARNOLD BRENHOLTZ

It was then almost sunset, and by eight o'clock they were out of the house on their way to the graveyard.

Then Robert stepped to his side and said: "When will the workers learn to know and stand by their friends!

But Arndt stopped him. "It was only a few of the leaders; the rank and file never did, or at least could not help themselves.

Then they left the graveyard and Robert did not reply until they were well on their way to the depot.

"That needs no answer," said Arndt; and then there was a moment of silence until they came to that spot in the road from which the last view of the twinkling lights of the mansion could be had.

Then Robert asked Arndt, "Charlie, what shall I do with that? It isn't right to have it standing idle in a world where so many are homeless.

His friend replied promptly, "You have taken my words out of my mouth. How would it do to have Chandler make all the preparations quietly and get the names of a lot of Socialist orphans who need a home, and then, when all is ready, tell Annie and Nettie about it as a surprise.

"You have struck it, exactly," said Robert enthusiastically. "I will support it out of my private means if others do not care to assist.

Arndt was rejoiced to see how cheerful Robert had become, and he did not interrupt his happy thoughts with useless words.

A short distance farther on they passed the house that Cassidy called home. March had "come in like a lamb" and the window opening onto the street was raised.

"Now, then, youngsters, just one more song this night. What shall it be?" "Toilers arise! Toilers arise!" was the instant and unanimous decision.

"I believe that if we could get them all singing in this manner, and that the long, long night were over; Carpenter, one of the world's great poets, a Socialist, wrote it, you know.

get the past and escape the ghosts that haunt its memories is to sing." Arndt knew well what particular ghost Robert referred to. He had hesitated to speak to him on the subject; now he replied emphatically: "There are some ghosts that can't be laid. I would at once call Arthur off that case and let the ghost reappear or not, as the future may determine.

Robert did not reply until they had arrived at the station and secured their tickets and were pacing arm-in-arm up and down the platform waiting for the fast-approaching train that was to bear them away for so long a time from the dear and familiar scenes, and then he said:

"Aye, Dust to Dust! Ashes to Ashes!"—and from Dust and Ashes. This—"And from out the lives of the countless slaves that have toiled and prayed and died.

Oh, the ashes and dust! Oh, the ashes and dust! and the blood and the tears it takes!

Oh, the heart's desire, that has never a thorn for the hand of a child to glean!"

THE END.

A NEW STORY

Tomorrow the Daily Socialist will begin the publication of Bulwer Lytton's "The Coming Race." This is one of the greatest of the many Utopias that have been written, and has this to distinguish it from most of the others, that its writer was a novelist first and a preacher second.

VOTE FIGURES OF LAST ELECTION

Wards by Precincts—One Ward a Day—Clip and File for Reference

Following are the official returns from the Eleventh Ward in comparison with the vote of 1905:

Table with columns: Precinct, Rep. Dem. Soc. Pro. Total. Lists precincts 1 through 32 and their respective vote counts.

1906 Total: 3,174. 1905 Total: 2,756. Gain 1905-6, 36 votes, or 7 per cent.

Ward No. 11.—Nationalities in 1904 were: 1,945 Americans, 277 Austrians, 5,041 Bohemians, 352 English, 217 French, 8,376 Germans, 431 Hollandians, 3,031 Irish, 242 German Jews, 18 Polish Jews, 333 Russian Jews, 151 Lithuanians, 5,003 Poles, 218 Russians, 133 Scotch, 519 Swedes, 148 Canadians.

This tier of wards, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, is remarkable for the enormity of its foreign population. In all four the American number only of white people is over 25,000 Bohemians, 23,000 Germans, 16,000 Russian Jews and 9,000 Poles. It always carries a good large Socialist vote, though not so large as some other districts.

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STORY OF WOMAN WHO WORKED

Rock Island, Ill., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Bridget Corcoran, an aged and feeble woman who has for many years lived alone in a tumbled down shed here, is dead, after having passed the greater part of the present winter lying alone and unattended, too weak to take care of herself, in the miserable apartment that formed her home.

Before coming to Rock Island she had lived for a long period in Canada. About thirty years ago she came here and since the death of her husband five years later has known a life of struggle and hardship.

Lived in a Shed. The shed in which the old woman lived was a little time-worn shack through the ragged roof of which the rain would leak upon her bed and her cupboard, wasting her scant supply of food.

Cracks in the walls permitted the cold to defeat her hard efforts to keep the interior comfortable with the small, cracked cook stove she possessed and also allowed the snow to creep in and give aid to the miserableness of her surroundings.

Mrs. Corcoran was one of the poverty stricken of the city brought to the attention of the philanthropic people of the community.

At that time Mrs. Corcoran had just arisen from a long confinement and was in a very weak condition.

LABOR UNION NEWS

According to the statistics of the bureau of labor of New York state, there are now more than 8,000,000 members of trade unions in the United States and Europe, of whom approximately one-fourth are in the United States.

J. Moersch, of the state labor department of Minnesota, has compiled statistics secured from a recent bulletin of the census bureau, department of commerce and labor, showing the growth of the canning industry in that state.

This industry is shown to be still in its infancy. It has increased greatly within the past six years and bids fair to be one of the important industries of the state in the not far distant future.

At the convention of the Tennessee Federation of Labor, which was held at Nashville, Tenn., last week, it was decided to fraternize with the farmers' union and assist it in its struggle against the middleman, gambler and speculator. Jackson was chosen as the meeting place for 1908.

The Caledonia coal mine, in the upper peninsula of Michigan, which is the only co-operative enterprise of its kind in the country, has been such a success that the company has broken ground for what will be the largest coal producer in the state.

Carpenters' Union No. 22, of San Francisco, the largest union of the craft in the world, has 2,825 members on its roll.

New York City tile layers have gained increases in wages in the past twenty years from \$3.50 to \$5 and a reduction in hours from fifty-nine to forty-eight.

TRADE UNION MEETINGS.

