

M. E. CHURCH AND LABOR AT WAR

Great Religious Organization Is for Open Shop in Its Business Institution

UNION PREACHERS HOW-EVER HAVE CLOSED SHOP

Efforts to Run a Big Commercial Enterprise Cause Working Class to Turn From the Christian Temples

The Methodist church and organized labor have broken.

The church, which for scores of years has drawn its membership from the working class, will henceforward be shunned by organized labor throughout the country, as it arrayed itself against organized labor in a fight for the open shop.

It lined up with "business" and has adopted "business ethics."

Labor leaders and organizations of Chicago have long hesitated about bringing about this final rupture with the church. Now, however, war between organized labor and the Methodist church has been determined upon.

The first acts of hostility will be in a few days, when the Chicago Federation of Labor will order all affiliated members to withdraw from that church and to sever all connections with it.

Is It a Joke?

Upon the face of it, this may seem a joke," said President Fitzpatrick, of the Chicago Federation of Labor, "but it is not. It is in deadly earnest. We have done all we could to bring about a peaceful settlement of the trouble between the Western Methodist Book Concern and Typographical Union No. 16, but failed.

"Big manufacturers and business men find it to their advantage to run closed shops. The Methodist Book Concern, which grew from the people and of the people, refuses to be for the people, refuses to grant the closed shop demand of organized labor.

"We do not mean to hurt anybody's feelings, but simply to protect the interests of organized labor. We must either have the closed shop policy enforced in the Western Methodist Book Concern or else we must have our members withdraw their support from that church."

John C. Harding, of Typographical Union No. 16, and member of the school board, declared that the Methodist church greatly discredited itself in the eyes of organized labor.

"I know of several instances where laborers scored their Methodist ministers for not urging the congress to grant the demands of the geographical union. In several cases, members of trade unions stepped their ministers in the midst of a sermon, as soon as this subject was mentioned, and denied his assertions that the Methodist Book Concern is fair to organized labor, and that the concern could not consistently grant the eight-hour day."

Straube, Churchman

L. P. Straube, business manager of the Allied Printing Trades Council, who is usually a favorite with the clergy, and who filled the pulpit on various occasions, expressed his disgust with the action of the Methodist Book Concern.

"The church of today," Mr. Straube said, "has degenerated into a mock heroic bundle of hypocrisy. It has become a commercialized institution for the benefit of a small dominating class. We could not expect anything else from the Methodist Book Concern or any other similar organization. They have all along ignored the interests of the working people. They forget that charity begins at home, and never think of saving the bodies as well as the souls of the sons and daughters of the working people who are employed in State street department stores or similar places. Oh, no. They are too prudent for that. These exploiters are the pillars of this great commercial institution, which is a mockery upon real Christianity."

Mr. Straube said that the position taken by the church upon this closed shop policy is the most undignified position it ever assumed and is bound to do it great harm.

Only two workers killed early today and all reports are not in

Cincinnati, Jan. 31.—A rear-end freight train collision on the Big Four railway at Trenton's station, near Delhi, this morning, resulted in the death of two tramps. The dead are Conductor James Daily of Osgood, Ind., and brakeman Thomas Wilson of Columbus, Ind.

You can get a share of stock in this paper by putting fifty names on the subscription list.

OH, GOOD! SOCIETY GO IS GLAD

Royal Billy Gives the Palmer Set a Consol General

Lake Shore society will henceforth have the pleasure of meeting in its ranks not a plain consul, but a consul general.

Dr. Walther Wever, head of the German consulate in Chicago, received a cablegram from Berlin that he was promoted to the rank of consul general by the kaiser on his birthday, January 27. The title, however, does not benefit Dr. Wever financially.

"The kaiser, like tober kings of industry, is lavish in his expenditure of words and praises, but very shy on expending cash.

UNIONS STRONGLY OBJECT TO JURY SYSTEM ACT

Effort Made to Obliviate Expense and Time in Cases Like Shea Trial

Springfield, Jan. 30.—The Civic Federation's bill providing for the special jury system to obviate the expense and waste of time in cases similar to the Shea trial, is flying signals of distress, and has raised strong opposition.

While the discussion was unfavorable to the measure, no action was taken, it being decided to give the Chicago framers of the bill a chance to argue their own case before the committee on February 13.

Labor unions are against the bill on account of the opportunities for the jury commissioners to "pack" the juries in important cases.

BROADSIDES FIRED AT FOOL SYSTEM

Battle-Scarred Veteran, Captain Callahan, Reports "for Duty"

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 31.—Comrades: In regard to my arrest, the case was dismissed; reason, lack of evidence to prosecute, and the old veteran of '61 is again free and now firing broadside after broadside into the ranks of the enemy with two of the most powerful siege guns on the planet—the Appeal to Reason and Chicago Daily Socialist. They did not spike my guns this time. I still hold the fort.—J. Callahan.

Captain Callahan is a dangerous man. He hopes to destroy with his guns the present system of anarchical distribution, and establish a system in which those who produce will get what they produce. The capitalist interests had better get the old fighter in the guard house, double chained, under a guard of thirty men and three sergeants, and keep him there.

WILD, DIZZY FINANCE BY RAILROAD KINGS

[Scripps-McRae Press Association.] New York, Jan. 31.—With recent stock and bond issues of railroads and industrial corporations exceeding the national debt by many millions, the stock market today is a fit of financial indignation, and security values are slumping heavily. Since the first of the year over a billion dollars has been lost in the market values to share-holders all over the country.

The stupendous stock increases of the Northwestern railroads, followed by the insatiable demands for money by eastern trunk lines, have glutted the market with securities reaching far above the billion dollar mark and exceeding by many millions the \$775,000,000 national debt of the United States.

Hailed by the inability to obtain more money, several railroads have announced the suspension of contemplated improvements. Interest rates are the highest for years, and many roads, including the New York Central, have resorted to the sale of short term 5 per cent notes. Some of the railroads, anxious to secure funds for improvement purposes, have sold their notes on a 6 per cent basis.

Brokers have drawn upon every available source of money supply for funds, and the country banks from here to the west, have sold millions in this city to secure the high interest returns.

"GRATUITOUS" TOWN IN A NEW AND JUICY SCANDAL

Everyone "On the Make" From Janitor to Mayor—"Innocent" Too Strong

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 31.—This town is the "graftiest" burg in the United States. Here are a few of the cases: Dougherty, prize "business man," pinched, and in the pen for all sorts of bad things. Friends "blowed" safe and stole evidence to friends Dougherty.

Charges against Mayor A. M. B. Tolson, Chief of Police Charles Wilson, Chief Magistrate Frank Fox, and City Clerk Robert Jones.

This will probably bring into the fold former Mayor F. H. Woodruff and several other old men on funny happenings. Also Andy Jones, a janitor, Charles Enger and Sheriff Potter.

The charges range from a "raised" laundry bill to "high finance."

WIRE RATES UP

New York, Jan. 31.—The Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies notified the Chicago Produce Exchange management and other senders of commercial messages that the rates from Chicago have been raised from 25 to 40 cents. The change was necessitated, the companies claim, by the railroad rate bill which forbids discrimination in interstate commerce. Heretofore these exchanges received cut rates.

In Europe, where the government owns the telegraph lines, the rates are constantly decreased, and the charges paid to telegraphers are increased.



THREE MINDS WITH BUT A SINGLE THOUGHT

MOTHER JONES ON THE MINE DISASTER

Black Holes of Virginia Murder Workers—Improvements Would Save Many Lives

"TO HELL WITH THEM; WE WANT DIVIDENDS"

Samuel Dixon, Heartless Exploiter of Hopeless Diggers, Their Wives and Their Children

It Was Murder

"Mother Jones, whose insight into the working conditions of the United States is, perhaps, as complete as any living person, was in Chicago today and drew a vivid word picture of the surroundings of the Fayette county, Virginia, mining district in which seventy miners were killed yesterday.

