

STEEL MILLS NOT TO OPEN; NEWSPAPERS TRICK PUBLIC

Wall Street Journal Says the Glowing Accounts From Pittsburg Are Fabrications—No Railroad "Car Famine" Now

The capitalist papers the last few days have been full of glowing accounts of resumption of steel mills. The stories, apparently, were made out of the whole cloth. They have attracted the attention of the Wall Street Journal, which says: "The results of a canvass among the steel manufacturers of western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio by a representative of the Wall Street Journal do not bear out the encouraging reports from Pittsburg to the effect that practically all the steel mills will resume operations within the next few days and that employment will be given to between 50,000 and 75,000 men."

"Steel manufacturers are making no attempt to deceive the public as to the actual state of the steel trade, and declare they are not responsible for the glowing reports emanating from Pittsburg which have appeared in the newspapers."

ASK HELP FOR NINE VICTIMS

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—The relief committee organized to raise and distribute funds for widows and orphans in distress through the Durr mine disaster on Dec. 19 has a gun mailing to chambers of commerce and charitable organizations throughout the United States 50,000 copies of an appeal for subscriptions. It is planned to give \$100 to each widow and \$50 to each child under 16 years of age, and a total of \$10,000 for the orphans. This requires a fund of not less than \$125,000.

SCHMITZ TRIAL ON PRIZE FIGHTING CHARGE JAN. 11

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 4.—The arraignment of former Mayor Eugene F. Schmitz, James Coffroth, Eddie Graney and Willie Britt, on indictments charging bribery in connection with obtaining from the former board of supervisors right permits for the so-called "fight trust," has been set by Superior Judge Dunning for January 11. Schmitz and the other three men, well known in sporting circles, were in court when the date was set.

FIFTY TO TAKE PART IN SOCIALIST ENTERTAINMENT

The Women's branch of the Socialist party will give an entertainment Sunday, January 5, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon in the hall of the Young People's Socialist League, 180 East Washington street, over the Daily Socialist office.

FIRE THREATENS OLD LANDMARK

The "Old Dutch Tavern," 2475 Lincoln avenue, one of Chicago's landmarks, was threatened with destruction when attacked by flames at 4 a. m. The building was used as a trading post almost a century ago, being erected by Richard Rush in 1817. The structure, which has been partly remodeled, was converted into a saloon and livery house by a man known as "Polish Pete," who has occupied it for the last forty years.

PLANS WORLD HUNT FOR ITALIAN CUTHROATS

New York, Jan. 4.—A world-wide plan to crush out the Black Hand, Mafia and like organizations has been devised by Lieutenant Joseph Petrosini, head of the Italian branch of New York's detective bureau. Petrosini has established correspondence with heads of the police departments in Rome and other Italian cities and through them will learn whenever a brigand or blackmailer leaves the country supposedly for America. He has established similar connections with the police of Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver, San Francisco and New Orleans and many smaller cities. In this manner the local police expect to keep track of the leaders of groups and cliques in this country.

PETTIBONE MASS MEETING

Every worker is urged to attend the meeting. The meeting will be held at Oriental Hall, 122 La Salle street, near Madison street, and will be held in the name of Geo. A. Pettibone of the Western Federation of Miners.

INDIANA SECTION MEN CUT TO \$1.35 A DAY

Portland, Ind., Jan. 4.—Supervisor D. R. Wright of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railway company, has sent the following notice to all section foremen on this road: "Commencing January 1 all section foremen will work nine hours a day until further notice. The working hours will be from 6:30 a. m. until 4:30 p. m., with one hour at noon for dinner."

WOMEN MOB SCHOOL BOARD; MAN HURT BY A BRICK

Kirklin, Ind., Jan. 4.—Fifty women of this place headed a mob of indignant citizens that called on the school board while its three members were in session, and demanded their resignations, presenting a petition at the same time from 155 property owners that the board step down and out. There was a perfect babel of voices in the room and some of the men, angered by the scant courtesy the women had received, were about to fog the members of the board when the crowd was induced to disperse.

"RENT STRIKE" IN CHICAGO; VICTORY SEEN IN GOTHAM

With the name of "The Radical Crisis Conference," twenty-five trade union and other organizations on the west side of the Ghetto district, have launched themselves into a determined "rent strike" and a fight against the available housing of the city. Socialists are behind the strike. The conference has started the movement by the declaration of twenty-five families in the Meisler tenement building, Wacker and Fourteenth streets, that they will pay no more rent until the rate is reduced.

PRICE ON NIGHT RDBERS HEADS

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 4.—Gov. Wilson has issued a proclamation in which he offers a reward of \$500 for the conviction of the "night riders" in the dark tobacco belt. This action was the result of a raid made upon Knoxville in which two warehouses and several other buildings were burned and four persons seriously injured by the raiders.

WAR ON SNOBBERY IN CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A war of extermination has been declared on the fraternities and societies in Chicago high schools by President Schneider of the board of education and by Superintendent Cooley. A resolution intended to stamp out these bodies will be introduced at the next meeting of the board.

THE WEATHER

Office of Chief of Weather Bureau, Washington, Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Chicago—Rain, clearing and cold Sunday. Illinois and Indiana—Rain in north, rain or snow and colder in north portion Saturday; Sunday fair. Lower Michigan—Rain, clearing and cold Sunday. Wisconsin—Rain or snow, followed by clearing and colder Saturday; Sunday fair; wide shifting to brisk north-west.

TROOPS REACH MUNCIE, IND.

Army of Soldiers Hurred Into City to Help Kill Strike

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 4.—Soldiers of the state militia began arriving here about 7 o'clock this morning to assist the police in keeping order during the street car strike. It is understood that martial law will not be declared. A report reaching here last night said that Governor Hanly had ordered Battery A, four companies of Indiana state militia and eight companies from other cities to proceed to Muncie. No cars were run yesterday or last night for any other purpose than to start trouble. There is an army of unemployed in Muncie at present and a small disturbance will collect a few thousand people in a few minutes.

HARDEN GETS A TERM IN PRISON

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The Harden-Von Moltke libel suit ended when the editor of Die Zukunft was sentenced to four months imprisonment and to pay the costs of both the present and the former trials. Count Kuno Von Moltke was removed from under the cloud of disgrace which has overhung him for months when the court declared the charges against him and Prince Zu Eulenburg were absolutely unfounded. This is expected to be followed by the return of the Kaiser and the restoration of Von Moltke to the high army office he resigned at the time the scandal became public.

SLAIN WOMAN CONVICT'S WIFE

New York, Jan. 4.—Theodore S. Whitmore of Brooklyn, an ex-convict, was arrested in Harrison, N. J., after a search of the records of the body of the woman found in Laup Black swamp on the day after Christmas was as that of his wife, Leon Elizabeth Whitmore. The identification was made first by Mrs. Bessie Schmitter, a sister of the dead woman, after a detective had found that the red dress which was off the body of the murdered woman had been sold to her by a Brooklyn druggist. Other persons corroborated Mrs. Schmitter's identification, and finally Whitmore, who had been taken by the police to Harrison, admitted the dead woman was his wife.