Shoe Workers' Union, Local No. 298, Boston. Meeting Friday night at Bush Temple. All members attend. Note will be taken on holding convention in June. F. W. Coakley, secretary.

"Condemn them now. I can see no other way of the City obtaining a clear title to the street railways."—Judge Murray F. Tuley, Aug. 31, 1904. Sign at once. Get as many signatures as you can and send this to the REFERENDUM COMMITTEE, Room 14, 69 Dearborn Street. Telephone Central 2990.

EMERGENCY REFERENDUM PETITION

PROPERTY OF THE JOINT REFERENDUM COMMITTEE. Representing the Referendum League, the Chicago Federation of Labor, and the Municipal Ownership Delegate Convention.

TO THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS, Chicago: We, the undersigned, registered voters of Chicago, respectfully petition that the following questions of public policy be submitted to the voters of the City of Chicago, at the regular election to be held in and for the said City of Chicago, on the first Tuesday in April, A. D. 1907:

- FOR THE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM OF THE PENDING ORDINANCES (reported to the City Council of the City of Chicago on January 15, A. D. 1907), authorizing the Chicago City Railway Company and the Chicago Railways Company, respectively, to construct, maintain and operate street railways in said City, and providing for the purchase thereof by the said City or its licensee.
- SHALL the City Council proceed by condemnation under the Mueller Law to acquire and equip a complete, modern, unified street railway system, with one fare and universal transfers for the entire city, instead of passing the pending franchise ordinances?
- SHALL the Legislature repeal the Sunday closing laws, which forbid, under penalty, attending or taking part in amusements or diversions, maintaining open bars, and engaging in business or work on Sunday?

Table with columns: NAME, ADDRESS. Includes names like Martin Mickow, Brick, Sand and Terra Cotta Local No. 710, T. T. of A., Meeting, Sunday afternoon at Yonkers Hall, Van Buren and Halsted streets, E. C. Wischoff.

month. Next meeting will be February 10. Haggage and Parcel Delivery Drivers' Union, Local No. 725—Meeting Thursday night at Halsted and Adams streets. P. J. Hilsler.

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ELECT SOCIALISTS AND REFORMS COME

Wisconsin Workers are Having All Petty Bills and Measures Thrust Upon Them

CAPITALIST PARTIES TRY TO STEAL REDS' FIRE

Same Experience as That in Germany—All Little Things are Given When the Workers Threaten to Take All

BY OSCAR RADEMAKER (Special Correspondent.)

Madison, Wis., Jan. 23.—"No more playing for time, no more vacations. If they attempt to vote another of those long recesses the socialists will be heard from," said Alldridge, with a ruffle of his brow.

Allridge doesn't believe in the rocking chair. He had just come back from Janesville where he drummed up the town for the socialist cause. From all appearances he is anxious for a fight.

When I tackled him he was busy making a plan of the floor of the assembly. He was putting down the names of the members and places they hailed from.

When I asked him why he was doing that, he showed me two rows of teeth that had more fight in them than there is in those of Teddy's, and said:

How the Map Will Work

"Well, I want to know with whom I do business when I get the floor. I want to know the head of the nail that I am aiming at; don't you see?"

Then he pulled out a bill that he introduced to-day.

"Here's a bill that's going to stir up the ginger. It prohibits the importation of strike breakers. It will make the Indians howl. It is only a little bill, a sort of a pill that is to tell them what's coming. We got some big ones that will be presented in a short while."

I saw Brockhausen across the aisle, but did not desire to disturb him for he was thumbing some book on statistics.

"Brocky" is a peculiar fellow; he believes that the world is getting better, and that the whole industrial belt from Milwaukee to Sheboygan will be socialist before the next election. I let him alone and started a talk with Senator Rummel who had just come up from the Senate.

Comrade Is His Title

Rummel objects to being called senator, or even honorable. He prefers the term comrade. Rummel is a cigar-maker by trade, but really he was built for the blacksmith shop. He is three ax handles long and two broad.

However, he is not what one would expect from such a giant—rough or loud. Rummel is the gentlest man both in speech and manners. At this is saying much, as every member of the socialist delegation is more polished than the capitalist "genies."

The strangest thing that is taking place at Madison is the constant increase in the number of labor bills. Republicans and democrats race with each other in the introduction of them.

One asks in surprise what has struck these senators, and the only correct answer can be found in the presence of six socialists.

These six men are setting the pace for all reforms and labor legislation. To-day, Everett (Dem.) introduced four bills mainly concerning labor. The following is the substance of the measures:

Children should not work eight hours a day.

Street car employes should be required to work only nine hours.

Establishing the age limit of children at sixteen before being allowed to work.

Providing for greater safety for women employes.

Such bills were introduced by the socialist members in the old legislature covering every one of the foregoing provisions, and exceeding them to boot. But they were all thrown aside.

Other Measures

Allridge last Thursday introduced a bill for an eight hour work day. This bill and the one proposed by Mr. Brockhausen legalizing picketing and providing that no action can be taken against unions for acts of members will test the sincerity of those in the assembly who seem to be so friendly toward labor.

There is no doubt that most of this liking for labor is mere pretense, and if so, the veil of hypocrisy will be soon lifted.

It is interesting to see how half-breeds, stalwarts and democrats come to the socialist members to discuss with them labor measures, and seeking advice.

George from Milwaukee spent all afternoon in the company of Alldridge talking on a bill that he intends to introduce regarding separate vestibules for motormen.

To show how the wind blows and the power of five socialists in the capitol, witness the following bill introduced by a republican:

By Mr. Roeber of Gram—Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, that Article IV of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin is hereby amended by adding to the said article the following section to be known as Sec. 33.

Sec. 33. The legislature shall have power to provide suitable legislation whereby the incumbent of any elective state office may be removed by the electors qualified to vote for a successor of such incumbent.

The socialists, however, are working on a bill concerning the referendum which will be more definite and to the core.

See that your local takes action on the such proposition.

