

WHEAT NOW BEING BRED TO ORDER

Stock Exposition Shows Cattle Are Made to Bear the Choicest Bits

"Porterhouse, sirloin or round grown to order," might well be the motto of the modern breeder of fat cattle as exemplified at the fat stock show now being held at the stock yards.

Grand Champion of Show The grand champion of the show, an entry of Purdue University, is the center of attraction as the climax of the breeder's art.

Bred so as to Produce More It is possible that the highly trained students of the agricultural colleges, who are carrying their score cards as ostentatiously as the American tourist displays his Baedeker in the corridors of the Louvre, may be able to see great and fundamental differences between the Herefords and the Angus and the Shorthorns and the other breeds whose family records testify to the purity of aristocratic descent that lifts them high above the ordinary herd.

Not Only Size Sought It is not simply size that is sought. It is also the quality of the meat. The 1600-pound king of the world of steers has shown but thirty peaceful months, and the banquet hall is already yearning for him.

Squeals and Squabbles Over in one corner there were a few pens from which came the sounds and movements which recalled earlier times. There were squeals and squabbles, and the visitors were saluted with inquisitive noses, while others even deigned to dare to root in the straw.

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TRIES TO BE GENTLEMAN ENDS LIFE WHEN HE FAILS Jackson, Miss., Dec. 4.—"I have tried to be a gentleman and failed." After perusing these words, John Gill, turnkey at the city jail, shot and killed himself last night. No motive other than that stated in the note is known. Gill was about 65 years of age and came here from Albany, N. Y.

WOMAN TOO FOND OF HER OWN BOY

Charity Agent Tries to Separate Good Mother From Son; Judge Is Human Mrs. Mary McCarthy, 629 West Monroe street, has a lovely position at the Boston Store. She herself calls it "lovely," for does she not earn \$5 a week with which to feed, clothe and shelter herself and her son, Willie?

Could Scrub No More Finally, when she could scrub no more, she secured the "lovely position" at the Boston Store, where she does sewing for \$4 a week. They tell her, she says, that she is improving and will soon be behind the ribbon counter, where she may by chance earn \$15 a week.

IS RED RADICAL WHEN HE VISITS Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones Delivers 'Incendiary' Speech in Kansas City (SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 4.—The great industrial system of which we are so proud is founded on the bodies of wage earners. The products are stained with the blood of children and soiled with the tears of women.

Hits Fashionable Women The speaker paused and looked over his head and scanned the hats of the women. "George Eliot once had one of her characters say: 'When I want to believe in the church I close my eyes for fear I might see a woman in the pew.'"

Over-Indulgent Mother "She is too fond of her boy. She ran up bills at the city store for her cousin, Mr. Cox, had to pay them. She is overindulgent to that boy." So asserted Miss Bailey, sociologist.

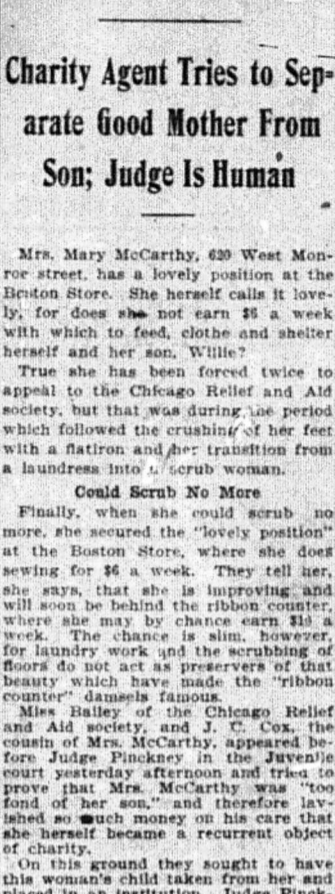
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A NEW "DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE" ACT



Uncle Sam, the personification of freedom, and— Uncle Sam, esteemed friend of the czar.

POVERTY STUNTS TEACHER'S MIND?

Psychologist Says Average Pedagogues Underpaid and Unqualified for Work Can a school teacher working for from \$45 to \$60 a month afford to "maintain and operate a soul" for constant use in the overcrowded classroom?

TEACHERS SUFFER FROM DRY ROT "The average pay is \$55 monthly for men and \$42 monthly for women. The average length of service is less than four years. Many of the teachers are not properly trained and a very large proportion of them never go through their normal school.

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RAG-TAG, BOB-TAIL LABOR? NO!

Capitalists Not Looking for Cheap Workers; Skilled Men Are Jobless

BY MAY WOOD-SIMONS The question may be raised after reading the Wall Street Journal as to what is to become of the men who are not considered sufficiently efficient by employers.

The Wall Street Journal says: "While the past year of business depression has not resulted in any general reduction in wages, it has materially increased the efficiency of labor. If we should measure labor as horse power we might say that with the same expenditure we were obtaining a higher power. This is one of the notable outcomes of the past year. The water has been squeezed out of labor."

Labor Adversely Affected A prominent western railroad manager says: "During the boom we had to employ the rag-tag and bobtail element, which not only costs abnormally in itself, but also drags down the average production of the good men. During the depression employers have been able to get rid of this element in labor."

Commenting on this statement the Wall Street Journal says: "When prosperity returns, this railroad manager for one—and he probably speaks for a large class—does not want to be forced to take this element back into the ranks of its wage earners. Having got rid of them in the panic, he doesn't want to take them on again. He admits that they will be a problem as the unemployed element of the community, but that problem is less dangerous than the one of taking care of them in the ranks of active labor. In their words, it does not want prosperity to grow so fast as to compel the employment of the rag tag and bobtail and thus lower the average efficiency of labor."