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FIND MISSING LINK IN POISONING OF PREACHER

Pittsfield, Ill., Jan. 4.—Following in the wake of a mysterious purchaser of strychnine, detectives believe they have found the missing link of evidence in the Rev. Gilbert Gish murder case. The poison, which in all probability caused the death of the minister was purchased in a little drug store just across a boundary of Pike county more than a month before his death. The poison was purchased by a woman, and it is about the identity of this woman that the whole case hinges. The strychnine was purchased Nov. 1, a month and four days previous to Gish's death. The druggist is said to have told the detectives that he is positive that he could identify the woman purchaser, although she wore a thick blue veil at the time she visited the store.

GRINNING SKULLS ON TABLE AT DOCTOR'S BANQUET

Waukesha, Wis., Jan. 4.—Grinning skulls, with electric lights gleaming through their eyes in a darkened room, formed the unusual table decorations at a luncheon at which Dr. A. J. Hodgson entertained the members of the Waukesha County Medical society. The coffee cups were miniature skulls and the place cards were decorated with skulls and crossbones. The only light in the room came from the skulls above the tables and a few candles.

FREE BREAD DRAWS MEN

When a Malcolm McDowell wagon loaded with coffee and rolls drove up along side of the curbing at West Madison and Jefferson streets for the second time 500 homeless and hungry men testified by their waiting presence that it was a welcome sight. Malcolm McDowell, a young banker, finances the trips of this wagon and the coffee and rolls are free. McDowell did not himself take part in the distributing of the coffee, but he was substituted by Alexander Cleveland and Superintendent Mullenbach of the municipal lodging house. Wagons with free tables will be sent through the city each side next week.

EARL OF YARMOUTH SOLED BY HIS WIFE

London, Jan. 4.—The Countess of Yarmouth, sister of Harry E. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White of New York, has applied to the divorce court for nullification of her marriage to the Earl of Yarmouth. The countess declares that there has been in fact no marriage. All most of the testimony will be given by medical experts, the case will be heard in camera.

HUSBAND BREAKS ICE; LEG; SHE SEKS DIVORCE

Burlingame, Is. Jan. 4.—Magdalena Thaw seeks a divorce from her husband, Nicholas, Thaw, whom she married in 1871. For cause of action, plaintiff sets out that of his years her husband, who is the Earl of Yarmouth, has been addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors and when under their influence is guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment. On one occasion he threw her violently to the floor, breaking her leg and permanently injuring her; that he repeatedly has attempted to kill her, on one occasion attacking her with a butcher knife and again with a hammer; that he has accused her of unchastity and reviled her on numerous occasions wholly without cause. She prays an absolute divorce and such financial relief as is equitable in the premises.

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Westfield, Mass., Jan. 4.—Because he alleges the failure of his stock, Reynolds has sued E. L. Richards for \$25,000 damages. Reynolds charges that while he was taking a fond leave of Miss Helen Richards on the front step of her home, his father gave him a shove, causing him to fall, breaking his collar bone. Reynolds is encouraged in his suit by the young woman, who says she thinks the interference of her father was unwarranted. Reynolds says he has the bill and proposes to be paid for it and for the broken collar bone, too.

PLAN RELIEF FOR VAST HORDE OF IDLE WORKERS

Charity Bodies Hold Conference to Devise Means to Deal With Situation—Tribune Gives \$1,000 and Claims All Credit

Because the charity workers of Chicago have estimated that there will be between 50,000 and 100,000 unemployed in Chicago during the months of January and February, representatives of various charitable and relief societies held a meeting at 51 La Salle street and started a concerted movement to provide relief. All the Chicago morning papers except the Tribune printed big stories of what the charitable societies were seeking to do. The Tribune went one better. It gobbled up the whole scheme and claimed credit for the entire affair. The Tribune's headlines read: "Help for Hordes of Unemployed—Tribune Undertakes Plan for Providing Food and Shelter for Worthy Men Seeking Work." The truth of the matter is that the Tribune contributed \$1,000 to the relief fund. It was suggested by certain of the charity workers that the \$1,000 contribution to the unemployed was none too much considering the \$50,000 of clear profit accruing to the Tribune because of the school board leases. It was decided at the charity conference to ask the assistance and co-operation of the Chicago Association of Commerce, the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and all business men's clubs in preparing work for the unemployed. A temporary committee was named to place the situation before the business men of the city and procure their attendance at a second meeting in the near future. The committee consists of E. P. Bicknell, superintendent of the bureau of charities; S. C. Kingsley, superintendent of the Chicago Relief and Aid society; Rabbi George Epstein, Jewish Aid society; James Mullenbach, superintendent of the municipal lodging house, and J. P. Kennedy, St. Vincent de Paul society. Forgan Would Shift Burden David R. Forgan suggested the formation of a committee to place the situation before the business men of the city and procure their attendance at a second meeting in the near future. The committee consists of E. P. Bicknell, superintendent of the bureau of charities; S. C. Kingsley, superintendent of the Chicago Relief and Aid society; Rabbi George Epstein, Jewish Aid society; James Mullenbach, superintendent of the municipal lodging house, and J. P. Kennedy, St. Vincent de Paul society.

CHURCH DOES OUT RELIEF

Immanuel Baptist church has adopted the coffee and rolls method of helping the man who is down, and began last distribution yesterday morning at the church edifice, 2320 Michigan avenue. Rev. Johnston Myers is the pastor. Eight hundred men were fed from Malcolm McDowell's coffee and rolls wagon at Jefferson and Madison streets last night. The rations will be increased enough for 1,000 tonight.

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HUNT SLAYER OF DYING POLICEMAN

Chief of Police Shipley took personal command of the "flying squad" and scoured the city early today, attempting to find the robber who shot and probably fatally wounded Detective William R. Mooney last night. Fifty arrests were made and seven of the suspects are held at police headquarters, where they will be thoroughly searched. It is supposed that the robbers and assailants of Mooney are young men who live in the vicinity of the shooting. Mooney, who was shot just below the heart, is said to be dying at the Grace hospital, following an operation in which three men who were also shot in the fight, are both recovering. Mooney had gone to Hilton's home, 139 Sangamon street, to get a report on a burglary. When he attempted to enter the house, he was met by a man who fought the neighborhood the revolver fight began, ending in the flight of the suspects.

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IMPOTENT MEETING OF SOCIALIST CENT. COM.

A special meeting of the Central Committee of the Socialist Party of Cook County, Ill., was held at the Y. P. C. hall at 180 Washington street. Matters of vital importance to the Socialist party will be discussed at this meeting. Every delegate has a positive duty to attend the meeting.

PLAUSIBLE STRANGER IN SMOOTH CONFIDENCE GAME

The engineer who attends to the stationary engine at the Stanley school, Franklin and Huron streets, and the engineer employed at the Parley candy factory, Superior and Orleans, don't know just whether to laugh or give way to exposable chagrin over the respective loss of a vice and a drill, which they sustained the other day.

TRAINS DOG TO STEAL CHICKENS

Kenok, Ia., Jan. 4.—There is a white bulldog, owned by a colored family out in the Sixth ward, which deserves a better fate than what is coming to it, for the neighbors are practicing with their shot guns and intend to kill the dog the next time he is caught at work.