She lays at the door of the officials of the White Oak mine the charge of murder, telling in detail how they evaded the law and how, by the proper distribution of air and ventilation, and a little extra expense, the awful catastrophe could have been averted.

"The miners of this district were practically murdered," she said. "This is not the first time that accidents of this kind have happened and the official of the mine, Mr. Samuel Dixon, has been warned time and time again that there was great danger to the miners under existing conditions, and they were pointed out to him. His answer was, 'To hell with improvements! We want dividends.'"

"Several years ago, when that district was just opening up as a mining center, I was there and tried to tell the miners what fools they were to work for a 'devil' and get a mere existence out of it.

"More than three thousand miners met at midnight in a clump of woods near the mine and listened to my talk on 'Organization.'"

"I can see that picture today. The men clad in their rough working clothes; interested; hearing the truth, but fearful of themselves; weakened in spirit and will by long hours and brutal treatment; at times, at the height of enthusiasm, then sinking back to stolid indifference—hope, lost.

"Personally, I investigated the mines, going over miles of 'runways,' seeing thousands of men at work—working under conditions that I knew, and they knew, threatened their lives every minute.

Butchers Form Delivery Trust

Rural Town Comes to Front With Blow at Anarchy in Distribution

House Wives Miss Smiling Faces of Discarded Drivers Who Must Look for Another Job

By J. REMWICK SLOAT (Special Correspondent.)

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It now costs the markets \$25 to \$100 each week to deliver to their customers. At present twenty-five carts, twenty-five horses, and twenty-five men are required to do the work, but with the proposed new system, to be put in operation about the middle of February, only ten will be needed.

Money Saved

With the twelve and a half to fifty dollars per week thus saved to each market, a nice little bunch of dough tucked away upon the credit side of the ledger, might cheer the hungry proletariat with the prospect of cheaper meat.

Will It?

Well, it scarcely looks that way, for simultaneously with this new project certain meat products have advanced twenty-five per cent, as a starter. But do you blame them?

By no means, they are simply profiting by the tip we give them by our endorsement of the "system" at each election.

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DUCK SHOES AND STRAW HATS IN NEW YORK

Jamaica Refugees Shiver in Tropical Garments When Facing Snow Storm

[Scripps-McRae Press Association.] New York, Jan. 31.—After many years in tropical Jamaica and with only the airy summer clothing that they wore when the earthquake wiped out Kingston, thirty shivering refugees are prisoners on the steamship Thames, at the Royal Mail dock today. All of them have white duck shoes and straw hats.

They could buy nothing on the island because there was nothing to buy, and they had nothing with which to pay. Homeless, penniless, chilled through and without any particular hope, they are muddled in the ship waiting to board a Cunard liner on Saturday and go to Liverpool.

"They know only that they wish to get back to England—and then what! They know not. Most have lost relatives; all have lost friends and fortune. The relief committee provided only the steamer tickets.

SOCIALIST VICTORY IN THE GERMAN ELECTION

Vote of Working Class Party Is Increased Fifteen Per Cent—Capitalists Are Combining

Berlin, Jan. 30.—Now that the smoke of the election battle has cleared, the conservative parties, and especially the center, have found that they have no cause for rejoicing over the election results.

The Socialist party has been the gainer in this election by 15 per cent. The fact that it lost twenty seats in the Reichstag is simply due to the fact that all the conservative parties united against the Socialists, realizing that this is a struggle for life with them.

An instance of this intense activity of the conservative parties is found in the large number of students who turned out to the polls in this election.

For weeks before the election the students of the German universities had been made to neglect their studies, drink beer and shout "Hoeh der Kaiser."

The capitalist papers kept on urging upon them the gravity of the situation and telling them that the fatherland is in danger of being swallowed up and controlled by the "reds." This could not but stir up the jingo element in Germany, foremost among whom are the students.

The loss of the twenty-two seats in parliament is acknowledged by even the conservatives to be due merely to this stirring up of the jingo elements of the German people. It does not in any way indicate the strength of one party and the weakness of another.

All the capitalist papers are now preparing for the rebalancing in February. They all admit, however, that the government stands no show of gaining any more seats from the Socialists, as the seats which it has gained were not a natural gain, but a mere play of chance and of the jingo feelings of a considerable portion of the German population.

QUAKES NEAR AT HOME CAUSE ALARM

Vandalia, Ill., Jan. 31.—Every building in Vandalia was shaken by an earthquake at 11:30 last night. Many persons were aroused from deep sleep. The shock was accompanied by a loud rumbling.

Highland, Ill., Jan. 31.—An earthquake shock was felt here by a number of persons at 11:30 o'clock last night. The telegraph operator at Greenville, between this city and Vandalia, reports a heavy shock.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 31.—Reports from various sections of the state bring news of severe earthquake shocks last evening, the tremors varying from four to five seconds to one minute. Spencer, Owen county, and Danville, Hendricks county, were more sensibly affected than other places.

At Danville people rushed from their homes into the streets and were panic-stricken. At the home of James McQuinn several pictures were shaken from the walls and the glass and china were rattled. Just across the street, in the home of Riley D. Sawder, the shock was equally perceptible.

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS ARE DRIVEN SLAVES

Attempts to Organize a Union Results in Active Members' Dismissal in Attempt at Terrorism

INSIDE STORY OF BIG CORPORATION MANAGEMENT

W. U. T. Company Has Hard System of "Disciplining"—It Will Fail, However, for the Union Is a Fact

"Pernicious activity" still prevails in the local office of the Western Union Telegraph company, which carries on its pay rolls upward of 1,200 operators, and examples are constantly being made of men who dare to speak above a whisper, and summarily dismissed without any explanation is the result.

"Pernicious activity," in the vocabulary of the great telegraph company, means the assertion of the right of free speech and the right to organize or to apply for increased wages as a body. His job is the price a man pays for the privilege of "agitating."

Standing out conspicuously in the past few days is the summary dismissal of a telegraph operator named MacDonald for the alleged offense of "pernicious activity."

MacDonald, while not a member of the Telegraphers' union, was nevertheless active in circulating a petition to the Western Union board of directors, praying for a 10 per cent increase in wages, or, in other words, pleading for a restitution of the rate of pay that obtained twelve years ago, when living expenses were 50 per cent less than today.

Petition Sent to Throes

The petition ignored all titled officials, and was sent straight to the "throes," and simultaneously similar petitions were forwarded from all other cities in the United States with upward of 25,000 signatures.

Chief Operator L. K. Whitcomb, who had served the company for three consecutive years in the same office, was dismissed on Jan. 1, and A. B. Cowan was appointed in his stead.

Whitcomb's alleged cause of discharge was given as "being too good to the men." Whitcomb is a man of judgment, and realizing the spirit of independence in his employes, forebore to discipline and enforce obsolete rules that were never made for any other purpose than to use in case it was desired to get rid of an employe without a valid excuse. But this was not the real reason.

Strong on Matrimony

Some years ago one John Charles Barclay was the night chief operator. When Barclay was not in jail he was endeavoring to keep his station. It is said that nearly every cell in the station has at one time or another been red in John Charles Barclay's name. Barclay's fame was his being treated as a married man and then getting bends large.

One of the reasons Barclay sought relief from was that he was awarded alimony. When John Charles was loath to pay, and a consequence he frequently languished in soiled cells.

Calls Barclay Perverted

Whitcomb, at variance with Barclay, held strict ideas on morality, and did not sympathize with Barclay's matrimonial adventures. Whitcomb, as chief operator, expressed the opinion that it was a shame that the office was compelled to associate with a moral pervert, and it was doubly humiliating in this case, where Barclay has over so many men and women. Barclay heard of Whitcomb's opinions, and vowed he would whip Mr. Whitcomb.

But Barclay has a taking way, making friends easily. Col. Robert C. Cowry, director of the defunct Dime Savings Bank, and vice-president and general manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, promoted Barclay over the heads of older employes and perhaps more capable ones; took him to New York, where Cowry was made president and Barclay assistant general manager.