Steel Corporation Employes The Economist says of conditions: "It is reported this week that the works of the United States Steel Corporation are in operation only to 90 per cent of their capacity and that is not greatly above the measure at the worst time of the recent business depression. The Western Electric company, which is the largest concern of its class, is also said not to have experienced any change. A similar statement might be made with respect to many other large interests. Scarcely a start has yet been made on orders for rails."

Twelve Months of Depression The trade has now passed through twelve months of a related depression. The efforts of the German pig iron manufacturers to combine failed to weather the depression. It is reported that the attempt to hold the four pig iron syndicates of Germany in one great national body called the "German Pig Iron Syndicate" have been finally abandoned, and has resulted in a further reduction of European iron prices. The German syndicate was the same as it was here last spring, when producers of pig iron endeavored to sustain the price.

Copper reports show that the production of that mineral is running in excess of consumption. Producers and selling agencies do not look for a resumption of copper buying during the remainder of the month. A great number of consumers seem to have stockpiled copper to some extent time after the election, and it will be some time before they are again in the market.

Money Market Rates Low In the money market no improvement of conditions is expected for some time. The Journal of Commerce says: "Money rates will remain very low until next autumn. It is now believed by those who have most to do with lending and borrowing money."

This view is taken after giving full consideration to the prospective flotation of loans by the government, the larger cities, and corporations of all kinds.

President J. B. Forgan of the First National Bank of Chicago makes an important statement on the money market in the Wall Street Journal this week.

"There is very little life in the local money market. Offerings of paper are scarce."

"We are trying hard to place money to advantage, but find it very difficult to do so. The reason is simply that business is dull. There has been little change so far as the banks are concerned." See the election.

"The rate on average commercial paper is four and a half per cent. Some names are taken at four per cent, but the banks have not shared that rate. Some note brokers perhaps have gone down to four per cent. The rate on local bonds is four per cent."

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DOCTOR LIKE A FATHER TO HER

Widow of Physician's Alleged Victim Defends the Accused

Benton, Ill., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Reuben F. Parrish, widow of the Illinois Central station agent at Mulkeytown, a connection with whose death last March Dr. R. F. Brayfield, one of the best known physicians in southern Illinois, is under indictment on a charge of murder by poisoning, told an interesting story yesterday.

When told that the state intends to exhumate the body of her husband at the cemetery in Richview for purpose of a chemical analysis she said she herself was sick at the same time as her husband, and with similar symptoms. She took such quantities of strychnine for medicine that had she and her body been examined, the authorities might have concluded that she was murdered.

Stronger Than McGill Case The Franklin county grand jury adjourned without taking action respecting the death of Mrs. Brayfield, who was taken ill the day Parrish died, and died soon afterwards. State Attorney W. P. Seaber explained his acquiescence to the request to admit to bail on the ground that the state did not want to divulge its case prematurely. He predicted surprising testimony when the case comes to trial and said the evidence will be stronger than it was in the McGill case at Clinton, which resulted in acquittal.

Was Like Father to Her "I shall be on hand whenever needed while the doctor is in trouble, and not a breath of scandal can be attached to the fact, for any conversations I may have with the doctor will be in the presence of others," she said. "He was like a father to me and to my husband when we lived at Mulkeytown. He was the best friend we had in that awful village of ignorant people."

Tells Husband of "Sassing" Wife "I will tell you about something that happened in the Royal Neighbors, of which the doctor, Lois Royal, the doctor's sister-in-law and I were members at Mulkeytown. I will explain to a degree the predicament the doctor is in now. He had been treating me regularly and had advised me not to exert myself. I would get to jumping around considerably at the lodge sometimes and the doctor would speak to me aside, advising me to be careful. "You'll have to sign this bill to pay me if you don't look out," he would say, and then he would go over to the depot to laugh with Reuben about how he had "sassed" me. That was all right with Reuben and I, but when he talked to me and started talking about the way the doctor and I would speak aside from them. The whole horrible chain of gossip about the doctor grew steadily.

Dies as They Talk of Departure "If my husband had lived we would have gone away. A little while before my husband's death here was held out that he might get something the next day. I was happy to think he was recovering and I told him we would have a good supper that night for the rest of us and the next day he might have something. Then he talked to me and said that when he got strong enough he would go to Colorado and take me with him as it would do us both good to get away from Mulkeytown. "Just as I was beginning to be cheerful my husband called me to him and said: 'Now don't get false hopes. I have just felt something come over me. I become hysterical and he told me something. Then he talked to me and got it. He didn't live long after that. He was delirious and we had to keep him under morphine.'"

WOULD SEND ALIENS TO THE COUNTRY FOR EMPLOYMENT

That Chicagoans should enter into a movement to relieve congestion by sending alien immigrants from the city to the country was urged by Terence V. Powderly, chief of the United States bureau of immigration, in a noonday address before the members of the Hamilton club yesterday.

"Immigrants looking for work in Chicago could do well in the country," he said. "Chicagoans should help to find places for them away from the city. We are responsible for them until they are able to make a living for themselves. We must remove the idle from the cities. While they remain in the congested parts of the country they furnish a menace to industrial conditions."