GRAINS MICE FAT HAM

A lady saw the dog come into her yard on Saturday, grab a nice fat hen and jump over the six-foot fence and scamper home. The woman followed the dog and got her chicken back from the colored woman who was in the collar all prepared to kill and clean the fowl.

"Think How Bad It Might Be," Say Papers to American Workers

The following editorial is making the rounds of the capitalist papers. It is intended to prepare the workman for still further cuts in wages and hours. The Calumet and Weeki miners referred to are unorganized and were unable to enforce their protest against a wage decrease. In order to prepare the American workman for the worst his condition is contrasted to that of the French laborer. The editorial is going the rounds and will probably appear in your local capitalist paper. It is remarkable that in a country so largely given up as this to commercial business pursuits, so many people should be possessed by crude and wholly unpractical economic ideas.

EX-STATE OFFICIAL A SUICIDE

Belleville, Ill., Jan. 4.—Suffering from melancholia, Charles Becker, 67 years of age, director of the National Bank of Belleville, committed suicide by shooting. His body was found by his daughter, Mrs. Bertha Orr of Chicago, who is here on a visit. His widow, daughter and two sons survive him. His wealth is estimated at \$100,000.

PASTOR INSULTS WOMEN IN SERMON; IS MOBBED

Transylvania, Ind., Jan. 4.—The Rev. Ernest Swanson, pastor of the First Baptist church at St. Louis, Mo., at his home, was egged and clubbed on the streets of Newburg, Ind., in his sermon danced were disgraceful.

MADE HOME IN HOLLOW LOG FOR FIFTEEN YEARS

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 4.—The arrest of August Bierman has brought to light a remarkable story. Bierman, who is 66 years of age, has been living in the woods on the river bank for fifteen years.

WALKER ON A 3,000-MILE TRIP

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—With no baggage, save an umbrella and a stack of postal cards containing his photograph, Benjamin Maister, a young athlete looking for laurels as a pedestrian, started from the North American building on a 3,000-mile tramp to the Pacific coast. A crowd of admirers was on hand to give him a rousing send-off.

15-YEAR-OLD HUSBAND IN DESERTION COURT

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4.—Domestic troubles brought 15-year-old Justus Granich, the youngest defendant on record, into the desolation court on complaint of his wife.

GOTHAM IN RUSH TO GET MARRIED

New York, Jan. 4.—Cupid's new headquarters in New York reopened with another rush. The law requiring bachelors to marry went into effect Jan. 1, and since that time the city clerk's office in the city hall has been crowded with prospective brides and grooms.

BURNS TO DEATH WITH DOLL IN HER ARMS

New York, Jan. 4.—Four-year-old Nana Leone is dead, all for the love of her Christmas doll. Nana was the daughter of a contractor and lives in the suburbs. On Christmas she received a beautiful wax doll, which at once became the joy of her baby heart.

STOLE 300 HENS; KILLS THEM AND IS CAUGHT

New York, Jan. 4.—The six fancy hens which C. A. Moore, multimillionaire manufacturer of Greenwich, Conn., bought at the Madison Square poultry show for \$30 apiece have been stolen, killed and plucked and made ready for market. Sheriff Ritch set to work to trace the thief. This he did with great ease, for the thief had worn a pair of shoes patched by himself, and the local Sherlock Holmes followed the footprints two miles until they led to the home of John Volgone, a Polish farmer.

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Omaha, Neb., Jan. 4.—Nineteen women were found huddled together in a box car on a Union Pacific train when the train took a siding at Millant to allow a passenger train to pass.

NORTH CAROLINA PLANTER HOLDS WORKING GIRL CAPTIVE

Asbury Park, N. J., Dec. 27.—Weakness and undervalued by the terrible experience she had undergone in a log cabin in the wilds of North Carolina, Miss Olga Sjusted, a trained nurse, who had been held a prisoner twelve days on the plantation of T. E. Pender, has returned to Asbury Park, accompanied by Thomas Broderick, a police officer of this city, who was sent to her aid by local officials at the solicitation of the nurse's friends, to whom she had applied for aid.

300 NEGROES ON PLANTATION

Miss Sjusted had been locked in her room by Pender, who was absent from his plantation at the time. The plantation is ten miles from Halifax, S. C., and consists of 1,200 acres. Three hundred negroes are employed on the place. Pender arrived soon after the officers had rescued the woman. He stormed at the officers, but when the latter displayed their revolvers he subsided and permitted the girl to depart with her rescuers.

CAPTOR ANSWERED WANT AD

Miss Sjusted says she will prosecute the planter to the full extent of the law. According to the nurse's story she went to North Carolina, leaving her home as a housekeeper over an ante-bellum mansion. She secured the position by advertising in a New York newspaper. She reached the plantation the day before Thanksgiving.

FIND POISON KILLED PASTOR

Eureka, Ill., Jan. 4.—The examination of the stomach of the Rev. Gilbert A. Gish, who died December 4 at his home in Chambersburg, Pike county, and the report of the expert, Dr. Haines of Rush Medical college, Chicago, form the basis of the inquiry being conducted by Mr. Gish's brothers of this city, which may lead to an arrest soon.

CHICKENS IN BOXING MATCH AT SOCIETY DINNER

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 4.—Two weeks ago Detroit society was reduced in numbers from 1,000 to 250, and now one of the real blue stockings has eclipsed Newport's monkey dinner by giving a chicken fight at a dinner for club members.

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VANCOUVER JAPS READY TO FIGHT

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 4.—The Japanese section is practically an armed camp prepared to rise against the whites of Vancouver. Two thousand men live together there, ready to resist the slightest interference and sullenly plotting to continue the fight between the three city firemen and Japs on New Year's morning.

UNIONISTS TO GO ARMED

The Vancouver Trades and Labor council discussed the Japanese question and it was seriously proposed that if there was no legal machinery by which the police could go through all the houses of "Japanesetown" to search for knives and revolvers, and if the laboring Japs, with some exceptions, should arm themselves with revolvers for cases of emergency.

ENGLAND IS WORRIED

London, Jan. 3.—England is experiencing an almost startling awakening to the grave problems caused by the immigration of Asiatics to its "white colonies."

FORBIDS IMMIGRATION

Washington, Jan. 3.—Secretary Root has just received by cable from Ambassador O'Brien at Tokyo the views of the Japanese imperial government on the question of Japanese immigration to this country.

SOCIALIST NEWS

The Milwaukee Free Press (reform Republican) under the heading "To Meet Socialists," contained this statement: "That the Republican and Democratic parties will fuse in a movement to elect a Democrat at large against the Socialists in the spring appears to be a certainty."

LEGAL NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Jewish Labor World will be held at No. 498 South Halsted street, in the city of Chicago, state of Illinois, on the 27th day of January, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of submitting to a vote of the stockholders of said company the question of changing the name of said corporation from the Jewish Labor World to the Jewish Socialist Publishing Association.

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GIVES GIRL \$1,000 TO QUIT THE STAGE

Findsley, Ohio, Jan. 4.—Miss Bernice Snyder was presented with a \$1,000 bill by her father, William E. Snyder, a merchant of this city. It is understood that the would quit the stage. Miss Snyder has just resigned as a member of the chorus of "The Isle of Bong Bong" at Portland, Me.