From \$125 to \$10,000 Salary

Barclay's jump was quick and rapid. From \$125 per month to \$10,000 a year, together with a private car and expenses, made Barclay autocratic, and with Whitcomb under his authority he made short shrift of him.

Barclay, still holding to his economic ideas with the specter of another strike haunting him by night and day, is endeavoring to forestall such a catastrophe. His ideas are brutal, thoroughly in accord with his brute nature. And so he appoints Mr. Cowan chief operator over the heads of older men with instructions to "discipline."

Mr. Cowan has done his work well. The Western Union bulletin board is literally plastered with notices of disciplining. Of course, these notices are of no interest except to those particular operators disciplined, but the idea is to convey an ever-standing threat and hold the men in check.

Barred from Office

MacDonald, the operator previously referred to, immediately upon his dismissal joined the union and began organizing. He met with success, and this, reaching the ears of the officials, they barred him from the building.



Millinery Workers Labor in Filth and Misery for Pittance

Great Piece Work System—Women Faint Under Lash and Earn 18 Cents a Day

By AXEL PETERSON

To my washerwoman I said: "What line of work do you most wish for your little girl to follow when she is old enough to work?" Without a moment's hesitation she answered: "Millinery."

"Suppose," I questioned a caller, "you were obliged to earn your own living? What work would you choose as being most congenial and nearest in keeping with your present variable manner of living?"

Decides to Learn Trade. Turning to the "want columns" of the daily newspapers, I found them filled with advertisements for girls and women as millinery workers.

Refuses Employment Agents' Offer. The first of these proved to be the vicious "blind ad." of the employment agency.

Makes Her First "Creation". After trimming and lining these hats I was given stock tickets marked "Melba, 734," to sew on the rims.

THE COMING RACE

By BULWER LYTTON

These subterranean philosophers asserted that, by one operation of will which would perhaps call "atmospheric magnetism," they can influence the variations of temperature—in plain words, the weather; that by other operations, akin to those ascribed to mesmerism, electro-biology, force, etc., but applied scientifically through vril conductors, they can influence over minds, and animal and vegetable, to an extent surpassed in the romances of fiction.

CHAPTER IX.

It was not for some time, and until, by repeated trances, if they are so to be called, my mind became better prepared to interchange ideas with my entertainers, and more fully to comprehend differences of manners and customs, at first too strange to my experience to be seized by my reason, that I was enabled to gather the following details respecting the origin and history of this subterranean population, as portion of one of the great family race called the "Ara."

CHAPTER VIII.

When I once more awoke I saw by my bedside the child who had brought me to another world.

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Is Refused Pay. "I spent ten cents car fare today and it would not be worth while spending another dime for the entire amount. Couldn't you pay me now? You paid the other young lady," she asked.

Loses Her Enthusiasm. I was told that a few of the girls who were highly experienced in this slap, bang work, insensible to the roar of the elevated trains, impervious to the cigarette and tobacco smoke and heterogeneous odors, indifferent to the in-cessant noise of the city.

TRADE UNION MEETINGS. Shoe Workers' Joint Council No. 14—Meeting Friday evening at Bush Temple, P. W. Lee.

SOME SURPRISING STATISTICS. It is generally conceded that the negroes, as a class, are a little "shiftless," but in the North statistics show that, in proportion to population, there are only about one-twentieth as many negro partners as there are whites.

SIX MONTHS' POSTALS. The Chicago Daily Socialist now has a full supply of six months' daily subscription cards. These will be sold at \$3.00.

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ONE MAN DIES FOR TRACTION COMPANY

Old Limit Barnes and Ancient Cars are Destroyed—Three Injured

One man was burned to death, 100 of the street cars, which for twenty years or more have traveled listlessly over North Side thoroughfares, were consumed "snappily," and the old "limbs" of the Union Traction Company in North Clark street destroyed in a fire which burned fiercely for two hours early to-day.

The damage was \$200,000. Traffic was delayed for two hours. Starting in an explosion, which endangered the lives of fifty workmen and sent them scurrying for safety, the fire within twenty minutes turned the interior of the great car barns to a veritable furnace.

The explosions, heard for blocks around, caused great alarm among residents of the neighborhood. Thousands watched the flames as they destroyed the big building and its contents.

"Mere Detail" Dies James Mackus, 281 Fullerton avenue, a car cleaner, was the man who lost his life. He was overcome by the blast of heat and the fumes of gas following the explosion, and was unable to follow his fellow workmen to safety.

Among those injured were: Frank Carpenter, motorman, fell while escaping from barn; head struck against stone wall, causing scalp wound. Robert Mooney, lieutenant engine company No. 22; injured about head and face in explosion.

William Shields, pipeman engine company No. 22; slight bruises about head and body.

The injured men were cared for in nearby drug stores.

Electric Wire the Cause The fire started from an electric wire. The copper strand burned in two. One end, throwing showers of sparks, fell in a wide arc toward the floor. For a few seconds the wire twisted in midair. Then its fiery end swung toward the gas tank from which the men had been drawing gas to charge the tanks of trailer cars. As the wire and tank came in contact, the tank burst.

Some of the men who had watched the burning of the wire in alarm were felled by the force of the concussion as the tank blew up. As the wave of deadly vapor advanced it threw out branches of flame which reached all the upper corners of the wide room.

The men in the barn had a start of 100 feet on the advancing billow of flame and gas. They fled toward the front of the structure and reached doors leading to Clark street before the flames overtook them, but the garments of those in the rear were smoking when they staggered, half blinded and suffocated, into the open air.

Mr. Mason says he does not give out this information for the purpose of betraying military secrets, but to let the American people, who have been kept in ignorance of the true situation, know how utterly defenceless their big cities are.

CZAR MEN LIE ABOUT ELECTION

The early dispatches received by the Chicago Daily Socialist saying that the Russian government is printing false election returns for the Duma, in order to keep up some sort of an appearance before the bankers of Europe and the United States, are confirmed by the bureau dispatches to-day.

Yesterday the primary election for the members of the Duma came to an end in thirty-eight provinces comprising one-half of the total electorate in Russia.

The figures issued by the government which are, however, absolutely untrustworthy, are as follows: Conservative monarchists, 35 per cent. Moderate progressives, 40 per cent. Constitutional democrats and other extremists, 25 per cent.

It is certain that the third group, which includes the two Socialist parties in Russia, received far more than 25 per cent of the vote in the present election.

The government has already broken with the people in this election. In the provinces of Saratoff and Simbirsk, and in a number of other provinces, the people were unanimously for the Socialist nominees.

The government became alarmed over this state of affairs and ordered the arrest and deportation of every Socialist or radical who might prove the choice of the people as a representative to the Duma. In spite of this persecution by the government the Socialists elected far exceed in number the conservatives. It is almost certain that the Socialist party will have a large enough number of electors to cause the government to either grant the demands of the people, or else, what is more probable, dissolve the second Duma soon after it convenes.

Terrorists Score Again St. Petersburg, Jan. 31.—M. Guidema, governor of the political prison at Vasilii Ostroff, a suburb of this city, was shot and killed in the main street of the island yesterday.

The assassin, a youth of 18, was dressed like a laborer, and emerged from a tea-house just as the governor was passing on his way home.

After shooting the governor, the assassin also killed the prison warden who accompanied the governor and who pursued the assassin.

No trace of the assassin has been found. It is known, however, that the governor was condemned to death by the terrorists for his brutal treatment of political prisoners.

"BY AN GOOD" Mrs. Dollis—Wake up, Patrick! That roof do be lakin'.

Mr. Dollis—Be aisy, darlin! That wid th' rain is our faces an' th' gas is breakin' off th' bed, 'tis all th' delights an' automobilin' we do be gettin'—Toss Topics.

"Arabella," said the father from the head of the stair, "is that young man gone?"