LABOR UNIONISTS WOULD BE REAL BANKERS

Organize a \$200,000 Concern to "Swing Capital and Labor Together"

The auditor of public accounts at Springfield, Ill., has issued a permit to organize the International Trust and Savings Bank at Chicago, Ill., to Edwin C. Kingsbury, A. B. Adair, Frank Buchanan, John E. Senne and Charles A. Kingsbury. The capital stock is \$200,000. Stock subscriptions at \$15 a share are to be solicited immediately, and it is expected when the stock has been fully subscribed, perhaps after thirty days, the election of the president and other officers will take place.

Ten days ago Edwin C. Kingsbury took over the business of Dreblow & Co., who had been conducting the Commonwealth Trust and Savings bank, otherwise known as the "Union Labor bank." This institution was organized a year ago under an Arizona charter, and opened last May at 96 La Salle street.

With the organization of the new state bank, the Commonwealth Trust and Savings will go out of existence. The organizers are for the most part stockholders in the Commonwealth bank. Heretofore the institution has failed to receive the support of organized labor on account of its foreign charter.

"There is no reason," said Mr. Kingsbury today, "why capital and labor shouldn't swing together. Our directorate will comprise representatives from both fields."

Mr. Kingsbury, who holds the largest interests, will be elected president. The bank will retain its present quarters at least until May 1.

DAILY WRECK RECORD

Early Reports Show Only Three Men Killed—Caused by Tracks Not Kept Up Owing to Dividend Effect

[Scripps-McRae Press Association.]

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 24.—Three men were killed and one was fatally injured as the result of a freight train running over an embankment last night at Longdale on the Ohio river division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Those killed are: Engineer Harry Taylor, Parkersburg; Fireman L. E. Rowland, Gravel Bank, Ohio; Conductor George Whitney, Marietta, Ohio.

Allan Mace, of Parkersburg, was fatally injured. The accident was caused by spreading rails as the result of a landslide, and the entire train of twelve cars toppled over the river bank. The dead were horribly mangled. They were brought here.

WIFE IS THAW'S BEST ADVOCATE IN TRIAL

[Scripps-McRae Press Association.]

New York, Jan. 24.—With two jurors in the box, the trial of Harry K. Thaw moved forward early to-day with a rush, which promises to determine whether the young Pittsburg millionaire is guilty or innocent of killing architect Stanford White.

The selection of the jury proceeds with a celerity rarely seen in great capital cases. District Attorney Jerome hopes to have the jury completed early next week, when the trial of evidence will commence.

That Harry Thaw's life rests in the hands of his wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, the former artist's model, all believe.

Upon her story on the witness stand depends whether Thaw shall pay the forfeit in the electric chair. Knowing this, District Attorney Jerome to-day again examined all witnesses closely on their opinions of the unwritten law and what effect sympathy might play in finding a verdict.

The beautiful artist model will try to move the jury with not only her natural charms, but with a powerful story filled with human sympathy. Thaw's most eloquent advocate among his large array of counsel is the pale-faced, blue-eyed girl who sits waiting and watching her husband and ready to go to his defense.

Almost 300 newspaper correspondents are in court. They come from all parts of the world.

STARR TELLS OF CONGO

White Men Grow Accustomed to Cruelty—Europeans Have Black Wives

Professor Frederick Starr of the Chicago University says of the Congo, in referring to the relations that the white man bears towards the blacks: "It was a constant source of wonder to me how white men who lived day in and day out with these black people, and who every day saw the most cruel and revolting sights, could be as respectable as I found them."

"I found white men," he continued, "living with black women, and the hybrid progeny was treated with as much paternal affection as if they were pure white. These black women are true to their white master, and accompany them in all their travels, even undergoing the severest hardships at times."

NEGRO WOMAN IS HEROINE

Dies in Effort to Save Children From Burning Building

[Scripps-McRae Press Association.] Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 24.—Miss Mattie Merritt, aged 23, a negro woman, gave her life in an effort to save two nieces, Lovena Taylor, aged five, and Effie King, aged three years, from death in flames. The woman perished, and with her the two little girls were burned to death. The woman had returned to the bedroom where the children lay, after she had herself found safety in the open air, she smashed a window and clambered into the room, and was in the act of rescue when the flames overcame her.

The open window caused a draught which fanned the fire to such fury that she was cut off from all hope of rescue.

The explosion of a lamp started the fire, which consumed the house, a three-room cottage.

RAILROADS KILL 10,000 IN 1906

Since Nov. 12 the Most Appalling Crashes Have Occurred On the Mismanned Lines

About 10,000 people were killed by the railroads in 1906. The recent killings are as follows:

Date	Killed	Injured
Sept. 18—Rock Island	25	..
Oct. 28—West Jersey & Seashore Electric	63	38
Nov. 12—Baltimore & Ohio	61	19
Nov. 29—Southern railway	7	..
Dec. 8—Southern railway	5	..
Dec. 11—Rutland railway	9	..
Dec. 23—Milwaukee & St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie	10	37
Dec. 30—Baltimore & Ohio	53	30
Jan. 2—Rock Island	33	55
Jan. 13—Rock Island	3	8
Jan. 15—Rock Island	3	..
Jan. 19—Big Four	24	10
Jan. 19—Big Four	40	25

CHANCES TO GET RICH IN CANADA

In the new and rapidly developing country of British Columbia, Consul L. E. Dudley, of Vancouver, finds in commercial enterprises a degree of wastefulness that appalls one who has been accustomed to the economical methods of older communities. This leads him to write:

But little attempt is made to utilize by-products in any of the enterprises in this province. I will call attention to a few of the opportunities that exist for making fortunes from materials that are at best thrown away, more often disposed of at considerable cost of labor and expense.

Coal Tea Offers Fortune

There are in the province from 1,200 to 1,500 coke ovens and the number is constantly increasing, yet there is no attempt made to utilize coal tar, which is available in large quantities. Persons familiar with the numerous valuable articles of commerce that coal tar yields can but wonder that some chemist does not seize upon the opportunity here presented.