AGITATOR

Dated Chicago, Ill., this 21st day of December, A. D. 1907. PHILIP ROSENSTEIN, V. LEVINSON, A. DUBIN, L. TIGER, A Majority of the Directors.

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Text of the Appeal Following is the appeal in full and the Socialist's forceful letter sent to the Daily.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 14, 1927. Dear Sir: At Monongah, W. Va., five miles from Fairmont...

Monongah is a mining town of about 2,000 inhabitants. This disaster has destroyed almost one-half of its breadwinners...

Fully 350 widows and 1,000 children are left without any means of support. The most of these families live in the company's houses at Monongah...

Families Must Be Aided All must be given these families to reach their new abodes and to help them establish themselves...

As near as can be determined at this time almost \$50,000 from all sources has been subscribed. Upon the basis of \$300 for each widow and \$100 for each child under 18 years of age...

The committee feels that a basis lower than the above will not be adequate to properly care for the needs of the bereaved ones...

The immediate needs of the resident families are being amply met by the company and a committee of women from Fairmont and Monongah.

The committee begs to express its profound gratitude for the contributions already so generously made and to earnestly appeal for further assistance that it feels so badly needed.

The magnitude of this disaster is too great for West Virginia to alone render all the help required. It commands national attention and the committee feels assured that its appeal will be heard and responded to by the nation.

All checks should be made payable to the Monongah Relief Committee, J. E. Sanda, Treasurer, Fairmont, W. Va., and they and all cash contributions should be sent to him.

W. M. O. DAWSON, Governor of West Virginia, Chairman. A. HOWARD FLEMING, Postmaster of Fairmont, Secretary.

Garver's Letter in Reply Chicago Daily Socialist, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 25, 1927. Dear Sir: I incline to sympathize with an appeal I have just received from Fairmont, W. Va., asking for relief for the

widows and children of the 350 miners who were murdered by contamination and suffocation in inadequately ventilated mines there on Dec. 6.

While as a Socialist and a man I feel the deepest sympathy for the destitute widows and children, I cannot help but think that this apparently philanthropic appeal is only a mercenary scheme on the part of the mine operators and their supporters...

After murdering the fathers and husbands in efforts to cut their life and strength to profits, these human vultures would pose as philanthropists and cloak their mercenary brutality by an appeal to charity.

Note the wording of this letter: 'The company has generously declared that the families occupying their houses may remain until provision is made for them, but operations cannot be resumed in the damaged mines until these houses are available for the new force.'

Three hundred and fifty workers have been suffocated and as soon as the charitably inclined people of the country pay for the removal of the women and children who are left destitute the new force will come in.

If these human vultures had any respect for their hearts they would say to each and every family occupying their hovels, 'Stay here as long as you wish, for life if you want to; we will build other houses for those who come here.'

But no, that would reduce their dividends. Oh, the shame and criminality of capitalism! When will the workers of the world awaken to end its awful reign of murder and rapine?

WILLIAM L. GARVER.

ROBBER RETURNS STOLEN WALLET; STARTS NEW YEAR

New York, Jan. 4.—Because a thief became repentant and decided to turn over a new leaf with the new year, Fred Crosey has recovered \$260 which he thought gone forever.

Crosey was robbed of a wallet containing the money while on a street car New Year's eve.

His name and address were on the wallet, and it has been returned to him by mail, the money intact.

A note from the thief accompanied it, but did not state his reason for returning the money.

O'NEILL PROVES THAT HE IS NOT 'MR. DOVE'

Efforts of Capt. P. D. O'Brien to connect James O'Neill, an alleged notorious burglar, with the murder of John William Bates, Jr., killed by a mysterious 'Mr. Dove,' Nov. 18, 1924, received a setback when records at the bureau of identification showed that O'Neill was in the Pontiac reformatory at the time and was not released until May, 1925.

FLASKS OF WHISKEY AS PROOF AGAINST SALOONS

As evidence against saloonkeepers and hotel and restaurant proprietors, because of illegal liquor sales, New Year's morning, Arthur Burrage Farwell of the Chicago Law and Order league has half-pint bottles of whisky purchased after 1 a. m.

Farwell announced that 'all the evidence' of violations of the ordinance would be turned over to the city prosecutor's office and that warrants would then be demanded for the arrest of the twenty or twenty-five liquor sellers.

PRESBYTERIAN ELDER WRONGS YOUNG WOMAN; SUSPENDED

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4.—Rev. Wm. H. Shaffer, one of the local presiding elders of the Methodist Episcopal church, was declared guilty of the serious charges preferred against him in reference to his relations with Mrs. Martha J. Deichler, postmistress of Morgantown, Pa.

The court has decreed that Dr. Shaffer be suspended from all ministerial functions and church privileges until the annual conference, March 18. The verdict was the result of six days' investigation.

LEST HE FORGET. A SPONGY EXCUSE.



Mrs. Sabus.—'John! When you return home, don't forget my basket at Hyppria's—the law mower at the repair shop, and—O yes! the parrot and—'

Sabus.—'I won't! I'll forget 'em right now, while I think of it.'

MORE LABOR TROUBLES. UNDAID.



Mr. Sabus.—'What's an 'undaid'?' Mrs. Sabus.—'Why, a man who puts the work in through only his hands, and not his head.'

Mr. Sabus.—'Dr. McKenna has decided, after giving physical exercises and all the same time requires that we have a cure for the nerves in the laboratory. It is something on that order, but he has nothing to do with it.'

Y. P. S. L. TO HEAR PROF. RAYMOND

The Young People's Socialist League has made a good start for the New Year. The educational committee has arranged an unexcelled series of lectures, ranging from subjects on sociology and geology to hygiene and psychology.

On the first Sunday of the year, January 5, Prof. Jerome Hale Raymond of the department of sociology at the University of Chicago will deliver a stereoscopic lecture at the Y. P. S. L. hall on 'Belgium and Belgian Congo.'

Prof. Raymond has been lecturing on the foremost problems of the various nations. Raymond's lecture on Belgium, some of his students say, 'is the best of the scholarly series.'

The questions raised with the recent examinations of the atrocities of Belgian Congo will be explained in full and pictures taken from Congo will accompany the lecture.

Since no seats are reserved, those who want to make sure that they will not be turned away because of lack of room are urged to come promptly—8 o'clock, at the Y. P. S. L. hall, 180 East Washington street, near Fifth avenue. Admission is free.

ROCKEFELLER IN \$2,000,000 GIFT

John D. Rockefeller has once more unloosed his purse strings for his pet project, the University of Chicago. The gift this time amounts to \$2,191,000. The sum of \$2,000,000 is to be used for endowment and the income from it will amount to \$300,000 a year.

This brings the benefactions of Rockefeller to the University of Chicago up to \$23,000,000.

TRADE SCHOOLS ARE DEMANDED BY EDUCATOR

The founding of public trades schools in which the sons of workmen can be taught the crafts was advocated in a speech before the Columbia Damen by President Otto C. Schneider of the Chicago board of education.

'Big business,' which does not take up and work to improve their methods at public expense, is growing more and more insistent on the subject of trade schools.