SAYS NO SEAT IS DUE 'L' PATRONS

Weston Thinks They Are Not Entitled to Sit Down During Rush Hours

The argument that a person who is in a hurry to get to the center of the city is not entitled to a seat was advanced as a defense for the overcrowding of the elevated express by Charles V. Weston, president of the South Side Rapid Transit company, to the council local transportation committee yesterday afternoon. Of the four elevated railroad presidents who appeared before the committee, Mr. Weston did most of the talking. His argument was not challenged by the aldermen.

"Not Entitled to Seat" "When a person deliberately gives up a seat in a local at Indiana avenue to get on an express and save time coming down town he is not entitled to a seat," declared Mr. Weston.

The South Side's express service north bound into the city starts from the Indiana avenue and Forty-third street stations.

"Why not make them pay an extra fare for coming from one train to another," said Ald. Dever.

Stub as Loop-Congestion Relief In the minds of the aldermen the passenger who took an express sealed his own fate and the discussion changed to the advisability of running trains into the Congress stub and relieving the loop congestion.

Weston was not asked to explain how an express would be any less overcrowded if the passengers who got on at Indiana avenue because they could get a seat that far had got directly on the express at other stations or why locals are run at all south of Indiana avenue when expresses are making all the stops.

Weston declared himself positively against routing the "L" through the present loop congestion.

Alderman Foreman, chairman of the committee, served notice on the south side president that the city would use force as soon as ready to take up the question. The elevated road officials asserted that longer station platforms would be the easiest solution to the present loop congestion.

City Will Use Compulsion

Landslide wrecks small towns; kills and maims

Rome, Dec. 4.—A landslide at Mount Lupo yesterday wrecked the village of Fra and Laguna. The bodies of twenty-seven dead and ten injured persons have been recovered.

55 Ships Built in Month Washington, Dec. 4.—Forty-two steam and thirteen sailing vessels were built in the United States in November, according to a report of the bureau of navigation. All of the steam and seven of the other vessels were of steel. The total gross tonnage was 9,196 tons.

THE CONTINENTAL CLOTHING HOUSE. High-Grade Clothing-- Popular Prices. Best Shoe Bargains in Chicago. RIGHT AT THE START. The Continental offers At The Very Outset of the Season, Broken Lots of Men's Finest Suits and Overcoats. Regular \$18 @ \$20 Values, for \$14.50. This is the kind of offer which demonstrates the Continental's snap and enterprise. Here are the finest suits of the season, and we could get the price for them, but we'd have to wait and be bothered with the trouble of suiting a customer—and maybe losing him. So OUT THEY GO AT A GREAT BIG PRICE-CUT. The suits are in blacks, blues, grays, olive shades—all the clever shades of the season. Overcoats are down-to-the-minute in style—sizes 46, 48 and 50, and some in black kerseys, chevots, meltons, vicunas and tweeds—but through or fly front—a great variety of effects. If you need an overcoat here's the place and now's the time to get it while this mark holds good. Open Saturday Night Till 10 O'Clock. Sunday Till Noon.

TEACHERS WIN PENSION CASE Judge Mack Considers Sociological Aspect in Releasing City Fund

In the decision handed down in the case of Stinger against the city, which was a suit to restrain the payment of pensions to teachers, policemen and firemen, in the service, Judge Julian Mack took an advanced position, stating that the use of money for such an end is not a "gratuity," but the use of money for a public purpose, and that such money may legally come from either levies for direct taxation or out of license fees. The decision, if upheld by the state supreme court, in which the case will probably be carried, will release \$2,000 of the teachers' pension for October, the time of the last vouchers, about \$16,000 of the firemen's fund, and about \$20,000 of the police pension money.

WINTER'S CRIME CARNIVAL HERE Daring Robbers Secure Rich Booty on Cars and Raid Downtown Stores

The cold weather has brought with it the usual carnival of crime. Burglars invaded the downtown district last night and pickpockets in West Madison street cars succeeded in making good their escape with a wallet containing \$75 and a \$250 diamond stud after engaging in a struggle with passengers. In one of the downtown raids, the thieves were discovered by a private watchman who fired several shots at them and was the target for a return volley.

MARKETS WINTER WHEAT--Steady. Sales, 12,000 bu. No. 2 red, 90c; No. 3 red, 89c; No. 4 red, 88c; No. 1 hard, 91c; No. 2 hard, 90c; No. 3 hard, 89c.

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Arrest Alleged Boy Thieves Four supposed wagon thieves who are said to have been victimizing north side merchants for the last two months were arrested at Southport and Belmont avenues late yesterday and are locked up at the North Halsted street police station to await trial. The prisoners are all under the age of 20 and it is believed by the police that they were directed in their thefts by an older person.

cut price on Overcoats to 1000. Many of these Overcoats are worth 15.00 to 25.00. I bought them at a bargain; they are being sold at a great bargain. Come and look at them, we will not try to force a sale. Other Bargains This Week 50 cent President Suspenders, one in a box, 35 cts. 15 cent Fast Black Seamless Socks, 5 cts. 500 nice hand tailored Worsteds Suits in the new greens and browns at 10.00. These are a very great bargain. 1.50 Fancy Shirts, new ones, not old truck, 95 cts. 1.50 Cape street Gloves, special at 95 cts. Lot of 3.00 Shoes, all sizes, at 2.25. All 2.00 Hats at 1.65. Lot of Tom's "Guaranteed" Trousers at 3.00 Some of these bargains you must go to my big Clothing Hall for, that is why above prices are made. Enough for one sold to one person. I am not trading with other merchants if I know it. Murray Jackson, cor. Clark Open Saturday till 10.