There are now many smelters at work night and day in several portions of British Columbia. Most of the ores smelted contain sulphur, which must be disposed of before the ores can be successfully treated. The ores are roasted, and the sulphur is vaporized and allowed to pollute the atmosphere, and often to kill the vegetation in the vicinity. Yet there is a great demand for sulphur and sulphuric acid.

Supply of Timber

The supply of timber here seems inexhaustible. So it seemed to the people of New England not so long ago, but they would give much to-day for the great white pine and spruce logs they rolled in heaps and burned in the process of clearing their lands. It would be well to conserve the great forests of British Columbia. As I understand, only the largest of the fir and cedar trees are taken and only the better portion of these. The tangled brush that covers the so-called "logged-off" lands presents the best possible opportunity for the spread of forest fires.

WATCH THEM GET IT BACK IN HIBBING

(Special Correspondent.)

Hibbing, Minn., Jan. 21.—The capitalistic trick in buying up the high-skilled workers with an increase of wages, and thus side-tracking the just demands of the great body of the workers working at full blast in this section.

The much heralded prosperity has hit the wage earners in the iron fields of Northern Minnesota. It is an increase of ten per cent. after an hour had been taken off, so that the \$2 slave now gets \$1.98.

Firemen on standard locomotives now receive \$2.35 instead of \$2.25, while locomotive engineers get an increase from \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Cost of Living Up

In the meantime the cost of living has increased 25 per cent. over last year, and at present the mine slaves are paying on the following scale for the privilege of living for the express purpose of creating dividends for the steel trust:

Rent of four rooms, \$15 to \$20 a month; coal, \$7 and \$8.75; wood, \$5; butter, 40 cents a pound; eggs, 3 cents each; meat, 15 cents up; flour, \$2.50 up, and other things in proportion.

The workers here are getting weary of this kind of prosperity, and the socialist vote in this village has increased from two in 1902 to about 200 last year. Plans are under way to put a complete socialist ticket in the field this year.

There is trouble brewing among the mine workers in this district that may come to a head before the close of another year.

ITALIAN BANKER ARRESTED

Charged With Embezzling \$700—Held in a Hospital

V. Pillarella, owner of two private banks, at Polk and Clark streets and at 232 West Taylor street, was arrested by central station detectives today, on a charge of embezzlement.

The papers were served on him at the Columbus hospital, where he is recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

He is said to have operated banks all over the country, and it was a slip-up he made while running a bank in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1902 that led to his undoing. The man has a large acquaintance among Italians, and this class were his principal dupes.

BAILEY ON HEARST

After Being Re-elected to the Senate, the Texan Oil Statesman Breaks Loose

The warm blood in the veins of the Texan, Joseph W. Bailey, waxed wroth after the election in which he was returned to the senate.

After it was all over Bailey got sore at Hearst and proceeded to demolish him with a tirade which will no doubt send the "blasphemous wretch," Hearst, to the fiery furnace. Bailey said: "He is a man without character, a man without intellect, a man whose candidacy would debauch any electorate, whose incumbency would disgrace any office, a man whose leadership would destroy any party, a moral pervert, a political degenerate, and a physical coward."

The joint legislative investigation committee will follow up the charges against Bailey. The charges are now under consideration.

DRAMATIC STRIKE IS ON IN LONDON TOWN

Chorus Girls and Famous Stage Folk Do Picket Duty Side by Side

[Scripps-McRae Press Association.]

London, Jan. 24.—The strike of various employes, including actors and chorus members, against the local music hall managers, has brought about peculiar complications. The strikers are now bending their energies toward keeping the more prominent of the stage folk from appearing in the music halls until their grievances are adjusted. Famous actresses and ten-dollar a week chorus girls are standing picket guard side by side.

In this fight Mrs. James Brown Potter has appeared as a strike-breaker. Camille Clifford, another American actress, however, yielded to the persuasions of the pickets and deserted the managers.

"PROFESSORS" MEET A REAL SOCIALIST

Debate in Omaha Causes Pitiful Display of Ignorance of Great Movement by Its Opponents

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 19.—Business college professors of this city were given a lesson not only in socialism, but in business as well, by Carl D. Thompson and G. C. Porter, editor of the Socialist Herald.

The professors invited Mr. Thompson, a representative in the Wisconsin legislature, and Mr. Porter to debate socialism with them.

The debate was held Friday night, Jan. 18, at the Lyric Theater, with every seat in the theater taken. The professors began their opposition to socialism by denouncing socialists as demagogues, disturbers of the peace, and other stereotyped names, commonly used against socialism by preachers in their sermons to arouse dread for socialism in the hearts of their good old parishioners.

When Thompson and Porter came upon the scene with cool, logical, sound facts of social economy, and analyzed each and every phase of present industrial system, the professors were at a loss to meet their arguments.

The idea of finding in a socialist a man who knows more of the business administration of the country than "professors" in a commercial college know, simply was unheard of, and these professors were forced to take a back seat in the arguments.

Nearly a Route

The following from one who attended this debate is interesting:

"Perhaps the most enjoyed statement of the evening was that of one of the professors who was telling how very bad the socialist leaders are. He had told about several and then stated that he would like to tell us some things about Debs."

"But at the mention of Debs' name, enthusiasm of socialists could not restrain itself, and instead of listening to a condemnation, prolonged applause for our great standard bearer made the Lyric theater building to re-echo."

"It was several minutes before the professor could go on. The enthusiasm for Debs was so general that the denunciation never came. Once again was the name of Debs mentioned and again the applause followed. The unexpected and general enthusiasm for him seemed to disconcert the professors."

"Their lack of argument was so manifest to the listeners that they seemed to feel oppressed by it, and the rout was as near complete as it was possible."

The debate resulted in the conversion of many of the audience to socialism. More such debates would do excellent work in clearing up the minds of many from the foolish notions which they have about socialism.