'The matter of trade and commercial schools,' said President Schneider, 'is the most important thing before educators today, and the whole country is interested. These must come, if we are to place our schools on the same level with those in Europe. We have plans now which, we hope, will bring them in Chicago within two or three years.'

SEEK 21-YEAR-OLD GIRL AS THIEF

Paulina Wickman, 21 years old, a German servant, formerly employed in the house of E. J. Henry, 1255 Winthrop avenue, general freight agent of the Lehigh Valley railroad, is being sought by detectives of the Summerdale police station on suspicion of having stolen jewelry and furs valued at \$3,000 from the Henry home New Year's morning.

The theft was discovered following the young woman's disappearance that morning, and Henry and his wife are of the opinion that the servant girl is responsible.

BRYAN'S FOES GIVE \$5 EACH TO AID HIS BANQUET

Roger Sullivan and John P. Hopkins are among those who are aiding and contributing to the cause of Democratic harmony and the nomination of William Jennings Bryan. They have each contributed \$5 apiece.

A banquet will be held at the Congress hotel, January 8, in honor of Andrew Jackson. At this feast many Democratic differences are expected to be patched up and a treaty of peace agreed upon between the Sullivan democracy and Bryan's followers.

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ON THE RIALTO.

WEEK AT THE THEATERS. 'Academy'—'Convict 999.'

'Bijou'—'Through Death Valley.'

'Bush Temple'—'When We Were Twenty-one.'

'Chicago Opera house'—William E. Hodge in 'The Man From Home.'

'College'—'David Harum.'

'Colonial'—'The Merry Widow.'

'Garrick'—Margaret Anglin and Henry Miller in 'The Great Divide.'

'International'—Italian grand opera. 'La Sultana'—'The Girl Question.'

'McVickers'—'In Old Kentucky.'

'Pekin'—'Panama.'

'Power'—'Grand Opening and Theodore Roberts in 'The Right of Way.'

'Studebaker'—'Lonesome Town.'

'Whitney Opera house'—'A Knight for a Day.'

'Auditorium'—Majestic, Olympic, Haymarket—'Yanderville.'

WHERE WAS FATHER? When I asked her to read 'Go to father?' she said: 'And she knew that I knew that her father was dead. And she knew that I knew that a life and she knew that I knew what she meant when she said 'Go to father.'

THE HUSTLERS' COLUMN

The fact that returns were better yesterday than the preceding days should only spur the friends of the Daily to greater efforts. The 'let up' during the holidays set your paper back quite a little and that must be overcome before real progress can be made. Keep it up now while the first ice burning. Don't give them a chance to get cold. The paper must be carried on to success and absolute, unconditional victory.

An eastern hustler, who says 'Don't use my name,' comes up with an excellent idea for increasing the subscription list of the paper. It has been decided to adopt the plan. Here is the Hustler's letter in full:

'Hustler Editor, Chicago Daily Socialist. Dear Sir:—Am not desirous of having my name used, but thought my idea might be of some use to you and me for what's yours is not necessarily mine. Now, then, let me suggest that the Daily give to every person who sends in a sub. the privilege of also sending in a list of five names of non-subscribers. To these five names you take upon yourself the task of mailing a sample copy of the paper. The Hustler can then call upon these people and they will have had an opportunity of seeing the paper before he comes. I believe that if the Hustlers will use good judgment in their selection of names and follow them up as soon as the paper comes to the new ones it would bring results. Would suggest that you keep a record for a given period and see if the scheme bears any great results. I have good reasons for wishing my name to be published so please be guided by my request.'

There is the scheme, Hustlers, and it ought to be a good one. Send in five new names with each subscription and the Daily will mail a sample copy to each name submitted. It will be much easier to call upon such people, for you will have an introduction through the paper. Select the names with care and follow them up. The plan ought to bear fruit. Make the start today and then keep it up.

'How I landed mine.' Just asked for it and here it is.' So writes G. W. Righter, Stockham, Neb.

O. H. Thompson, Mansfield, S. D., sends in a renewal. Then in a postscript he says 'Here's another I just caught on the way to the postoffice. They're being 'landed' in all sorts of places and under all sorts of conditions.'

Four new ones from W. M. Sauer-milch of Del Rio, Tex. Those 'Lone Star' hustlers are great on sending in more than one at a time.

Robert H. Nesbit, Livingston, Mont., went the Texas hustler one better when he dropped five new ones into the Daily's sub list.

Don't forget that you may be able to boost the Daily's circulation by just telling how you got the new ones started. It would be no discredit to you if some other hustler could take your plan, elaborate upon it and do more with it than you could. Tell the hustler editor your method, even if it's just to 'ask for 'em.'

A renewal and a new member of the Daily Socialist family from D. J. Brown of McGill, Nev. Bully for Nevada!

'The woods are full of prospective subscribers for the Daily,' writes W. H. Brigaman of Elwood, Ind. He had just sealed an order for two new subscriptions when a third 'hunted him up and wanted to subscribe. Of course, Brigaman told him how difficult it was to add his name to the others, but in the end the three were incorporated in one letter and forwarded to the office. He wishes to subscribe to the Daily Socialist should be more considerate of the Hustlers and not keep 'em busy all the time.'

Then here are five more from E. F. Snel of Iowa, Kan. Let me see. Somebody wrote a song about 'Iola' and now the hustler editor understands why.

R. D. McAllister, Carmen, Ok., brings two into the fold.

H. Petroch and Edward Hook of Globe, Ariz., send in their renewals in the same letter. Hustlers are the most sociable people in the world.

'How I landed mine'—Well, how did you?

Here's a hustler from Oakland, Cal., who makes a dollar and here all sorts of pardons because it isn't more. Guess who it is. Right! It's Siobodanovich.

H. J. McCluskey, Oakland, Cal., gets a friend to come into the water when he subscribes.

Two more from C. Boutell, New Orleans, La. Some day the biggest building on Canal street will be the home of New Orleans Daily Socialist paper.

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News for Unionists

The Bredders' Gazette has been reported as being a 'fair' publication. The pressmen's union calls attention to the fact that, though the typesetter may be union, it is printed by E. E. Donnelly & Co., which is unfair to eight unions.

LABOR TACKLES SOLUTION OF 'L' LOOP PROBLEM

The legislative committee of the Chicago Federation of Labor, having had the elevated loop question under investigation for some time, has agreed upon a plan, which will be submitted at the executive meeting Monday. It is approved by that body if it will be given to the city council.

The plans contemplate the construction of a loop bounded by Chicago avenue on the north, Twelfth street on the south, the lake front on the east and Halsted street on the west. A small 'inner loop' for transfer purposes completes the scheme.

UNION MEETINGS

Truck Drivers' local, No. 5, United Teamsters of America, meets Sunday afternoon, Jan. 4, at 8 o'clock, Clark street, at 8 o'clock. Election of officers. All please attend. Thomas McCormack.

Newspaper Delivery and Mail Drivers' union, local No. 24, U. T. of A., meets at 3 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 5, at 75 Randolph street. E. H. Hutton.