GREAT OIL ACTIVITY The Los Angeles Examiner prints the following dispatch dated Dec. 3: "The oil industry is being kept busy by the SEABOARD OIL COMPANY in prospecting and drilling for oil in and around the Santa Monica Mountains, according to a statement by A. W. Winters, president of the company. The scene of operations to buy supplies and machinery for the new wells is at the Santa Monica Carbon Canyon. The company is raising the necessary capital and the work is to be resumed at once." MOYER'S "SONGS OF SOCIALISM" Fourth and Revised Edition. Edwin Markham, the People's Poet, writes: "This hymnal of labor is doubtless the best thing in the radical line in our musical literature. I am stirred most by the notes of love and brotherhood that sound through your pages. Men need to be awakened out of the old selfishness into the social passion—the old struggle for private gain into the new struggle for the common welfare. So we need the songs of love and brotherhood; for we need an industrial brotherhood that shall be the working form of love." SINGLE COPY, 25c; FIVE COPIES, \$1; ONE DOZEN COPIES, \$2.25. BROTHEROOD PUBLISHING CO., LTD., 5312A Indiana Ave., Chicago. NOTE TO NEW SOCIALISTS READ SOCIALIST BOOKS Nearly 1,000 described in our new free catalog, "The Question of the Hour." All pamphlets and leaflets at lowest prices. WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY CLEARING HOUSE FOR ALL SOCIALIST LITERATURE 200 WILLIAM ST. NEW YORK, N. Y. Men and Mules BY W. F. BIES Covers objections and makes strong points for Socialism. By mail, postpaid, 10c; 50 for \$2.50; 100 for \$4.00. Chicago Daily Socialist, 180 E. WASHINGTON ST., CHICAGO, ILL. CLASSIFIED Male MEN AND WOMEN AGENTS--YOU CAN MAKE MONEY selling our family medical work. Large profits. See the book, "A Physician in the House." Call or write, Dr. J. H. Greer, 33 Dearborn St., Chicago. Miscellaneous FOR UNEMPLOYED, OR CANVASSERS, clerks, useful, useful, useful, useful, useful, half profit. Peck Co., Westfield, Mass. FOR RENT Flats FOR RENT--LIGHT & ROOM FLAT AT 88 E. 6th st., near Chicago Grove av.; fine back porch; stove heat; \$4. Furnished HOUSEKEEPING AND other furnished rooms for rent; heated; nice place for working women; respectable; private; cheap. 34 S. Morgan st. REAL ESTATE FOR SALE HERE IS THE PLACE YOU ARE LOOKING FOR: Six-room house, all modern, two baths, central heating, gas, electric, etc. (one-half acre); the right place for chickens; \$1,500 cash; balance to suit. CHIFF'S BROS., 323 Milwaukee st. WHO SAID BARGAINS? We have two flat houses on north side for \$1,700. Schultz & Witt, 209 N. Halsted st. BUY REAL ESTATE NOW--IT'S CHEAP. Chicago, Ill. Underwood, 1000 N. Dearborn. SEE US BEFORE BUYING ANY IRREGULAR land. Frank H. Wirtz & Co., 118 LaSalle st. REAL ESTATE TO EXCHANGE 2 ACRES, 1/2 IN PEACHERS IN TEXAS. Call for particulars. Write to Daily Socialist. TYPEWRITERS TYPEWRITERS--ALL MAKES; LOWEST prices; every machine sold by us guaranteed. Remington, Smith Premier, Oliver, Blick, Underwood, etc. Underwood, Hammond, from \$1 to \$5, and upwards. Don't fail to write for catalogue and price list. Reference by permission to many prominent Socialists. Mention Daily Socialist, Ben Samson & Company, 208 N. 22 Dearborn st., Chicago. BUSINESS PERSONALS SMITH'S RHEUMATIC LINIMENT Has won the gold medal of the American Lumber, Swelling and Sprains. R. H. SMITH, 1000 N. Dearborn, Chicago. LIBRARY FOR SALE. 1000 N. Dearborn. SIGNS, BANNERS, WINDOW LETTERING. Chas. H. Cox, 212 N. Dearborn. RHEUMATISM CURED IN THIRTY MINUTES. Pay when cured. Dr. W. F. Briney, 112 E. Clark st., room 504. BUSINESS CHANGES NEW MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY EMPLOYING 40 men steadily, seeks location in country town near natural gas belt; valuable information mailed free. Teddy's Laboratory, Wheeling, W. Va. RESTAURANT AND ROOMING HOUSE, doing good business on S. Adams st., Peoria, Ill.; cheap for cash. Adm. M. N. O., Daily Soc. FOR SALE MISCELLANEOUS BARGAIN IN CABINETMAKERS' TOOLS--CALL SUNDAY AFTER 2 P. M. 1207 N. REELEY AV. VOCAL INSTRUCTION MRS. KATHARINE O'BRYEN, SOPRANO soloist and teacher of the voice. Open for instruction in vocal exercises. Pupils accepted. 48 S. Normal Parkway. SEWING MACHINES ANAKIM--REMOVED TO 48 JACKSON BLVD. With Foley & Williams. New; new and second-hand machines at 15 and up; repairing by experts, parts, needles, stitches for all machines. PIANOS TEN NEW PIANOS, REGULAR \$50 VALUE, offered special this week at \$15; easy payments. HANDED PLACE. FREE HOMESTEADS FREE HOMESTEADS IN THE WESTERN STATES. Any person can have one. For full information, write to our agent, Western Homestead, 215 LaSalle St., Chicago. The Chicago Daily Socialist wishes to announce that its Book department will be open for business on 8 days hereafter between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. The Daily Socialist gives news which is usually suppressed by the capitalist press.