NEWS BOYS REAP PROFIT

Milk Company Pay Ten Cents a Copy for The Chicago Daily Socialist

News boys in the vicinity of Fifty-fifth street and Prairie avenue are reaping a harvest this week.

Monday night, the night the Chicago Daily Socialist printed the cartoon depicting Death riding in front of a milk company wagon, men, supposed to be agents of the milk company bought all the papers the boys had at ten cents a copy.

The next day they did the same thing, only five cents was the limit paid.

"REMOVE" TYRANT

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.—Col. Pashkewsky, chief of police of Letzma, and former chief of police of Lodz, was shot and killed by a terrorist.

Pashkewsky was notorious for suppressing strikes and dealing in the most severe terms with striking workmen. He was hated by the entire community, and his removal is a source of relief to the inhabitants of Letzma.

WHERE IS TOM LASWON: THE MUCKRAKER?

Amalgamated Copper Approaching Complete Monopoly in Spite of Financial Expense

New York, Jan. 24.—Amalgamated Copper interests are now preparing to go on their way rejoicing.

They will carry out what they proposed to do when "the company was first organized, contract the copper output of the country. For eight years they have been putting Amalgamated on the financial footing they desire, and in a position to take over the leading copper producers in three combinations.

The first combination included the Montana companies. Mr. Heinze proved something of a stumbling block here, and it took time and money to remove him, but the Montana properties have now gone into the control of Amalgamated.

The second combination is made up of lake properties, and it is predicted in financial circles that within a month there will be a consolidation of the lake properties that will take in all the active producers outside of Calumet and Hecla. This will include a number of properties that will be among the richest producers in the future.

Where Is Tom Lawson?

The third combination includes the Arizona properties. With these three regions in the control of Amalgamated, the great copper-bearing regions of the country will be entirely monopolized by that company.

It is estimated that when the Amalgamated company gets through with its absorption plans it will have 250,000,000 pounds of Arizona copper production and 125,000,000 pounds of lake production, which with 300,000,000 pounds of Montana output, which it now controls, will give that company 675,000,000 pounds of copper production per annum.

This will make it the controlling factor in the world's copper market.

All this has happened since Tom Lawson wrote his famous expose of Amalgamated Copper. Tom's great plan to wreck big business evidently is not working.

The Hustlers' Column Words From the Field At Home and Abroad

Senator Beveridge's speech in the United States senate on child labor was in this office, set into type and all ready to be published yesterday, but the "release" did not come until the paper had gone to press. Had the daily been operating its own plant the story could have been published.

This paper is being issued under difficulties that would stagger any kind of people but "dreamy Socialists."

Have patience, comrades, and soon the day will be running along well up with the leaders in the race to get the news out fresh and hot from the griddle. Get a new subscriber today and hasten the day when your newspaper will be the best in the world. It should be the greatest newspaper in the world, for it has behind it the greatest influence for human welfare in the world.

Local Hartford, Conn., is under the wire with an order for eight subscribers in the contest for control of stock. They are enthusiastic and say they will quickly close in and win their share of stock.

Every stockholder of the Workers' Publishing company should make an extra effort if necessary to be present at the meeting next Sunday. This stockholders' meeting will have many important things up for decision, and those who are not there have no right to complain if things are not done to their liking. The meeting will be at 155 Randolph street, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Frank J. Milefchik added \$50 to the loan fund today, raising it to \$7,995. The next shove will send it well over into the eight thousand rank. But the amount needed is ten thousand dollars, and it is needed quick.

The time is short now to make Socialists for the municipal election. The surest, swiftest way to make them is to increase the circulation of the Daily Socialist. There are many wards that can be carried for Socialism this spring if the comrades will see to it that the Daily Socialist has a chance to talk to the voters in those wards. Never before have we had such an engine propaganda. See that we use it to the utmost.



Grand Opera House—Mr. Mantell as "Brutus" in "Julius Caesar."

Illinois—Grand English Opera company in "Madam Butterfly."

Powers—William Gillette in "Clarice."

Garrick—Richard Golden in "The Tourists."

La Salle—"The Time, the Place and the Girl."

Studebaker—Lena Ashwell and Guy Stauding.

Chicago Opera House—"Alabama."

Colonial—Carle in "The Spring Chicken."

New Theatre—"The Masquerade."

McVickers—Jessie Busley.

Majestic—Anna Eva Fay, etc.

Olympic—Junie McCree and company, etc.

Haymarket—Four Harveys, etc.

Coliseum—Electric show.

CELEB. WAR IN AFRICA

Tangier, Jan. 24.—Fighting between government troops and the forces of Raisuli, the bandit, is in progress in the Beni country, where Raisuli is entrenched. Reports received here say the entire country near Raisuli's camp has been devastated. Thirty villages have been burned and all the women and children in the places were massacred.

NEWS AND COMMENT

The United States senate yesterday, by a vote of 53 to 21, decided that the poor wage slave servants in the capitol are not receiving the full value of their labors, and therefore voted \$7,500 salaries to all congressmen and \$12,000 to the speaker of the house, vice-president and cabinet members.

The Smithsonian Institute in Washington, which is conducted at an expense to the government of \$986,850 a year, has a new head in the person of S. D. Walcott. He is elected as secretary and directive head.

Five Cuban generals, all liberals, decided to demand Gov. Magoon's fulfillment of the Taft-Bacon pact. Should he refuse they will appeal to Roosevelt, after which they will be better able to judge what to do.

A maid in the service of Queen Olga of Greece has been arrested charged with the theft of diamonds valued at \$2,000 from ornaments belonging to her majesty. The maid substituted paste imitations for the real stones.

Augustine Birrell, president of the board of education and liberal member of parliament for North Bristol, has been appointed chief secretary for Ireland in succession to James Bryce. Reginald McKenna, member of parliament for North Monmouthshire, will be president of the board of education.

The immense sum of \$83,466,138 is recommended by the house committee on improvement and reconstruction of rivers and harbors; \$190,000 to be used in the survey of a deep waterway from St. Louis to the Gulf of Mexico.