Take notice German Hod Carriers and Building Laborers of Local No. 1: General meeting Sunday, Jan. 5, at 11 a. m. in our main hall, corner Harrison and Green streets. Election of officers and other important business. All members should be present.

Regular meeting of the Casing Workers' local, No. 128, Saturday, Jan. 4, at 3 p. m., at Fifty-third street and Ashland avenue. All members are requested to attend. Election of officers. C. F. Smith, secretary.

Soda and Mineral Water Drivers and Helpers' union meeting Wednesday evening, Jan. 5, at 8 o'clock, at 25 South La Salle street. All members are requested to attend, as there will be election of officers. J. Donovan.

Laundry Drivers' local, No. 712, U. T. of A., regular meeting Tuesday night at Koch's hall, 39 South Clark street, at 8 o'clock. Election and installation of officers. All members please attend. John Clay, president.

Meeting of dance committee of Chicago Mothers' union, No. 2, on Monday, Jan. 5, at our hall. Hour of meeting 7 p. m. Please attend: important. Florence Donoghue, secretary.

WHERE TO GO

A musical, dramatic and humorous evening with dances will be given by the General Committee of the Democratic Society for the benefit of the unemployed workers at Hall House, Duane hall, 335 South Halsted street, this evening at 8 o'clock.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Table listing various business services including lawyers (Stedman & Soelke, Carl Strover), opticians (DR. Lionel Topaz), business cards (FOR CIGARS CALL ON OR WRITE), drug stores (DRUG STORES), buffet and restaurant (SCHMIDT), schools (CHICAGO CONSERVATORY OF FINE ARTS), books etc. (THE ADAIR BOOK STORE).

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The subscription price of the Daily is \$2.00 a year, the Review \$1.00 a year. We will send both to one address in the United States outside Chicago one year for \$2.25, or six months for \$1.15.

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Demand Work and Wages for the Unemployed

When a few weeks ago the Chicago Daily Socialist urged that action be taken at once to provide work for the unemployed it stood absolutely alone in the United States.

When this paper stated that within six months there would be a general move to secure work for the unemployed the statement was ridiculed.

Today in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and dozens of other cities this demand is already the burning question of the hour.

When every other paper in the United States was declaring that the panic was almost over and that prosperity was at hand we declared that hungry, homeless men would soon be crowding the streets and that soup houses and emergency relief plans would be in operation in all the great cities.

EVERY DAY SINCE THEN HAS PROVEN THE TRUTH OF OUR STATEMENTS AND THE FALSITY OF THOSE MADE BY THE CAPITALIST PRESS.

The Daily Socialist did not predict panic because it wanted it. It did not foretell soup houses and starving men because it would like to see these things.

ON THE CONTRARY, THIS IS THE ONLY PAPER THAT FROM THE BEGINNING HAS ADVOCATED THE ONLY POSSIBLE MEANS OF RELIEF.

Soup houses will do no good. Bread lines will do no good. Coffee wagons will do no good. Organized charity is even more helpless than these spasmodic, sentimental efforts.

Little can be expected from the charitable societies that have taken the first steps in Chicago. They will move only as they are DRIVEN ON BY THE PRESSURE OF THE WORKERS.

They are going to proceed upon the theory that it is CHARITY that is wanted.

BUT CHARITY WILL NOT CURE, AND WILL RELIEVE BUT LITTLE.

For the Tribune to hand back one thousand dollars out of the fifty thousand it stole from the school children this year will not relieve the unemployed.

Let the workmen and women who are suffering demand that they determine how they shall be relieved. They have created all the wealth. LET THEM DECIDE HOW IT SHALL BE SPENT.

Let meetings of the unemployed be called in all portions of the city. Let parades of workless workers walk the streets, voicing their demands for relief.

THESE MEN AND WOMEN WANT JUSTICE, NOT CHARITY. THEY WANT ACCESS TO THE SOURCES OF WEALTH, NOT CRUMBS THROWN FROM THE TABLES OF THEIR SPOILERS.

THEY WANT, AND WILL HAVE, WORK AND WAGES, NOT CHARITY AND PATRONAGE.

They tell us there is no work to do. The rulers of Chicago, the exploiting class and the philanthropic henchmen, say there is no way of providing work.

Are there no clothes to be made and worn by the starving sweaters of the Ghetto?

Are there no loaves of bread to be baked and eaten by the hungry men in the bread lines?

Are there no houses to be built and lived in by the evicted renters?

"But this would interfere with private business," is the horrified reply. ALL THE BETTER. THE MORE PRIVATE BUSINESS IS INTERFERED WITH THE QUICKER THE DAY OF STARVING MEN WILLING TO WORK WILL PASS AWAY.

The Health Department of Chicago and the Building Department have the power to destroy any building which violates the law. OVER ONE-HALF THE BUILDINGS IN THE SLUMS OF CHICAGO ARE VIOLATING THE LAW—ARE INSTRUMENTS OF CONTINUOUS MURDER.

WHY NOT PUT THE UNEMPLOYED AT WORK TEARING DOWN A FEW OF THESE AND ERECTING NEW MUNICIPALLY OWNED BUILDINGS TO BE RENTED TO THOSE WHO BUILD THEM AND TO THE OTHER WORKERS OF CHICAGO?

This sounds as strange today as did the statement in this same column a few weeks ago that it was time to prepare for the unemployed. IT MAY PROVE EQUALLY PROPHETIC IF THE WORKERS OF CHICAGO SET ABOUT DEMANDING THE RELIEF TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED.

Let them tell these would-be benefactors that all that is wanted of them is to get off the backs of the workers, and that if they do not get off THEY WILL BE THROWN OFF.

Tell them that if they do not use the city government, which they now control, for the purpose of assisting the unemployed workers of Chicago that those unemployed and their fellows who are still fortunate enough to have a master will take charge of the government and use it to suit themselves.

Socialism, Human Nature and Foreign Trade

BY ROBERT BLATCHFORD.

The solicitor-general returned to the attack at South Shields, and made a very clever speech, which we will now proceed to run the tape over.

He began with a generous tribute to the purity of the motives by which Socialists are actuated. "The great aim of Socialism," he said, "has its root in the love of justice, and the love of liberty." It is the first time I have learned that an aim has roots; but let the metaphor pass.

Having done us well, the solicitor-general knocked out Socialism, the sermon on the mount and poor human nature in one round. The ideal of Socialism and the ideal of the sermon on the mount could not be realized, said he, because human nature was not good enough.

He said the Socialists had forgotten this. But this is his little mistake: We have remembered it all too fruitfully. But the argument is an old one, and I will let it pass for the present.

Having destroyed our case in mass, the solicitor-general went into detail. He said that more than half our population had to be fed on foreign wheat, and that to get this wheat we must have foreign trade. He implied that if we adopted Socialism we should lose the foreign trade, his idea being that the success of our trade depended upon the energy of travelers, traders, shippers and others. "middlemen," and that these men only worked in the hope of making money and position. And he said he had never found any solution of this difficulty in any Socialist book.

Now, before we enter upon this interesting subject, let us make up our minds what we mean. Are we thinking of collectivism, which would abolish all salaries and wages, or of a form of collectivism which would pay salaries and would also recognize what the Fabians call "the right of ability?"