ITALY, TOO, HAS SUICIDE WAVE

Many Despondents End Their Lives Because of the Adverse Circumstances

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Rome, Dec. 3.—A wave of suicide seems to be sweeping over Italy in the wake of the industrial depression...

Intended to Shoot Self

On the body of the girl was found a small revolver, which seems to indicate that she had intended to shoot herself but finally decided to throw herself under the train while it was in motion.

Death Rather Than Rome

She said when examined by the magistrate that she would rather die than face the prospect of trying to live in Rome without work.

RAG-TAG, BOB-TAIL? LABOR NO!

collaterals is about four per cent. Not much currency is being shipped into or out of Chicago.

DIVORCED WIFE OF BROKER SHOOT HERSELF IN HOTEL

New York, Dec. 4.—An investigation of the death of a well-dressed and handsome woman who shot herself before a mirror in the Claridge hotel, Brooklyn, yesterday, shows that she was Mrs. Lillian H. Doty, who recently obtained a divorce at Sioux Falls, S. D., from her husband, a broker with offices at 52 Broadway, this city.

DANGERS TO WORKERS TO BE DISCUSSED BY PYTHIANS

The dangers to workers in American industry and the legal status of the injured, as well as the preventive legislation which has been proposed in other lands, will be discussed at a lecture delivered before the Knights of Pythias in their hall in the Haymarket building, 331 West Madison street, next Monday.

SCHNEIDER HITS DRY IN DEFENDING A PRINCIPAL

Miss Grace Reed, principal of the John B. Drake elementary school, is looked upon by the school authorities as one of the ablest educators in the city. But she will lose her job if the Chicago Woman's Christian Temperance union has its way.

SOCIALISTS GET NEW DECALOGUE

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) London, Dec. 4.—A Socialist decalogue has just been adopted for use in the Socialist Sunday schools throughout the United Kingdom.

The New Commandments

I. Love your comrades in the school, who will be your comrades in work through life.

DREAMS TROUBLE BILLEK AS DAY FOR HANGING APPROACHES

One week from tomorrow Herman Billek, condemned necromancer, will go to his death on the gallows unless the governor or the Supreme court intercedes.

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EYE DISEASES develop slowly, but surely, and before you know it your eyes are ruined.

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DEATH PENALTY AROUSES FRANCE

Chamber of Deputies Hears Impassioned Denunciation of Guillotine Revival

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Paris, Dec. 4.—The battle against the guillotine is again on in the French chamber of deputies, and, as usual, Jaures, Socialist, is leading the fight against capital punishment.

Attacked Country Distillers

In his bitter attack on the guillotine Jaures did not spare his adversaries, and it was pointed out by the fact that the "bouilleurs de cru," the country distillers, were behind the movement for the restoration of the death penalty and the mutilation of the "alcoholists" in the severest terms.

Christianity Not Enough

This climax was greeted with thunderous applause. Abbe Lemire followed: "Jaures has said that Christianity is not enough. Yet I say that Christianity is full of pity and pardon for the unfortunate, and that on this occasion every Christian should align himself with Jaures and his colleagues.

EXPOSES GRAB OF LAKE FRONT

In a pamphlet giving public circulation today sensational charges are made against the methods by which private individuals and corporations have acquired land on the lake front in Chicago.

Charge I. C. with Steal

The authors of the pamphlet produce what they purport to be extracts from government documents and contemporary newspaper clippings, showing irregular transactions by which private money interests sought and obtained possession of the lake front.

Strange Transactions Alleged

It is alleged in the pamphlet that all these concessions are illegal because the owners of the land who made them have no legal title. Many strange transactions are alleged in the "exposé."

STARVING MOTHER AND HER BABY DROPPED IN THE STREET

New York, Dec. 4.—Two days without food, with a sick and starving baby huddled at her breast, a thin, dressed, pale faced woman of 20 years sank unconscious at 12.15 p. m. yesterday in the midst of a throng of gay and well-dressed holiday shoppers at Fifth avenue and Fourteenth street.

NEW YORK COURTS FORCED INTO ALL NIGHT SESSION

New York, Dec. 4.—With nearly 5,000 bail cases awaiting disposition, the justices of the Court of Special Sessions sat until nearly daylight today in an endeavor to catch up. Recess was taken at 1 p. m., but court was resumed again an hour later. More than 200 cases were disposed of yesterday.

HAYTI IN HANDS OF BLOODY MOB

Twelve Are Killed as Enraged Islanders Pillage Stores and Warehouses

Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 4.—Mobs of rioters created a reign of terror here last night. Twelve men were killed before order was restored.

Popular Passions Aroused

The passions of the populace had been aroused, and after being defeated in their endeavors to do bodily harm to Alexis, they turned their attention to woodshops, storerooms and the residences of the supporters of their late president. They were rapidly getting out of hand when the authorities succeeded in controlling the situation.

Pillaging Commenced

The pillage was well under way by 8 o'clock last night, and by 10 o'clock seven stores had been completely looted. Nine of the establishments belonged to Syrians, while Haytiens were the owners of the other two stores.

Mob Was Armed

The mob was armed and men and women, beside themselves with rage, heaped curses on the head of the aged man who had been deposed from the presidency, but who had fiercely expressed his determination to fight to the last.

AMERICA NOT TO INTERFERE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The suggestion that the United States government should intervene in Hayti because of American business interests affected by the revolution is progress there does not call forth any responsive sympathy at the state department.