"Yes, father. Completely."—Milk-and-honey Sentinel.

Don't forget the Chicago Daily Socialist is a full list of the Socialist Party on the 10th floor in your order.

FRANCE MAY ADOPT PUBLIC MEETING LAW

Clemenceau Denounces Bishops' Acts as "Insolent Ultimatum"

Paris, Jan. 31.—The public meeting bill was adopted here by the chamber of deputies last night by a vote of 550 against 5.

Premier Clemenceau denounced the declaration of the bishops and called it an "insolent ultimatum."

The public meetings bill consists of four sections. The first authorizes meetings without previous declaration of intention; the second repeals the restrictions contained in the acts of 1881, 1905 and 1907; the third instructs the mayors of France to place the existing meeting places at the disposal of the public; and the fourth holds the organizers of meetings responsible for damage. This law will become operative as soon as it passes the senate.

ANY OTHER NATION CAN CAPTURE NEW YORK

Military Expert Points Out That Uncle Sam Is at the Mercy of Others

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Congress is so busy attacking and defending Wall street and the money interests of the country that the statesmen are overlooking the coast defenses.

The coast defenses and naval equipment are said to be decidedly inadequate and inefficient in case of sudden war with a foreign power.

William M. Mason, Washington representative of the Army and Navy Journal, says:

"The government has a plant, but it has not a sufficient number of men to operate it. It is absolutely impossible to work 11,099 guns with only 14,000 men—not enough men for one shift."

He also says the men are underpaid. Any Power Can Blow Us Up

He claims that for a lack of funds every harbor in the United States as well as the Philippines, Guam, the Hawaiian Islands and Alaska are left without any protection against a foreign foe.

New York, Boston and Portland, though not equipped as they should be, are brought within the range of efficiency, but Seattle and San Francisco are neglected.

"Man for man, gun for gun, and ship for ship, I assert that the American army and navy have no equals in the world," he said.

"Great powder and gun factories have been erected and put in operation, and bright officers of the army have devoted the best part of their lives to the development of ordnance material until the United States is the acknowledged peer of any country in the manufacture of death-dealing engines of warfare."

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GEE, WHIZ! HERE IS A HARD ONE FOR JOHN D.

(Scripps-McRae Press Association.) Cincinnati, Jan. 31.—The board of foreign missions of the Christian church (Disciples of Christ), recently accepted a gift of \$10,000 from John D. Rockefeller. In an editorial in the Christian Standard, the official organ of the church, Rev. J. A. Lord, the editor, after scoring the board for accepting the gift says:

"How publicists, without any profession of evangelical faith, in the reform work, regard the donations of Mr. Rockefeller, is seen in the refusal of Judge Lindsay, Miss Jane Addams and their associates in the International Juvenile Association, to accept from him a gift of \$5,000,000 to finance the international movement for the reform of juvenile offenders."

Rev. Mr. Lord continues:

"Gaius was no more a marked and discredited man in his day than the president of the Standard Oil is at the present time. The tolling millions look upon the colossal fortunes of Standard Oil and other trust magnates as so many robberies of the general good. Officers they include the church in their displeasure, and regard preachers as subsidized by the money power."

In view of these facts Mr. Lord concludes that missionary managers are blind leaders, indeed, who solicit or accept Rockefeller's money, and that from the standpoint of both spiritual principle and a sound, successful missionary policy, the \$10,000 Rockefeller gift was a colossal mistake.

GOOD HUSBANDS TO GUARD BAD ONES

Judge McKenzie Cleland of the Maxwell police station is entering the lists against Hella Hecler Billson, Beatrice Broadax and other physicians of the home-curing variety, and from now on will, under his title of judge, hang out the sign, "Doctor of Domestic Felicity; Naughty Husbands a Specialty."

Yesterday the doughy judge gave notice to forty bad husbands to meet him at his courtroom at 7 o'clock and they would there meet forty good husbands to whom they would be paroled for a certain period. This is said by the judge to be his solution for the great number of marital breaches that are causing such trouble on the southwest side of town.

This system has been thought out after conferences with representatives of the bureau of charities, the United Hebrew charities and Hull House.

"When I get in touch with a bad husband, my idea is that all they need is the association of good, nice husbands who have been up against the same game and are able to lead the delinquents into the light," said the town judge.

"We are going to give these men a week's probation, and, if at the end of that time they are still bad, we will take more strenuous measures until they are cured."

You can get a share of stock in this paper by putting five names on the subscription list.

"STAY AT HOME" IS HEALTH ORDER

Dr. Whalen at Last Tries in Weak Fashion to Break Terrible Epidemic

Now that it is almost too late to accomplish anything, the whole machinery of the state and municipal governments is being set in motion against the fever epidemic.

It is admitted that it was introduced by the Borden Milk company, spread by the sweat-shop and encouraged by the inefficiency of public officials, all of which points were first published in this paper.

Dr. Whalen has at last been kicked into a semblance of activity, and has issued a formal statement urging that all public and social gatherings be suspended until the epidemic has subsided.

A comparison with the records of past years shows that the greatest total of "let fever and diphtheria recorded in the month of January since 1898, was 1,350 cases in 1900, while with one day left there have been 3,773 cases reported this month.

Five deaths were caused by scarlet fever during the last twenty-four hours, as follows: CROWE, JOHN MARTIN, 14 months old, 3746 Elmwood avenue. EISENTRAT, ALBERT, 1067 North Oakley avenue; both scarlet fever and diphtheria. LUKRITZ, PETER, 15 years old, 615 Noble street. PENSE, MARGARET, 4 years old, 917 North Whipple street. POST, HAROLD, 3 years old, 378 Armitage avenue.

A Fever Meeting A meeting under the auspices of the state board of health, of the Chicago Medical Society, the Children's Hospital Society and the pure food and civic communities of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Egleston Hall at the Art Institute Sunday, Feb. 10, to devise ways and means to meet the emergency.

Dr. J. A. Eagan, secretary of the state board of health, is in the city to take charge of the situation if conditions demand it. The inefficiency or worse of the local authorities has compelled the taking of this step.

ACTORS BECOMING CLASS CONSCIOUS

London, Jan. 31.—Music halls throughout England will be closed up by the music hall employees' union unless the proprietors change their policy. The proprietors joined the Proprietors' association, the object of which is to fight organized labor. The national alliance of actors informed the proprietors that unless they change their attitude to the music hall employees' union they will close 75 per cent of the music halls in England in a few days.

UNIONISTS WANT TO KNOW ABOUT GEORGE KOOP

Why Don't You Boost Your Candidate for Mayor? They Inquire

George Koop, the caucus nominee of the Socialist party for mayor of Chicago, proves to be the favorite of organized labor in this city. A number of complaints have come from union men that the Chicago Daily Socialist is behind capitalist papers in the matter of boosting their candidates for office.

"The capitalist papers," said Charles Sagerstrom, of the ice wagon men, "are constantly inventing stories about their candidates for office and print long reports about him, thereby keeping his name before the public. You can dispense with the 'inventing' part of the capitalist papers, but you surely must follow them in the other part, the keeping of the name of the Socialist candidate for mayor before the public."

"Your candidate is a good man. Keep him, therefore, in the public eye. Give the working people a chance to know who are the candidates that pledge themselves to be guided by the interests of the people and the people only."

"Keep the name, George Koop, in the public eye."

MAN By ERNEST STOUT

On walks of brick, iron and stone, His feet enmeshed in mishapen shoes of stained leather;

Harnessed in a choking white collar; his head supporting a round, ugly hat, shaped like his own skull;

Wearing garments stitched in freak shapes, dangling buttons and flaps, which make neither comfort or ornament, but violate reason;

Beaten on pursuits of greed—suspecting, fearing, hating other men;

His mind clouded in a maze of artificial notions, plans for theft and cheating;

In the world of plunder, enemy to every one of his fellows.