Let us deal with the question from the collective point of view. (I am a communist.)

Assuming that we in this country are dependent upon imported food (which I do not admit) we have to consider the possibility of retaining our foreign trade under Socialism.

The solicitor-general evidently believes that the state could not possibly carry on our foreign trade. The only reason he gave for this curious belief was the assertion that the men who carry on the trade now are human beings, and only work for pay.

But I venture to assert that the men who are servants of the state under the present system are human beings, and that their motives are the motives of human beings.

Now, what do these state servants do at present? What have they done in the past? They govern, manage and police the whole of the United Kingdom and the whole of the Indian empire. They conveyed enormous numbers of horses and men, and enormous masses of food, of stores, of ammunition and arms over 7,000 miles, and got them up to the front on an inadequate and imperfect railway system during the South African war. They did the same thing in Afghanistan, in Abyssinia, in Ashantee. They work the postal and telegraphic systems of our wide-stretched empire. They man, arm, equip, direct and control the most com-

and tremendous fleet of war vessels the world has ever seen.

Now, if an imperfect, undemocratic, badly organized, badly trained state government can do all these things, why should not a better trained, better organized, democratic state service be equal to the task of importing our food, of exporting our manufactures, and of managing our exchange?

The solicitor-general seems to be alarmed at the idea that the Socialist state would have to compete with foreign rivals. But we have to compete with foreign rivals now, and not only that, but we have to compete with each other.

The idea that a disorganized competitive system is better than an organized co-operative system is nearly played out. It is not so long since Lever defended the idea of a soap trust on the ground that a combination of soapmakers would reduce the cost of production.

Does the solicitor-general imagine, with national ownership of the mines, the railways, the ships, the land and all the machinery, the cost of production and of export would be increased. If so, why?

What is the point of the private trader? Is it not that the municipalities can undersell them?

But the solicitor-general seems to suppose that the men who served a Socialist state would be more greedy, or less competent than those who serve the present state, or the private trader.

If the solicitor-general will call to mind the performance of our sailors, our soldiers and our civil servants, I think he will admit that they have done good and loyal work, and that they have not been very well paid. If today we can get men to sail and march and starve and fight for less than a shilling a day, I don't think Socialism is likely to fail because of the rapacity of the people.

Let us now give a thought to that human nature which the solicitor-general twits us with having forgotten.

As I pointed out in "The Sorcery Shop," it is a mistake to suppose that the bulk of the population are eager and greedy persons, always on the lookout for more money; for promotion, for praise. The great majority of the people go along contentedly, doing their work, living their lives, and only asking for very moderate comfort.

The restless, adventurous men, who become travelers, traders, soldiers, sailors and explorers, are not primarily moved by the hope of gain. A few weeks ago I heard two men, who are travelers in the shipping trade, talking to each other in a first-class compartment on the Southwestern railway. They seemed to have been all over the world, and they were discussing the service of one of the great shipping firms who had agents on the west coast of Africa. What did those men say? The younger man said he was not sure about taking the offer. He said the climate was very unhealthy and the work was hard.

A man to whom illness was chronic. When told that he needed a tonic, he said: "Oh, doctor, dear, won't you please make it beer?" "No, no," said the doc. "that's Tonic."

and the pay was low. "When you consider the expenses," said he, "you are no better paid than if you were in Glasgow."

"Yes, yes," answered the elder man. "That's true enough. But man, you'll no want to be in Glasgow." Now these men were human beings, and Scotsmen at that, and there was much more for them in life than mere wages or preference.

But there is a great deal yet to be said on this question of the food supply and foreign trade.

Under Socialism there will be no such thing as the hopeless position of a million unemployed men gazing helplessly at millions of unutilized acres. We could produce a great deal, if not all our own food now, if we had possession of our own country.

The solicitor-general, being asked a question at the close of the meeting, made the amazing statement that Socialism would destroy the whole industrial system and that instead of labor then getting all it produced, it would lose the one-third of its production which now falls to its hands.

Now I want to ask the solicitor-general whether he has yet solved the Carlylean problem of the existence of "are feet amid an overproduction of boots? It is a pretty problem.

Have the people enough boots, clothing, houses, bedding, fuel or furniture? No; they have not—some twenty millions of them—enough of anything. And they go short of these things because they are too poor to pay for them.

And twenty-five thousand persons take half the wealth which all the workers produce. And our manufacturers and traders have to go abroad to find customers, because our workers have not enough money to create an "efficient demand."

But under Socialism that plunder of the workers would be stopped. Then the workers would not be poor; then there would be an efficient home demand.

Socialism would not "destroy the industrial system." It would alter and organize the industrial system. It would not only secure to the worker the whole of his earnings, it would so improve the industrial system that the total wealth production of the kingdom could be trebled.

I do not believe that any capitalist- and roddy-land-riding nation on earth could compete in the world's market against the economical, well-organized, intelligent trade of a Socialist state.

With our country organized on Socialist lines we could, if so disposed, buy all our food from foreign countries at the very highest prices.

This is as far as I can go with the solicitor-general this week. But he raised several other issues in his speech which call for notice, and I will deal with them in due course. What the Socialist want is the fullest and most public discussion. The more our opponents talk about us, the better they criticize us, the better chance have we of getting our own case heard. If the solicitor-general and Balfour and the other great political leaders will only keep on attacking Socialism, we shall make converts by the millions.

THE EXAMINER ON CRIME

BY SEYMOUR STEDMAN.

The Chicago Examiner on Friday's issue wonders why it is that with the marvelous range of scientific development it is so difficult to catch a criminal who brutally murders a woman. As simple as the question seems it opens up the whole subject of criminal sociology. Policemen are no men of scientific training, they are simply human dog catchers. They know the thief only when they catch the goods on him or when by sweat-box process he confesses.

The lawyers and the judges know but little more. You cannot bring scientific investigation to the subject of catching criminals, for the more natural avenue for such a line of thought would be to determine the cause of crime and the conditions that produce the criminal, and that investigation will determine three things very quickly.

First, that some criminals are born with uncontrollable tendencies hostile to the welfare of society. Second, that some are normal individuals aroused to activity against society by reason of the necessity for food, clothing and shelter. Third, the individual who is born without strength of moral character and the environment within which he is reared easily molds his course to a criminal career.

The scientific mind which the Examiner wants applied to the catching of criminals will also quickly determine another important fact; that is, that the pathological or born criminal is exceedingly rare, especially the incurable type, and that in the main criminals are the product of their environment.

The criminals which society is protesting against are born and reared in the poorest neighborhoods, the most filthy and sickly surroundings; their playground is the dirtiest streets; their homes are cramped, small and uncleanly. The burglar, footpad, murderer, pickpocket and assaillant are not, as a class (except the born criminal), the offspring of the boulevards nor of the better-to-do neighborhoods.

When the Examiner finds its scientific mind it will discover another thing—that it is difficult to teach honest, hard labor to the boy or girl who by daily observations sees wealth lavished upon and social homage paid to those who mark "18 J." in a watch of three jewels and "14 K." in a rolled-gold watch for farmers, who lie in real estate deals, steal the land of school children and bribe city councils. For it is difficult to teach the average that it is better to be honest with \$10 or \$15 a week than a crook with automobiles and newspaper plaudits and social recognition.