JACK LONDON'S NEW STORY, entitled THE DREAM OF DEBS

will appear in the January and February numbers of the International Socialist Review. The Study Course in Socialism, conducted by Joseph E. Cohen, started in November number, only a few copies left.

NATION TO TRY TO SAVE MINERS

Tests Are Made in Artificial Shaft at Dedication of Government Laboratory

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 4.—Enough miners have been killed in accidents and through indifference of the mine owners to cause the government to at least take the initial steps of making tests. Yesterday afternoon the government laboratory and testing station, recently established in this city, was dedicated and the dedication was attended by coal operators, mine owners, engineers, practical miners, scientists and national and state officials.

Tests in Artificial Mine

Tests were made at the artificial mine. The first test was with safety powder, dry fire clay and bituminous coal dust, the latter placed on shelves representing ledges in real mines. The powder was ignited for the blast but did not explode.

Device to Aid Rescue Work

At this point experts of the station appeared wearing the Draeger oxygen apparatus, including metal and glass hoods, a chamber and air bag designed to render breathing normal, or nearly so, while the operator is surrounded by the most deadly gases and vapors.

DAIRY KITCHENS WORRY UNIONS

The "dairy lunch rooms" in Chicago are giving the union water girls some worry. One of the places that have a sort of a table arrangement on one arm of a big chair.

DO SOCIALISTS LIKE PLEASURE?

Socialists have been accused of being dreamers. They have been and are called morose and disgruntled pessimists, who see nothing but the dark and evil in life. To substantiate their claims the accusers point to the masquerade balls held under the auspices of the Socialist party, which they claim were all failures to date.

Ludicrous, Awe-Inspiring, Impressive!

A Socialist masquerade ball is not a common, ordinary affair. It only comes once a year, and now comes as a Christmas feature to all the nerve-racking activity that has been waged during the spring, summer, autumn and a part of the winter.

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GET SPECIAL WALTER THOMAS MILLS, A. M. Author of "The Progress of Civilization" is again on the lecture platform, and may be secured for lectures either in single addresses or in special courses.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

PUNISHMENT OF ENGLISH SUFFRAGETTES

Imprisonment in the second division is far removed from the popular conception of this degree of punishment. Many people imagine that incarceration in the second division amounts to little more than temporary detention. Such is not the case. The lot of the common criminal is very little harder than the routine which has to be performed by prisoners confined in the second division, taking, for instance, the cases of the imprisoned suffragettes.

A comparatively cheerful existence in jail is the lot of the prisoners in the first division. Anybody detained under such circumstances can turn this form of punishment into nothing more arduous than a "rest cure." Instead of being forced to sleep upon a plank, he is accommodated with a proper bedstead. He need not wear prison clothes, he may write as many letters and read as many papers and books as he chooses, and, if his means permit, he may order a roast pheasant and a bottle of champagne for his lunch. In fact, he can dine as well in prison as he could outside if he be a man of means.

The second division, however, entails a good deal of hardship. Any woman

confined under second division rules has to strip, to be searched, and to take a bath in a room easily accessible to the wardresses. Her own clothes are taken away, and she is forced to wear coarse prison garments, stamped with the broad arrow. A slight inconvenience in dress is the only means of distinguishing her from the criminal horde.

The cell in which she is confined would not permit of the swinging around of a cat. The bed is a plank, over which is placed a mattess stuffed with hard dried grass. The bolster and pillow are filled with the same material, leaving plenty of room for an unhealthy draught. Nightdresses are not included in the prison outfit. The blankets and sheets are so narrow that they only just stretch across the bed when they are laid out. A small shelf answers the purpose of a table, and here are usually to be found a tin pot for skilley, a wooden spoon, a salt cellar, a piece of soap, a copy of the prison rules and a prayer card. A small tin basin, a pail, a tin water can, a tin plate, a dustpan, a brush and some rags for cleaning complete the furnishings of the cell.

The food consists mainly of brown bread, skilley, potatoes and unseasoned suet pudding. These are varied occa-

sionally by soup, hot and tinned meat, and fat bacon. The wooden spoon is the only eating implement allowed. An hour's exercise a day is taken in the prison yard. Persons confined in the second division may also take out of the prison library one book a week. A letter is allowed once a fortnight and a visit once a fortnight. Supper is served at 5 o'clock, and each prisoner may then sit in a cramped position on a small stool, or go to bed. They usually do the latter.

More recent committals of suffragettes have been to the third division. Treatment in jail under these conditions means the wearing of prison dress, and work between six and ten hours per day, exclusive of meal time, as may be prescribed by the medical officer. Prisoners are liable to further punishment for neglect of work.

It is only fair to point out that the suffragettes are in prison because they were found guilty of a breach of the ordinary civil law, upon which everybody depends for the maintenance of the privileges of the citizen. The suffragettes can obtain release at any moment by consenting to be bound over to keep the peace, or by paying the fines imposed upon them by the magistrates.

BREAKING CAMP

BY ARTHUR GUTERMAN.

Farewell, wild hearth where many logs have burned!
Among your stones the fireweed may grow.
The brand are down, the maple-leaves have turned,
The goldenrod is brown—and we must go.

Good-by, calm nights and unrepented days
Of brave, free life devoid of care and wrong.
Of hikers' fare, of merry-chorused lays,
And woodland hush more sweet than any song.

The owl shall hoot across a lonely lake
In whose full depths our moon imprisoned shines,
Whose drowsy waves no flashing paddles break,
Whose pebbled shores are fringed with dreaming pines.