Along pathways strewn with dead, reproachful faces, In humanity-festering cities; victim of his own bestial stupidity,

Daily stalks Man in the vile pursuits of Business.

Within him Love is throttled by Greed, Sympathy, Kindness and Lofty Aims. Stiffed by the noxious vapors of his own poisoned brain.

He heeds not blue skies, clovered meadows, birds and flowing brooks, The beckon of waving boughs, the perfume of dead vines,

The balsamic odor of the woods, flavor of wild grapes, the sociable chatter of squirrels,

The opal glow of the sun, billing the hearts of creatures, with the joy of living.

The language of nature, friendship of men, smiles of women, and the love of children.

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

Now that the plant is assured it is up to the hustlers to break down with work. If every one who reads this sends in one subscriber a week for the next six weeks it will be necessary to start in buying an additional press. But never fear, the money will be here to do it with, and we will not have to borrow it, either. Just send in the subs, we will do the rest.

No one can accuse the Chicago Socialists of inactivity to-day. They are raking the city with a fine tooth comb for subscribers. Branch after branch is arranging for a systematic house-to-house canvass of their localities. Sample copies are going out by thousands, and the results are flowing in proportion.

Every person in this country must live under capitalist rule for the present. Now it would be a good idea to make advertising in the paper so valuable that the traders will have to pay for their own emancipation. Always speak of the Chicago Daily Socialist when buying of an advertiser.

One of our volunteer correspondents has developed such talent that the capitalist papers are trying to get him away from us. Oscar Rademaker, who is sending the news of the Wisconsin legislature, where a bunch of Socialist members are making it hot for the capitalist establishment, has attracted so much attention that other papers have now solicited him to furnish them with the same service. He has accepted several assignments.

The Thirty-fifth ward has apportioned five dollars a week for papers to be delivered for one week to prospective subscribers. After the week is up the list will be canvassed for permanent subscribers. Wherever this method has been tried the results have been most surprising. In some cases as high as one-third of those to whom trial subscriptions were sent became permanent patrons of the paper.

THAW IS SANE AND "DELIGHTED"

New York, Jan. 31.—With only one juror to be chosen to fill the jury box the weaving of the emmeshing garment of guilt which the state expects to wrap around Harry Thaw will probably be commenced late today. Harry Thaw came into court happy in the thought that the real work of the trial was about to start and confident of his complete vindication.

"The jury is in every way satisfactory to me," said Thaw, while waiting in the prisoner's pen before being led into the trial room. "The twelfth juror will be chosen today and if he has the same qualities and caliber as the eleven jurors already chosen I shall be pleased. I shall go through this case confident of my vindication and I have no fears of death or the madhouse. I cannot say whether I will take the stand or not."

The prosecution will complete its case within a few days. The district attorney will confine himself strictly to the events of Thaw's life just previous to the shooting and to the act itself. The fact that Harry Thaw shot and killed Stanford White, of course, cannot be denied and with the corpus delicti easily disposed of the state will quickly proceed to show that Thaw's act was designed and premeditated.

Roger O'Mara, the Pittsburg detective and friend of Harry Thaw, is in town. O'Mara has been working constantly since the shooting, gathering every bit of available evidence to aid Thaw.

DIAMOND KING'S SCHEME

Why Can't the Working Class be as Energetic and Persistent as Capitalists?

The workers of this country can get a good example of class consciousness among the big diamond capitalists of South Africa and how they make it pay from the report of the Department of Labor and Commerce. It may be noted that the labor exploiters "approached the several governments," and it is dollars to doughnuts that they will get what they're after.

"According to the African World, of London, cable messages received in that city have revived in more definite form the report that the De Beers management is considering the establishment of a diamond-cutting industry in South Africa, which will give employment to 15,000 white laborers."

"A colonial correspondent points out that uncut stones to the value approximately of \$35,000,000 are shipped annually from South Africa, and says that the company loses a large sum of money which could be made by cutting the diamonds on the spot.

"The reports say that the several governments in South Africa are to be approached with a view of adding to their financial policy a clause imposing a duty on the exportation of uncut stones and thus assisting in building up a cutting industry."

Moral for workers—See what you want and go after it, tooth and toe nail.

HOW THOSE WHO ONLY DO USEFUL WORK LIVE

Preparations for the Chicago Industrial Exhibit, which will be held at Brooke Casino, Wabash avenue, and Peck court, March 11 to 17, are well under way. The chief feature in this exhibition will be extensive exhibits illustrating the industrial geography of Chicago, and the sweating industries therein. It is expected that the exhibition of the horrors of the sweatshop in Chicago will show the need of legislation for the protection of the public from dangers incident to the sweating system. The committee which has charge over this department of the exhibition reports that the prevalence of the sweating system in Chicago is a menace and a source of injury not only to those employed in these shops, but also to the public who buys these products from these shops. The present status of women as an economic and financial factor will also be brought out in this exhibit.

The exhibit will endeavor to show the appalling numbers of accidents due to the use of unprotected machinery, which could be easily prevented if the employers expended some money on safety appliances.

A series of conferences on allied subjects will be held in connection with the exhibit.

ON THE STAGE

By ARTHUR MORROW LEWIS

"Swell, Elegant Jones" fits Ezra Kendall like a real biography. The comedy in it pours out with the libberly spontaneity of the perfection of an art. At the close of the second act, in answer to repeated calls, Kendall turned to the audience as though about to make a speech, instead of which he commenced a string of convulsing information about visiting West Baden that did more for the lungs and circulation of the audience than is usually accomplished by visiting such resorts. If Mr. Kendall should break down, there would be comedy enough in William McKee's "Sleeper" Bundy, with his astrological prolonged engagement, to amply reward the patrons of the Grand Opera House.

"The Love Letter," Sardou's play, in which Virginia Harrod is rapping at the Garrick, contains a short speech in the first act which shows how much the stage is becoming a vehicle of scientific teaching. The material basis of morals is graphically illustrated by a description of the different and contradictory standards that obtain in different countries where different conditions prevail. The play bears everywhere the marks of its French origin and deals with certain problems with a courage that is rarely found among English playwrights outside Shaw and Pinero.

RAILROADS AND RED LEGISLATORS CLASH

Wisconsin Assembly Led in Prayer by Socialist—Investigation of Factors Is on Way

By Oscar Rademaker. (Special Correspondence.)

NEWS AND COMMENT

Mayor Duane and other controllers of the city are accused of permitting the City of Traverse to operate its pool room on the waters of Lake Michigan at one of the South Chicago docks, Capt. Storen of the South Chicago police says he knows nothing of gambling operations on the ship, but will investigate and raid it if necessary.

The contest over the will of James A. Bailey was continued yesterday in the New York court. The witnesses were doctors and a few others who testified as to the peculiarities of Mr. Bailey. Relatives are quarreling over \$5,000,000 left by the Barnum circus man.

Copper interests are to have a bank of their own in New York, to be known as the National Copper bank. Its surplus and capital is only \$2,000,000, but over \$20,000,000 will be on deposit May 1, when it opens. Oh! Where is Tom Lawson, who "busted" the copper gang?

Charles W. Prosser of St. Charles, Mo., has filed suit for divorce from his wife, who was Daisy Kathleen Mulvaney, a niece of Hetty Green. The great difference between the two women is that Hetty does not like to spend gold, while Daisy cannot find enough to spend.

The explosion of 500 kegs of powder in a Big Four freight car, near Terra Haute, Ind., was attributed to lightning by attorneys for the railroad before the Indiana railway commission.

Miss May Douglas, of Winona, Wis., attending the University of Wisconsin, while inspecting a fire escape at the university, fell three stories to the ground. She sustained serious internal injuries from which she may die.

Governor Hughes of New York ordered the court martial of Capt. Louis Wendel of the New York National Guard. The order was issued after Adj. Gen. Henry had dissolved court in the case. The charge against Capt. Wendel is misuse of armory funds.