The whole social environment will be found upon investigation to be crime breeding and measures of repression of little efficiency. A thorough study of criminology means the realization that the present social environment of most people is stupid and wrong. It is that which the Examiner, Tribune and other friends of the present system cannot disturb, for to do so would be to push over the whole capitalist system.

NICHOLAS TCHAYKOVSKY

Six months ago I saw an old man upon a platform. At midnight employes took the chairs from the stage and let down the curtain. Anxious at being kept up so late, they moved the furniture noisily. But the white-haired patriarch did not speak. He stepped to the front and spoke louder. He wildly waved a paper. His beautiful bearded face was illumined as if with an aureole. He was the apotheosis of enthusiasm. His voice quivered—but with passion, not with fear. His hands trembled—but from emotion, not from age. One expression constantly recurred in his speech. It was the word "svoboda"—what other word is necessary?

Russia is famous for its circles, but the circle of Tchaykovsky was the most important of them all. Sophia Prokavskaya, Stepanik, Kupriankoff, Krotovskiy—these belonged to it. Its influence was felt in every province of Russia. The government trembled before it. Yet time and treachery crushed it. Nearly all its members were tortured in prisons, hanged on scaffolds or exiled to Siberia. A few escaped. Nicholas Tchaykovsky was one of the few. For thirty years he has lived in other countries, preaching the one thing in the world worth preaching—Freedom! He is known by the noblest title that man has given to man—"Father of the Russian Revolution." Since he fled from his native land another generation has arisen, but they, too, are his children. The vestal pine to be among the youths. At last desire conquered discretion, and old Tchaykovsky went back to Russia. So did Breshkovsky go back, and Leo

Deutch went back, and Olga Liebatovich went back, and Nicholas Morozoff went back, and Hermann Lopatin went back. So do they nearly all go back—to death.

Tchaykovsky tonight is in that hell of horrors—the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul. More sublime characters, more exalted martyrs, more profound thinkers have languished in this ghastly tomb than in any other that was built to hold captive the lovers of liberty. Hundreds of names I could quote you, and every one of them a loftier soul than the heroes whose exploits are sung by poets and whose features are carved by sculptors.

Father, you could have spent the evening of your life in the rays of a shining sun. You could have sat quietly beneath the olive, enjoying the singing birds and the flowing brook. A cosy armchair, a glowing fire, a well-filled library, a loving comrade, all these could have been yours. Instead you chose that grim coffin where the living are buried, that ghostly grave where the feet forget to walk and the tongue cannot speak, but where the heart always suffers and the brain can snap at any moment.

Father of the Revolution, you will perish among your children. Father, farewell. Father, with tears and love and outstretched arms and saddened souls, farewell.

Father, with our young spirits praying that the flame of your fire may leap up and burn in us, farewell—Victor Robinson in The Public.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Edited by Marie Jayne

What Capitalism Has Made of Our Home

BY ERMA VIVIAN JOHNSON

As a child, surrounded by many, many dolls and emblems of the housekeeper's delight, I remember always dreaming of a future in which these miniature toys would find a real and ready significance. Toward that future I fashioned my living. The disagreeable environment of home life surrounding my earlier years did not dishearten me. I believed that there were men of great and noble purpose. No stone was left unturned in my search for that abstract ideal which I called the "right of ability." It is often surprising and inconceivable to me, knowing the usual blighting effects of capitalist society, that perfectly my ideal was realized in discovering a man beyond moral criticism.

Naturally, with earnest endeavor in the beginning and so ambitious a nature success would more or less attend such a union. Two people working in harmony can accomplish tenfold the results of those whose lives are a constant struggle.

We started with nothing but our persistence and mutual effort. As long as there was a desire to satisfy the desire to purchase it was manifest. But there did come a time when the purchase of new things created no responsible joy. The necessity of caring for these things and trying to keep them new was making the proper use of them demanded more care than the enjoyment of them created. A large balance grew on the debit side of pleasure in housekeeping.

Larger rooms were required to accommodate the belongings and a better display in living—small as it was—and with all this grew proportionately the expenses of appearance, and the one for whom I had planned this home with myself was careful to make the furnishings linked with tender memories in the struggle to obtain them.

Others would come into the home and see all that the desire of a normal human being would imagine worth while and fancy our existence ideal. One of the few examples that one reads of in the rose-colored stories of marriage. There were bright and happy children; practically no adversity had even been met, but the desire to help and money never was one of our possessions. Through influence and unwise expressions of friendship we were enabled to take summer trips to resorts every summer. There seemed to ride on the mirror of our reflection. Even the knowledge that we were to have a home of our own did not bring us delight. It would have done in the early days.

It has taken many years to get these ambitious demands together and a great deal of struggle and time in the attempt. Bringing the time we have neglected our best duties, we have neglected our best duties, we have neglected our best duties. We look back with

Object to Socialist Sunday Schools

On Sunday at 3 o'clock will be held in the rooms of the Young People's Socialist League, 180 Washington street, an entertainment given by the Women's Socialist branch for the purpose of starting a fund to support a Socialist "Sunday school." The importance of the entertainment rests in the object for which it is held, the making possible of the Socialist Sunday school.

Every parent has heard the old saying that whoever controls the first ten years of a child's education controls the remainder of his life. While this is not literally true, it is a fact that the early training of a child has much to do with his later life. The object of the Socialist Sunday school is to train the children of the workers to think, not along the old lines that their fathers and mothers have, but to teach the meaning of society today and the principles of Socialism.

It is well recognized that just so long as the capitalist class controls the minds of the workers it can keep them in subjection, but let the workers begin to think and the end of capitalism is near. The Socialist Sunday school will attempt to make the children of the workers think for themselves, so that it will be impossible for the capitalist to hold them in a condition of wage slavery, such as we live in today.

Medical Advice

My daughter is 5 years old and has lived with my sister-in-law for the past year. I have signed no adoption papers. Am I entitled to the custody of my child? C. E. R. Yes. A parent only releases the right to the custody of the child by an order of the court or death.

Is a board of directors responsible for the debts of a corporation should it become bankrupt? L. W. L. In Illinois they are only responsible where the debts of a company exceed the amount of the capitalization. As your letter is from Iowa, would suggest that you consult an attorney or the statutes of that state.

TO THE EDITOR

CAPITALISTS BELIEVE IN DIVIDING UP. It is very hard to induce people of capitalist minds and capitalist environment to break away from their old party ideas, supported by ignorance and superstition, even though such blind partisan hostility reduces them to the most abject poverty and degradation. Even the present great industrial crisis is not causing people—the masses who support capitalism with their labor and their votes—to think as they should.

It really does seem that it is the most simple thing that is the hardest for the people to understand. Socialism, which would free the workers from industrial slavery, is as simple as A B C, yet the masses of workers will cast aside Socialism with characteristic vulgar narrowness. For instance, the workers generally hold on to the popular delusion that Socialism means a "general divide up" of all wealth. This "general divide up" argument is usually made against Socialism by people who have nothing to "divide up." They have already divided up with the capitalists by giving them three-fourths of what they produce.

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