The buck shall stamp and lift a furtive hoof—
Where once we dwelt the bear shall break his den.
The bat shall hang beneath the broken roof
Whose birchen cover knew the dreams of men.

AN ABSENT-MINDED MAN

A certain man was in the habit of eating bread and cheese for supper. His daughter, who was of a mischievous turn of mind, one night substituted a piece of beeswax, exactly the same size, shape and color, and then in company with her mother waited for developments.

The father went on reading his newspaper for a time, and then, without noticing the change, nibbled a piece of the "cheese." His wife and daughter watched the unaccountable victim of the trick in convulsions of laughter, and as he continued to eat the beeswax they were at last forced to leave the room, unable to control their feelings any longer.

Next morning the man said: "What the mischief was the matter with that cheese last night? It tasted as if it had been near the oil can."

"You don't mean to say that you ate that?" screamed his wife, red in the face with laughter.

"Of course I did," was the reply.

"Why," she managed to gasp out at last, "it was beeswax."

Tableau.

DEAN OF AMERICAN SCULPTORS



Because of his advanced age—he is seventy-eight—friends of John Quincy Adams Ward, dean of American sculptors, fear he will not survive his present critical illness. Mr. Ward was born in Urbana, O., and never saw a piece of sculpture until he was fifteen years of age, although at that time he fashioned clay models that excited the wonder of the village folk. His first work of any note was "The Indian Hunter," now in Central park, New York. Other works of any note in New York are the Washington in front of the subtreasury building, the equestrian Washington in Union square, Francis Greeley in front of the Tribune building and many other notable statues. Last year Mr. Ward sued the Society of the Army of the Cumberland for \$32,000 because six models made by him for a statue of General Sheridan were rejected.

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The Visit of Chaminade

Every music lover is familiar with the compositions of Cecile Chaminade, and her manager, in introducing her to the American public as "the greatest living woman composer," is backed by competent critical judgment in many lands. Certain of her piano pieces, as the Boston Musician testifies, are known to nearly all American pupils who have carried their studies into the fourth and fifth grades. One of her songs is said to have sold to the extent of 200,000 copies. There are two Chaminade Clubs in New York, and others scattered throughout the country. The audiences who have gathered to hear her during her present tour have been large and enthusiastic.

In early girlhood Chaminade played before Bhet, and something of the melody and sparkle which we associate with the music of the great composer of "Carmen" is in her own compositions. She calls them her "dreams," and lately told a New York Sun reporter:

"They are dreams of the flowers and the woods; they are dreams of the spring and the summer, of the song birds and the deep shadows of the forests.

"They are compositions inspired by old Slav legends, by some dramatic episode in the Nibelungen ring, by the love song of a troubadour, by a thousand and one threads of romance which lead the imagination into the country of the Might Have Been. In some of them are embodied arcades of mimosa trees trembling in the light winds, in others glimpses of the Mediterranean, blue and mysterious, rushing into far off silvery perspectives.

"In one there is the song of a nightingale singing in a night heavy with perfume of many blossoms and lighted with the crescent moon, in another a Crusader is saying good-by to his sweetheart before he goes to battle."

"She does not challenge or invite invidious comparisons and distinctions. Her temperament is like that of Clara Wieck Schumann, whose aim was not the exploitation of her own individuality, but the enunciation of the meaning and the message of harmony and melody to the ear that sits beside the innocent springs."

Her playing is in striking contrast to the performances of other pianists, styled "Valkyries of the keyboard," and "pumas of the piano-forte" by their imaginative press agents. She dresses simply and soberly, and as she sits amid the orchestral harmonies she herself has evoked by her creative art, awaiting the moment for the piano to begin, it seems incredible that the little, fragile woman is the composer of music that includes in its broad range the heights and depths of heaven and this godly frame, the earth. The music is eloquent of nature in her every aspect; as in the case of Grieg's compositions, it is necessary to know the country of the composer's nativity in order to understand the work of the composer. Chaminade translates into the notation of music the orchard in the spring, the mountain torrent, the sombre days of autumn and the turning of the leaf, the gray teasing seas beneath the driving rain cloud, the fields and meadows and "great spaces washed with sun." Her music is connotative. Its inspiration is "the light that never was on sea or land."

One of Madame Chaminade's New York friends, Mr. Ward Stephens, has written for the New York World this vivid description of her personality.

"A woman whose age it is impossible to determine! Years fade before her

Obeying Mother

A man had just arrived at a Massachusetts summer resort. In the afternoon he was sitting on the veranda when a handsome young woman and her six-year-old son came out. The little fellow at once made friends with the latest arrival.

"What is your name?" he asked. Then, when this information had been given, he added, "Are you married?"

"I am not married," responded the man with a smile.

At this the child paused a moment, and, turning to his mother, said:

"What else was it, mamma, you wanted me to ask?"—Harper's Weekly.

She Couldn't Dispute It

Teacher—Now, Johnny, what was Washington's farewell address?
Johnny—Heaven—New York Sun.

Woman Elected Mayor

Mrs. Dr. Garrett Anderson is the first woman to be elected Mayor of an English city. She has been elected Lady Mayor of Aldeburgh.