A New York theatre has inaugurated a novel scheme for drawing unaccompanied women to evening performances. If a woman comes alone all she will have to do is notify the management and there will be a uniformed escort ready at the time she desires.

Officials of employment agencies are objecting to bills being presented in the Illinois legislature prohibitory to certain practices which employment agencies are wont to engage in.

The fuel famine in Nevada is to be relieved by at least one train load of coal consisting of seven hundred tons, for Reno, Nev. J. A. Stubbs of the University of Nevada came to Chicago as a committee from the famine stricken inhabitants and will accompany the coal to his home to see that it is delivered.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Telephone Manufacturers' Association was held at the Auditorium yesterday to discuss the probability of an independent telephone plant. The members decided that an independent company can equip and install everything in the course of two months. Levy Mayer is behind this company.

A movement to prevent the increase of insanity is being considered by the state board of charities. There is talk of establishing a psychopathic institute to educate physicians to recognize the symptoms of insanity and to give proper preventive treatment.

Carter H. Harrison has formally written his acceptance of the nomination for mayor on the Democratic ticket if it is handed to him. This leaves the Dunne and Harrison factions a clear field to fight for the nomination.

The Alexander H. Revell Republic an boom appears to be gaining considerable ground. The slogan of the Revell hustlers is "a business man for mayor," and business men seem to agree, as a great list of them are known to be his supporters.

Carter H. says in a letter to the committee instructed to get

Indicting Criminals

Chicago's terrible epidemic of scarlet fever grows worse daily. That epidemic has been caused and perpetuated by conditions which could have been avoided.

The children who are falling victims to that plague are being murdered by a criminal conspiracy. That these criminals are not wholly aware of what they are doing may lessen their individual responsibility, but in so far as we grant them intelligence we must hold them to responsibility.

As the first criminal, responsible for the introduction of this epidemic is the great milk trust, that FOR PROFIT brought in milk from a fever-infected district.

The proof of this is so complete that no one dares deny it. OUT OF 145 CASES IN THE CITY OF EVANSTON, 144 WERE PATRONS OF THIS MILK COMPANY.

The second criminal in this indictment cannot plead ignorance. This criminal is the daily press of Chicago.

The editors of every daily in Chicago knew that the Borden Milk Company was responsible for the introduction of this plague. They knew that the publication of that fact at once would save the lives of hundreds.

Yet not one of them dared mention the name of Borden until they were goaded into it by the Daily Socialist. Then it was made as inconspicuous as possible.

That this was not through any desire to save reputations or to avoid personal injury was seen when a few days later a list of little dairies was published by everyone of these same papers.

These little dairies had been found to be filthy by Commissioner Bartzon, and doubtless deserved condemnation.

Yet not one of these were shown to have been the cause of infection or disease. But Borden, the proven dispenser of infected milk, escapes condemnation because his company is big enough to murder by wholesale instead of singly.

A third criminal in this indictment is Health Commissioner Whalen. His subserviency to capitalist interests has always been so subservient, his incapacity for the office he occupies so complete, his willingness to do anything rather than that for which he is supposed to be paid so notorious that it would have been too much to expect him to be anything more than a subservient tool of the "business interests" that own him body and soul.

The fourth criminal, more indefinite, more elusive, more responsible, is the PROFIT SYSTEM OF CAPITALISM, and ALL THOSE WHO VOTE FOR AND ASSIST IN ANY WAY TO MAINTAIN IT.

So long as it pays to sell fever-infected milk, so long as newspapers are run for profit and not to tell the truth, so long as officials owe their position to capitalist politicians, so long as a majority of the people vote for these things SO LONG WILL THE BABES OF THIS AND EVERY OTHER CITY BE SLAUGHTERED THAT PROFITS MAY RISE HIGHER AND HIGHER.

Show Them Something, Comrades!

The Socialist Party of Chicago has an opportunity to do something right now that will be the most striking expression of its solidarity, its discipline, its capacity for work and ability to accomplish results that has ever been offered it.

The franchise grabbers are certain that they can prevent a referendum. They have control of nearly all of the capitalist press of Chicago.

The referendum organizations are themselves disorganized, indefinite and incapable of any decisive action.

There is only one body of people in Chicago that can secure the signatures necessary to place the referendum questions upon the ballot next Spring.

THAT BODY OF PEOPLE IS THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CHICAGO.

Local Cook County can turn the trick if it wishes.

With its 2,500 disciplined organized workers it can secure these signatures in forty-eight hours.

Let's just take that much time to show what we can do.

Once upon a time a smallpox epidemic threatened Berlin. The German government felt that the lives of many depended upon the immediate circulation of certain letters of instruction. All the various distributing agencies, governmental and private, were consulted, but none of them would agree to reach all Berlin in a single day. Then some one remembered the Socialists, with their power to distribute hundreds of thousands of propaganda leaflets in a few hours. The headquarters of the party were communicated with. The job was undertaken and every house in Berlin reached in less than twelve hours.

It was a demonstration of strength that struck terror to the hearts of German officialdom.

We can do as much in Chicago. We have the machinery, and now is a good time to show it.

There is no need to call upon the official machinery of the party. We are not sure that the occasion would justify it. But through the Daily Socialist we can reach the army of workers that can get these signatures, and get them quick.

Let's do it, comrades. Just for a joke on Morgan. He has played many a scurvy trick on the workers. Let us show him that there is a power he knew not of, and that when it chooses to rouse itself something is done and done sudden.

CALL OR SEND TO THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY SOCIALIST FOR A PETITION TODAY AND HAVE IT BACK FILLED WITH NAMES BEFORE NEXT MONDAY.