John D. Rockefeller was killed last night in the Academy of Music, a West Side theatre, by a gatling gun weighing 450 pounds falling and crushing his skull. This is not the oil king. He was an actor king.

Two cars on Twenty-second street and Wentworth avenue became interlocked, and because of alterations between the two motemen, the lines were blocked for over half an hour. Police finally arrived and settled the dispute.

Judge Chetlain yesterday removed from the slate the case of Dr. Anna B. Schultz against former Police Inspector Patrick J. Lavin. The decision of the court clears Lavin from all guilt. Wouldn't that jar you?

A treaty has been negotiated by President Roosevelt and the Mikado by which Japanese coolies will be barred from the United States and American laborers will be excluded from Japan. The treaty insists, however, that those Japanese already in the United States be not discriminated against and that Japanese children be not excluded from the San Francisco schools. Whether this treaty will be adopted or not depends largely upon California.

The Maid—What's your opinion of the type of girl who never wants to get married?

The Bachelor—I'm not qualified to express an opinion on the subject.

The Maid—Why, are you prejudiced?

The Bachelor—No, but I've never seen such a type.—Cleveland Leader.

WHERE TO GO

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

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Majestic—Papista, Anna Eva Fay, Richard Buhler, etc.

Olympic—"The Four Harveys."

Haymarket—Emmett DeVoy.

The regular meeting of the Twenty-fifth Ward Branch will be held Sunday, at 10:30 a. m., in Lincoln Turner Hall, Diversey near Sheffield avenue, Dr. S. A. Knopfnagel will speak. Everybody invited.

WAR POW WOW AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Big Stick Administration Has Bad Dream About War-like Japanese

(Scripps-McRae Press Association.) Washington, Jan. 31.—It is announced today that Representative Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, will not accept the chairmanship of the rivers and harbors committee in the sixtieth congress.

Burton has been at the head of the Waterways committee twelve years and has reported and passed through the House without amendment, seven appropriation bills for the improvement of rivers and harbors.

All health and overwork are assigned as the reasons for his expected retirement as head of the commission.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The Japanese war cloud is again upon the horizon. It has appeared very large and plain in two important places—at the capitol where the senate has been asked by Secretary of War Taft to spend more than half a million dollars for the defenses of the Hawaiian Islands and at the White House where the president and members of the California congressional delegation held a long conference last night, which did not adjourn until the president and the secretary of state had attempted to place a padlock upon the mouths of every gentleman present.

Teddy in War Pow Wow The upshot of the sensational whisperers at the capitol will be that the members of our Hawaiian possessions will be strongly fortified against the possible attack of a foreign foe, Japanese understood; and the result of the White House pow wow was that the president of the San Francisco board of education and the superintendent of schools were summoned hot foot to Washington by telegram.

It is rumored at the capitol that Secretary Taft has received word that the Japanese of the Hawaiian islands are organizing military companies in secret, the leaders in the mysterious organization being veterans who saw service in the Russo-Japanese war, eminent simultaneously with the expedition to build a powerful anti-American army which will attempt to overthrow the government of their countrymen from their thron.

The fact that the Japanese navy is being rapidly strengthened, it is said, lends color to the rumors that Nippon is preparing with a foreign power. All these stories are of course merely speculative, but baseless as they may be, there can be no denial that the administration is a good deal worried by the developments of the past few days.

A Jap View In this connection, attention is called to what is regarded as a significant remark made by Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese foreign minister in the House of Representatives of the empire, the other day. After reviewing the San Francisco school situation, and the status of the test case now in the courts there, he said: "In the event of an unfavorable decision, the anti-Japanese movement in California will be considered to represent the opinion of the whole United States, which would require diplomatic adjustment."

This declaration has caused considerable apprehension on administration circles. It is feared that the courts in San Francisco having perhaps

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THE WORKER'S CHILD

I often feel that if I were an artist, and could paint pictures, I would fill all our picture galleries with scenes from the lives of happy children. Let me paint one now. The background is an ordinary artisan's kitchen wall. A picture or two decorates the wall, and a "grandfather's clock" stands in the corner. On the floor is the usual oil-cloth, and the chairs and table have been packed out of the way. In the center is the giant form of a six-foot nappy, stooping down gently, allowing himself to be blindfolded with a pocket-handkerchief by a bright-eyed living epitome of his wife, while a replica of himself is already dodging out of his way in anticipation. I could look on at a picture of that kind for hours, and in imagination I could hear the ripping laughter of the children as their father's huge arms purposefully spread over their heads in the apparent vain hope of catching one of them. With what joy does the little nappy run this way and that, and his sister trip lightly to the left and right of the father's great arms. This is pleasure, this is happiness, this is joy for the children; and this happiness and pleasure and joy might be possible for all. But alas! the cursed system under which we live today makes it absolutely impossible for at least half the industrial population. Instead of the vigorous, healthy

laughter, the buoyant spirits, and the lithe limbs, we have the hacking cough, the anemic face, and the rickety joints. Respiration is difficult, the motion of the limbs is jerky, and the transient smile is so soon gone that we hardly know it has been there at all. Fellow workers, what are you doing to alter this? Do you honestly believe that it is quite right that the children of the toiler should be doomed for ever to this wretched state? There are a few noble men and women willing to do battle against great odds for the sake of the children. Will you help them? Or are you so brutish and callous that you would rather let the little ones continue to suffer than that you would throw off the stupid traditions of Liberalism and Toryism to save them? This noble band of men and women, to whom I referred, say that the state should feed and clothe and maintain and educate the children. The canting hypocrites, whose children are already supported by the state of today, tell you it would pauperize your children to be thus maintained. If maintaining children will pauperize them, then maintaining your lords and dukes and soldiers and sailors is pauperizing them. But they don't seem to mind it. Now just think this matter over quietly by yourselves.—H. W. Hobart in The Clarion.

Our Own Printing Plant

The Daily Socialist has just closed the bargain for a complete up-to-date plant, thoroughly equipped for printing a daily paper.

As soon as it can be installed the working-class of the United States will have at its disposal a far more powerful means of propaganda and education than it has ever hitherto possessed.

The plant for which we have bargained is the one formerly used by "The Spy" of Worcester, Mass. It had been in use only about two years, having been burned out and rebuilt about twenty-four months before the stoppage of publication.

The thousands of owners, present and prospective, of this paper and the plant will want to know something about their property.

In the first place there is a Hoe Perfecting Press, capable of printing eight pages at the rate of twenty thousand an hour.

Then there is a battery of linotype machines capable of setting the type, a full equipment of imposing stones, a stereotyping outfit, head-letters, advertising type and all the hundred and one things that are needed around a printing office, and which it usually takes years of time and thousands of dollars to accumulate.

Nor are the editorial and business departments neglected. There are roll-top desks in plenty, much needed newspaper filing cases in profusion, with a long list of hundreds of other absolutely essential items which could not be secured by a struggling newspaper until perhaps the lack of them had strangled its struggles.

There is something else that only a newspaper man can appreciate the sore need of, and which takes longer to gather than any of the others, and which even unlimited money cannot always obtain, a " morgue."

This does not mean a place where dead men or newspapers are laid away to rest, but a place where live information is kept. In every great newspaper there are thousands of pictures of things and persons, with information concerning them, carefully filed away where it can be reached on a moment's notice. This is one of the most valuable possessions of any old established paper. Such a one we have secured with this outfit, containing newspapers running back to the first half of the last century. There are reference works of all kinds—atlases, dictionaries, etc.

In short, there is here a plant that would cost us somewhere in the neighborhood of \$60,000 in cash and years of work if we were to set about getting it in the open market.

WE HAVE OBTAINED AN OPTION ON THIS PLANT, GOOD FOR TEN DAYS, AT THE PRICE OF \$18,000.

In order to redeem this option we must have all this money on hand when the option expires.

A little over \$12,000 of his sum is already pledged. This is two thousand dollars more than we asked for in the first place, but is less than is required now.