MAKE CHICAGO SIT UP AND WATCH THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

A SPECIMEN

Socialists are tempted to think Roosevelt insincere. Not so. He is a specimen—a sample. No better example of the reformer mind could be found. He hopes to overcome gigantic stealing with its accompaniment of murder and other crime by appealing to a public sentiment, which upholds the idle man sharing the working man's product. He expects the support of a public press whose existence depends upon the patronage of those whom he expects them to assail. He expects to see the details of trust-busting executed by a horde of petty officials who owe their jobs to those who are to be overthrown. He fights trusts through the functions of a cabinet selected from among men dependent upon trusts. He appeals to a congress whose members were nominated and elected by the trusts. He bargains with a senate whose members are divided between owners of and tools of the trusts. He looks for support to a supreme court carefully chosen by the trusts in

view of this very issue. He expects to win. He is a specimen—a sample. There are others. We have them all to educate. C. J. PICKER.

What Some of Our Friends Say

It is a disgrace to the working class of Chicago that they have not long since subscribed not \$10,000, but \$30,000. Where is the Socialist who cannot afford to give one dollar to the cause of a free press? I am a religious teacher receiving less than the average hod-carrier, yet I found I could give my one dollar, and I am willing to add five more to it in monthly instalments of one dollar each. The price of liberty to-day, as always, must be paid by sacrifice, and if the workers of Chicago realized how much is at stake they would go on a diet of bread and water for a week rather than see this project, pregnant with untold possibilities, fail. Fraternally yours, WALTER HENRY MACPHERSON, Chicago.



John D.—"I hope there will be no tainted money remarks from anyone."

The Chicago University will receive \$3,000,000 from Rockefeller as a gift to superannuated professors.—News Item.

THE STORY OF AN ALSO RAN HOW SHE WON THE NEW YORK HANDICAP

There was once an ambitious society dame, with assertive ears and insistent shoulder blades, whose name was always lumped in the Society Columns with a lot of Also-rans. None of her ancestors had laced up their shoes, or earned any money for fifteen generations, so every body was wise to the fact that she was Class; but when it came to a distinguished gathering or a freak entertainment she wasn't even in the money. Her parents had carried her about from one high stake meet to another and she married her Last Chance; but her husband couldn't put up enough dough to give Money Parties or introduce celebrities, and she knew it was up to her to make a showing of knowledge herself outclassed. So she decided to become a Sociologist. She didn't join any of the well-known clubs, because she knew there were generally a couple of members with real gray matter, who stood ready to call all bluffs. But she studied the dope and trained in private. At last she hit upon a scheme. She bought a cheap, ready-made suit for \$27.50 and put her Jewels in the Family Vault. Then she disguised herself as a Working Girl and went out to study the Lower Element. She got a job in a candy factory and dipped chocolates at \$3.00 a week for TWO DAYS. Then she went home and wrote a

book about The Working Girl and Her Habits. She said if the Lower Classes would only learn Contentment and put their money in the Bank, instead of taking street car rides and buying imitation jewelry, they would be able to live wholesomely on \$1.79 a week. She said there was nothing so noble as Useful Toil and went down to Florida to rest up for the season, after her Literary Exertions. All the High-salaried ministers preached sermons on the philosophy of the new book. A Great Statesman wrote the newspapers endorsing Her Sentiments. And the Four Hundred was jolted to its foundations when it read of a Real Lady staining her fingers with chocolate. So the Long Shot left the Field at the Half Mile and won easily. The Authoress cashed enough tickets to have her house piped with Champagne, and the Papers all refer to her now as "One of our most brilliant Sociological Writers." Last year a worn-out West Side seamstress wrote the Story of her Life. The publishers returned her MSS with "Regrets." They said The Public wouldn't pay to learn what a commonplace person had to say on an everyday subject with which she was prosaically familiar.

Platform of Chicago Federation of Labor

This organization aims to secure the emancipation of the laborer from the bonds of wage-slavery, but realizing that this object can only be obtained after years of patient effort and the perfect organization and education of the working masses, will, as the means to that end endeavor. SECTION 1. To bring within the folds of organization every department of productive industry in this city and vicinity, upon a strict recognition of the autonomy of each trade and the promotion and advancement of such bodies for the purpose of securing their cooperation in defending and advancing the interests of the working classes. SECTION 2. To assist each other in receiving fair remuneration for labor and forcing recognition of our rights as free citizens to join and participate in any organization not in violation of the laws of the land, and enforce that right by withdrawing and using our utmost influence to induce others to withdraw all patronage from any employer who seeks to control the mind as well as the labor of the workers. SECTION 3. To examine and discuss all questions affecting the interests of the working classes, and take such action as will tend to improve their conditions. SECTION 4. To secure sanitary inspection of mines, factories, dwellings, and all conditions of labor. SECTION 5. To secure the payment of wages in lawful money and the abolition of truck pay. SECTION 6. To secure abolition of the competition of convict labor, whereby a premium is placed upon crime and honest labor degraded. SECTION 7. To abolish child labor under sixteen years of age. SECTION 8. To shorten the hours of labor to eight and to secure equal pay for equal service for both men and women. SECTION 9. To advance the sale of union-

made articles bearing the union label and educate the people to the necessity of demanding union-made goods, all labels to be registered in and adopted by the American Federation of Labor. SECTION 10. To secure sufficient courts and methods to give a speedy trial of all cases in law and equity and thus recognize personal right and establish justice. SECTION 11. To secure the adoption of a Constitutional amendment requiring the election of the President and Vice-President, United States Senators, and all judges of the United States courts by the direct vote of the people. SECTION 12. To secure the election of the Chicago Board of Education by direct vote of the people. SECTION 13. To secure public ownership of all public utilities. SECTION 14. To secure thorough reform of the judiciary. SECTION 15. To secure prohibition of gambling in stocks and the necessities of life. SECTION 16. To secure municipal ownership and operation of water, gas and electric light plants, telephones, and all street railroads overhead, surface and underground, to be operated by the municipality in the interest of the people. SECTION 17. To have all municipal work performed directly by the municipality without intervention of contractors. SECTION 18. To secure the abolition of the fee system in all public offices. SECTION 19. To secure the abolition of the tenement house and sweat-shop system. SECTION 20. To secure the adoption of the initiative and referendum and imperative mandate. SECTION 21. To bring about the correction of the present system of selecting Grand Jurors, whereby all classes of citizens may be represented thereon properly.

A Laugh or A Smile By P. B.

Exactly "Borum took an ocean voyage a few months ago and now he talks so incessantly about it that it makes one sick." "Ah, I see. Sort of seasick, eh?" Gov. Swettenham says his letter to Admiral Davis was merely intended to be humorous. It succeeded, for the whole world has been laughing at him ever since. The plant of the "Burning Bush," the official organ of the Holy Jumpers, burned out the other day. A thaw is productive of slush. A Thaw trial is likely also to produce the same article. Col. Henry Watterson has been in Europe several months now, and he hasn't written a single letter back to advise the country what to do during his absence.

He Did

"But do you love me alone?" asked the young woman who likes to be assured. "Why, certainly. I love you when you are just as much as when you are in a crowd." The name of Senator Hansbrough will become famous if the fuel famine lasts long enough. The czar has written some bad poetry. This is not the way to win the sympathy of either his own or any other people.

Radical Reform

"I see here where some reformer has started a movement for all women to wear men's clothes." "Ah, that would abolish petticoat government, wouldn't it?" "This is one. I hope you "tumble." —Besique.

Express Companies and Franchises

A number of railroad companies are about to throw out bodily without explanation or a cent of damages express companies that have large sums of money invested in offices, typewriters and shipping tags. The childish reason the railroads give for thus destroying the value of the property of the express companies is that their contracts have expired. The franchise, as it were, has run out. Chicago aldermen will not be able to understand how any set of men can be so inhuman. The aldermen propose to pay to the street railway companies thousands of dollars for expired franchises. The Burlington railroad refuses to deal with the Adams Express Company on any such a basis, and strange to say the express company, though run

The Class Struggle and the Shea Trial

That the jurors in the Shea trial should finally divide according to their class interests is but a fitting climax to the whole affair.

From beginning to end the really contesting parties have been the two great opposing classes in present society.

On one side stood the State Street stores, headed by the Field Estate and Montgomery Ward, with the Employers' Association behind it.

To secure their ends they bribed, intimidated, imported hired thugs, incited to riot, and turned loose upon the city of Chicago as desperate a band of cut-throats as a depraved capitalism could produce.

On the other side stood the organized workers of Chicago. We shall not declare that their officers were saints or that they fought always with feather dusters and bottles of eau de cologne. Great battles are seldom waged with these weapons.

The issues at stake are profits for ownership upon the one side, wages for labor upon the other.

This battle was continued into the court room. The judge, belonging to the ruling owning class, threw the weight of his influence in favor of the State Street stores.

There is no person with sense enough to safeguard him from purchasing the Masonic Temple from the first affable stranger he meets who does not believe that the case for the State was prepared in the office of the attorneys of the Employers' Association, and that when this trial is finished Attorney Miller will not be able to retire from the law business in comfort. And he did not receive any fortune from the state either. How much he received from STATE STREET is another matter.

When the case went to the jury room it was found that three of the jurors were still upon the payroll of the forces that were prosecuting the men. This does not mean that those men were consciously corrupt. But they needed those jobs. They took their mental impressions from the same source they took their pay checks. In this they were like thousands of other laborers.

There were several men on that jury who had begun to do their own thinking.

They were working-men with a working-class mind. They saw the real issues at stake in the trial. That they should vote against conviction was inevitable.

Now each side is trying to carry the case into a different sort of court. The capitalist side, realizing their strength in the legislative department of government, and its possession of the bench, is preparing to destroy the right of trial by jury, or at least to so corrupt it that none but the capitalist-minded men can secure a place in the jury box. At the same time it seeks to extend the power of the judge.

The working class, too, is preparing to carry the battle to a still higher court—the court of the ballot-box. It appeals to this court for the same reasons that the capitalist appeals to the present legislature and judiciary, because it knows that here it is supreme.

As yet the workers do not move with the precision and certainty, that marks the movements of their opponents. THEY ARE LESS CLASS CONSCIOUS. They have a less clear recognition of their own interests. THEY STILL RECEIVE THEIR IDEAS TO A LARGE EXTENT FROM THEIR EXPLOITERS.

But events are teaching the workers the lesson of solidarity and class action on political lines. Soon they will know it. Then the issues of the Shea case will be fought and won for labor. THEN THERE WILL BE NO APPEAL.

We would not prevent the giving of a single cent by the trade-unions of Chicago for the defense of Shea and his fellows. There must be no weakening in the fight at any point.

But we would call their attention to the fact that if they would use but one-half the money that they will be forced to spend in this case in educating their members to a realization of the necessity of fighting at the ballot-box, they could save their funds from future demands in this direction.

The Honeycomb and the Bee

It would be unwise to interfere with the working bees; better allow them to continue gathering honey during their lives.—ANDREW CARNEGIE, in the "North American Review." Working, working, working bee. Gather, gather, gather honey. Gather it in lumps for me! (Doesn't it sound very funny?) Let me boss your busy hive— Work the "organizing" racket; And the profit I derive From your labour I will whack it. Prithee, Busy Bee, push on With your work, and don't be sparing; Work like an automaton, And I'll do the profit-sharing. Here's my system; All to me, Whilst you pouch what's then remaining; I'll throw in a library, With some books the game explaining. Bless the gods that I exist, With my equity and learning— Andrew the Philanthropist!— Thank me for what I'm returning. With some books the game explaining. Let me air my knowledge humble: In the honeycomb are cells— This is one. I hope you "tumble." —Besique.

HE WAS A FAILURE

He struggled hard for an existence In a world grown cold with counting, pelf. He lov'd the meanest thing in the world Even greater than he lov'd himself. He found time to weep and time to smile, Book and pen were his heavenly joy, He did not struggle for power and gold, God for him was in every Boy.

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