WE WANT TO INSTALL THIS PLANT WITHOUT A CENT OF INDEBTEDNESS TO ANY ONE BUT SOCIALISTS.

If we can do this we need never fear that advantage will be taken of some sudden misfortune to seize our plant.

Moreover, this money must all be on hand, since no credit will be granted on these terms.

It is proposed to raise this money by giving to Socialists the same security that we would have to give to a bank—a first mortgage on the entire plant.

This will be gilt-edged security, as the plant will sell at auction for far more than the sum asked for. MOREOVER, IT WILL MAKE MUCH MORE SECURE THE LOANS ALREADY PLEDGED AND SECURED BY A SECOND MORTGAGE, FOR WITH SOCIALISTS HOLDING THE FIRST MORTGAGE THERE WILL BE NO DANGER OF FORECLOSURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF STOPPING THE PAPER, AS MIGHT EASILY BE THE CASE WERE THE DEBT HELD BY OPPONENTS OF SOCIALISM.

At every point therefore we are able to offer those who have agreed to help us far more than we have promised. We will secure property of greater value than we expected for the price. We will be able to secure all who have assisted more adequately than was promised at first, and we will stop all payment of interest to non-Socialists.

Remember, that back of the actual plant stands the good will of the Daily Socialist with its thousands of subscribers, the confidence of its multitude of owners and co-workers, and the enthusiastic support of the Socialists of the whole country.

The installation of the plant will make possible the issuance of several editions a day. This means that we can catch all the out-going mails and reach every city within ten hours' railroad travel on the day of publication. Hundreds of workers have told us that as soon as this was possible they could promise large clubs from their localities.

It will enable us to hold our pages open until much later for the local edition, which will double the amount of telegraphic news, and make possible the covering of all happenings up to the hour of going to press.

This outfit will reduce the cost of producing the paper to a sufficient extent to wipe out a goodly portion of the present deficit, while at the same time greatly improving the paper.

In view of these facts we are calling upon the Socialists of the United States to give one more convincing proof of their devotion to Socialism and their willingness to fight for their own cause.

WE MUST HAVE SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS BEFORE THE END OF NEXT WEEK.

The subscribers to the first loan fund are urged to send in the amounts of their subscriptions at once, and with it as much more as they are willing to lend on this second call to be secured on a first mortgage.

All other readers who are willing to help with this final loan on gilt-edged security are asked to notify us at the office and to send the money if possible.

THE ENTIRE LOAN WILL DRAW SIX PER CENT INTEREST. THE SUBSCRIPTIONS ALREADY SENT IN ARE SECURED BY A SECOND MORTGAGE. THIS LAST SIX THOUSAND WILL BE SECURED BY A FIRST MORTGAGE.

Since the whole loan will be held by Socialists and mostly in sums of one hundred dollars or less, there is no possibility of any one individual closing up, or even hampering the paper, and the security of the whole loan is infinitely better than that of any industrial security sold in the open market.

COME ON, COMRADES. LET US INSTALL THE NEW PLANT FREE FROM INCUMBRANCE TO ANYONE BUT OURSELVES.

LET US KNOW TONIGHT WHAT YOU CAN DO. If more than six thousand dollars is received that sent first will be kept and the remainder returned. None of the money will be used for any other purpose than the purchase and installation of the printing plant.

Address all letters concerning these loans to William Bross Lloyd, 163 Randolph street, Chicago, Ill.

Chicago Chronicle on the German Elections

In spite of superficial indications based upon the election returns we are disposed to doubt whether there are fewer Socialists in Germany today than there were at the previous election. We do not take the falling off in the Socialist vote to constitute an assurance that the Socialistic propaganda is losing ground.

What we do believe is that the quarrels and wranglings among the Socialists have resulted in giving them a temporary check. If the defeat shall result, as such defeats frequently do result, in bringing the warring elements into harmony it will not be surprising to see Socialism, repulsed in one place, break out in another.

It will not be unprecedented if the newest phase of German Socialism shall prove far more radical than the last one. That is the tendency of such movements.

It is premature, at any rate, to assume that the losses sustained by the Socialists at the elections of last week indicate growing conservatism among the followers of Herr Bebel. It is more likely that they indicate the very opposite—impatience at the relatively slow and conservative policy pursued by the leaders of the Socialistic party in and out of the imperial parliament.

The demand of radicalism is always for increasing radicalism, and when its leaders manifest a tendency to make haste slowly they ordinarily find themselves discredited at the polls.

One does not have to go abroad for instances of this kind. Our own country furnishes plenty of them. In this country, however, radicalism, save in certain well-known instances, abjures the idea of forcible revolution. In Germany that is its object, perfunctorily repudiated by the men who represent it in the reichstag.

We believe we are justified, therefore, in the surmise that the late reverses sustained by the German Socialists signify the resentment of the most advanced element, and if defeat effects the unification of the socialistic forces it will be the revolutionary element instead of the constitutionalists which will be in control.

German socialism has maintained for years an eminently conservative and respectable propaganda. The revolt at the parliamentary elections is not the only evidence that the advanced section is getting tired of parliamentary methods and hungers for something more strenuous and even sanguinary.

Wants Railroads Owned by Government

It seems to me sometimes that the defenders of the capitalist system, the advocates of things as they are, must be possessed of an infinite amount of patience in putting up with the incompetency exhibited in running our quasi-public industries. The railroad service of the country, for instance, is in a state of demoralization bordering on anarchy. The stock-jobbing and dividend-squeezing mania controls the stockholders and directors so that they have no time to think about the service their corporations are furnishing, and the working people employed in running the railroads are overworked and underpaid. The consequence is deplorably bad service.

Here is a typical instance: Four boxes of freight were shipped from Bluffton, Ind., on January 2, consigned for Chicago. After a week's waiting, inquiry at the Chicago end of the road elicited the response that nothing had been heard of it. Two or three more days of waiting and a tracer was sent after it. Even this seemed to fail to locate the whereabouts of the missing freight. Finally, after days of searching on the part of the railroad's employes, and many hours of time wasted by the consignee, on January 17, exactly half a month from the date of shipment, the goods were discovered in a car in the "outgoing" freight yard of the company here in Chicago. And even then the discovery was not made by the railroad's employes, but by the consignee, who had become desperate, and had started searching on his own account.

Such a condition is simply intolerable. Government ownership is the only solution of the present go-as-you-please, irresponsible railroad management. Speed the day of the Socialist victory! Nothing else will bring order out of this industrial chaos. ISAAC FETERSON.

HORSE vs. MAN

A rich man once visited his magnificent stables and watched an old groom currying a favorite horse. "You have worked for me a long time, haven't you, Sam?" queried the rich man. "Yes, sir," replied the groom. "Me an' this boss have worked for you seventeen years." "Ah, and I hope you have been well treated, Sam," said the employer. "Oh, I ain't complainin' none," said Sam. "But me an' the boss was sick at the same time, an' I noticed that while yo' hired a doctor for the boss, yo' decked my pay for th' time I lost."

A Laugh or A Smile

By P. B. Not Noticed "You say that Gumpsey is a common-place sort of fellow." "Yes, there is nothing about him that is conspicuous. Small boys even neglect to throw snow balls at him."

The latest make of automobiles is run by alcohol. How convenient when the trip is long and the road houses far between.

If the czar would shave off those little dinky whiskers and cultivate a bristling mustache like the kaiser, he might be able to do such things, too.

May McKenzie's presence at the Thaw trial will do her more good than the work of a dozen press agents.

However, we will not know the real significance of the German elections until William T. Stead takes it upon himself to write his impressions.

How It Worked "What do you think of that new book of mine I send you?" asked the anxious author of his friend.

"Fine! It's a valuable work. It has completely cured my insomnia, and I have thrown away all the doctor's medicine."

The "gray skies of winter" is a phrase that was coined long ago in the days when there was no such thing as a smoke nuisance.

Now that the kaiser has won out in the elections it will be much easier for a war cloud to gather over Europe than it was.

Senator Guggenheim can work for the interest of the smelter trust without taking a chance of being indicted for accepting fees from a corporation. A man couldn't very well fee himself.

Chicago is in the throes of an epidemic. The breweries should be more careful not to let bacilli get in the beer.

You may not know much about Contractor Oliver now, but before the canal is completed the chances are the newspapers will spill oceans of ink printing his name.

The Leader "Did I understand you to say you followed music for a living?" we ask of the singer.

"No, I lead in the choir."

When a man has unlimited wealth and runs the risk of losing it all by being sent to the penitentiary, is that not sufficient proof that he is insane?

If the kaiser had yielded and made a speech wouldn't he have made the imperial eagle scream?

From present appearances it will take an expert pilot to guide the ship subsidy bill safely into port.

The mines now and then pull off a big catastrophe, but they do not keep it so unremittently as the 'broads.

The hottest place in North America, Death Valley, in California, had a ten-inch snow. Shades of Scotty!

Very Frigid "And as the tiger looked at you and prepared to spring, were you cool?" "I should say I was. I was so cool that I fairly shook."

It is now time for the scandals to begin to appear in the various state legislatures.

The "Salome" affair has brought forth a new phrase. It is "prudish degenerate," and it is applied to any one who looks on a work of art and sees nothing but the worst.

Dr. Wiley has testified that milk, eggs and meat deteriorate in cold storage. There was a well-defined suspicion to that effect in circulation before.

If this were not a free country the people who object to "Salome" might be compelled to see it.

It would serve him right if the people of San Francisco should lynch the prophet who forecasts another earthquake for that city.

CITY IS TO RUN SLAUGHTER HOUSE

Municipal ownership on a small scale is likely to be adopted in Fargo, N. D., within a short time, for there is a plan on foot to have the city own and operate its own slaughter house. Dr. Dunham, city meat inspector, and several others believe this is the only solution of the present difficulty regarding the slaughter and inspection of meat which has been raised by local butchers. There has been trouble ever since the meat inspection ordinance was put in force and it seems to be largely due to the tussling among butchers that they do not like to have a rival in the business control the public slaughter house.

Mrs. Knicker—Weren't you frightened when the ball fellow at you on account of your new dress?

Mrs. Rucker—No; it was exactly the same way Henry behaved when he got the bill.—New York Sun.

Murder, Legal and Illegal

By ROBIN HOOD

Under the eyes of the world it is wrong to kill with a pistol unless in defense of life or property. Hence when Thaw shot White he was guilty of what popularly is called murder.

But under the view of the same people, if Thaw had sold him rotten beef, adulterated groceries, or fish full of ptomaines, or poisoned milk, and White had been foolish enough to think it healthy and pure and partaken of the stuff and died—that would have been business, and Thaw might be censured—maybe his name might have been published or some terrible punishment of that kind meted out to him, but no one would think of sending him to the chair for that!

If, under the way of thinking down in Dixie, White had been a colored man and done rape in the immediate or even distant past on the wife of Thaw, he would be justified in killing White by "shootin' him like a dog" or holding a lynching bee of enthusiastic punitive neighbors.

But if White had sold Evelyn Nesbit a pair of scab stockings of the all-ways faded type and poisoned her limbs so that she lost her health and maybe "life and sacred honor," then Thaw would have no excuse to do anything desperate—he could console himself with a damage suit—never ending, ever-lasing one-cent recovering, amen!

This would all be fully justified according to the code. And Thaw might, if he were sharp, get his revenge (?) by getting White to take a temporary job in the tunnel at a moderate wage and thus contri-t "the bends"; or have him serve as a brakeman for six months

on any old line and get rid of him or cripple him up in this strictly legal way. For, say what you will, there are two kinds of murder—one of the laborer by the employer. LEGAL murder, in factory, mill, shop, mine and on the road; the other the dramatic killing by the dirk or pistol way, the illegal murder.

One murder is done that the propertied class may have more property, the other that some drunken pervert or brain-cracked idiot may have the satisfaction of carrying out an illusory emotion to its logical consequences. The illegal murder has for its victims, its thousands, but the legal murder its tens of thousands. And the illegal, like the legal murder when money furnishes a defense, is never severely punished.

You may put it down in your lat that Harry Thaw will not be electrocuted—that will not occur because it would shock society too much to be shown that money couldn't buy everything. Money is the God of today. Profits wrung from wage-slaves is the world's hope and the justification of the present civilization. If it were not the end all and be all, what is the use of killing so many minds and bodies to get it? And if one who has succeeded in getting it for himself or accidentally has had it left him, can not buy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness under any and all circumstances—what would be the justification of the profit-eating swallowing class?

No! better a thousand times that a million innocent wage-earners die than that one guilty millionaire should be punished!

If you think differently, you would be a Socialist—or something else just as loathsome!

ESPERANTO

In answer to a host of inquiries, the Esperanto lessons will start next week. They will be full and complete, and any one who spends a half hour over them daily will be able to read, write and speak the language, and to converse with hundreds of thousands of Esperantists in every corner of the globe. Arrangements are now being made to secure the addresses of foreign correspondents who are willing to exchange letters with American students of the language. Any of our European readers who may see this and desire their names published for this purpose are asked to send their addresses at once.

Question. The problem of a world-language, made to order, practical, feasible, and that would take, fascinated such men as Edwin Arnold, but left them discouraged. The culture of volapuk died, it is advanced any new candidate.

Now, before the Daily Socialist begins the lessons in esperanto, let us have a succinct statement of the elemental reasons why volapuk failed and why esperanto may succeed. Will not some reader who is familiar with both, and with modern and ancient tongues tell us why the failure of the one should not discourage us with the other? C. J. PICKERT.

Watch the lessons and the answer will be plain. Previous failures do not discourage us, as often as point the road to success.

If you start a department for the study of esperanto I shall be wonderfully well pleased and willing to do all I can to start a class for the purpose of studying the same.

Why not kill two feathered bipeds with the same stone? Sedimentary deposit by having lessons in esperanto with Socialist principles and ideas as subject matter of the lessons? C. W. CORBIN (A Teacher).

Atlanta, Ga. I am very much interested in learning esperanto and will take any of the grammar books when they are ready for distribution. As all roads lead to Jamestown, as to the restaurant, why not have an esperanto conference there the coming summer and be provided with buttons or badges whereby we may be known? Yours respectfully, MRS. MILLS PEABODY.

Albion, Mich. I am interested in esperanto, but have not studied it. I should like to do so and I might be able to organize a class here. Yours for the revolution, H. W. SELVIDGE.

Albion, La.

A NEW VERDICT

An inquest was held recently on the body of Samuel Tarry, a Gravesend confectioner, who had committed suicide. Upon his body was discovered a letter containing the following: "Let me ask my jury not to return a verdict of temporary insanity, but let me give them a nice new verdict—'want of work.'" Thus one more is added to the long list of those who have voluntarily and violently ended their lives on account of unemployment. It is a horrible reflection upon the present state of things. Many people delude themselves into the belief that, because no agitation is being carried on, there are no out-of-works. But one has only to go to the libraries or other public places to see swarms of disconsolate and miserable-looking beings who wander listlessly about. They are unemployed. They vainly walk from place to place in search of a master. Often they go without food, and are in a semi-starving condition. Often, too, they are overwhelmed with worries and suffer nervous collapse. Small wonder, then, that they commit suicide. A new verdict is indeed wanted—a verdict that will say: Capitalism flung this man on the scrap-heap to starve when it no longer desired to profit by his toil. It broke him up and made him choose death in preference to a long chain of agonizing miseries.—Justice, London.

HE KNEW HOW "What are you drawing?" asked a father of his boy.

"I am drawing a picture of God," replied the boy.

"Why, you can not do that. No one draws a picture of God, because no one knows what he looks like," said the father.

"I know it," replied the youthful artist, "but they will when I get through."