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Hand-embroidered French fannel has been used in the development of this extremely pretty little shirt-waist, which is simple in both cut and outline. The dress is trimmed with insertion of cream-colored lace, similar insertion being used on the collar and the points of the long close-fitting sleeves. The body portion of the waist is gathered to the shaped yoke at the front and back, and closes at the center of the latter. The pattern is in 6 sizes—32 to 42 inches, bust measure. For 34 bust the waist requires 4 1/4 yards of material 20 inches wide; 3 3/4 yards 27 inches wide; 3 1/2 yards 28 inches wide; or 3 1/4 yards 42 inches wide; 2 3/4 yards of insertion.

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FOR SOCIALIST TOTS



THE FIR TREE

Once upon a time there stood in the depths of a forest a pretty little fir-tree. It was placed very nicely, for it could get as much sunshine and air as it wanted, and it was surrounded by a number of taller companions, both firs and pines. But the little fir-tree did so long to grow taller! When it was winter, and the white snow lay in dazzling sheets upon the ground, and here would frequently jump right over the little tree, and that vexed it sorely.

"Oh! could I but grow and grow, and become tall and old! That is the only thing worth caring for in this world."

"Enjoy your youth," said the sunbeams; "enjoy your fresh growth, and your young existence, while it lasts."

"And the wind kissed the tree, and the deer shed tears over it, but the fir-tree could not understand either of them. When Christmas was drawing near, some very young trees were felled; several trees, indeed, that were neither so tall nor so old as this particular fir-tree, which could not rest for longing to get away from its native place.

"Whither can they be going?" asked our fir-tree. "They are not to be taken, I am on the contrary, there was one much smaller than myself. What is to be done with them?"

"We know—we know," twittered the sparrows, "for we have looked in at the windows in your town in the night, and when Christmas came he was felled before any of the others. The ax clove right through his pith, and down he fell with a groan; it was like a pang, or a fainting fit. When he reached the lumber town in a fine large room. He was placed in a large barrel filled with sand; but nobody could perceive it was a barrel, as it was covered round with green bairns, and stood on a handsome carpet. Oh! how the tree quaked! What was going to be done? Two well-dressed servants and some beautiful young ladies helped to adorn it. Gift apples and walnuts hung down from the branches as if they had grown there; and above a hundred tapers—white, blue and red—were fastened to the branches, and on the topmost summit was fastened a star, all over spangles, that was right royally splendid to behold."

"This evening it will shine most gloriously," they all said.

"Oh!" thought the tree, "if it were but evening! If the tapers could but be lighted, and the birds sing." And then he thought of the story of his youth, and the mice, who had never heard the tree tell his story; and the oftener he thought of it, the more distinctly he remembered everything; and he could not help thinking, "Those were right pleasant times, but they will not come over again."

"The fir-tree then related the whole story of Humpty-Dumpty, every word of which he remembered; and the lit-

THE FIR TREE

tle mice were fit to jump to the top of the tree with delight.

But the fir-tree knew only this one story, and the little mice finished by staying away, and then the tree said, with a sigh, "It was very nice when those sympathetic little mice used to sit all round me, and listen to my story. Now that is over, too. But I shall think of those times, and enjoy the recollections of them, when I shall be removed once more from this place."

"But what, think you, happened? Why, one morning there came some people, and the tree was drawn forth, and taken down to a garden, where everything was in full bloom. Two of the lively children who had danced round the tree and taken such delight in it at Christmas, ran and tore off the gold star.

"It's all gone and past," said the old tree. "Would I had known my own happiness while it lasted! It's past—past forever!"

A lad now came and chopped the tree into small fagots, which were then made into a bundle. It now burned up briskly under a large brewing copper, and the tree sighed so deeply that every sigh was like a pistol shot. The tree was thinking of some summer's night when the stars shone brightly; he thought, too, of Christmas, and of Humpty-Dumpty, the only story he had ever heard, or knew how to tell; and then the tree was burned to ashes. The boys played in the garden, and the youngest wore upon his breast the gilt star that the tree had worn on its happiest evening, which was long since over, as all was over with the tree, and must now be with the story, for all stories must finish at last.

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They Wanted It

Almost two years ago the voters of Chicago decided not to "fool with the traction question any longer." They decided to settle it "right now." They had decided the same thing two years before when they voted for "municipal ownership before the snow flies."

So when the next two years came they voted for franchises and an "IMMEDIATE settlement." All the emphasis was on the "immediate." The "Strap Hangers' League" assured the people that when Busse went into the Mayor's chair there would be seats for all.

The echoes of the orators have died away. The pictures have fallen from the billboards. The companies have received their franchises. The stockholders are receiving their dividends.

But where, oh, where, is that beautiful new traction system, where all were to have seats, where overcrowding was to be done away with, where "through routes" were to carry every one the length of the city without change?

A roaring storm of denunciation of traffic conditions is the only answer to these questions. It is generally admitted that never in the history of the city of Chicago were conditions as unbearable as now.

The only traction question that seems to be unsolved now is which of the lines give the worst service, and the answer is "All of them."

But then the people of Chicago got what they voted for.

Not Water, but Blood

The Wall Street Journal says: "While the past year of business depression has not resulted in any general reduction in wages, it has materially increased the efficiency of labor. If we should measure labor as horse-power, we might say that with the same expenditure we were obtaining a higher power."

It is not "water" but blood that has been "squeezed out" of labor. Part of it has flowed out in suicides and part has dribbled out of the veins of half-starved children and some has flowed fresh from the victims of poverty maddened murderers who have sought the road of crime rather than of starvation for themselves and loved ones.

Truly it is an "ill wind that does no blow good" to the masters of industry. Here was something for which we fear they have forgotten to give thanks on Thanksgiving day.

Someone should write a new litany to celebrate this latest of blessings.

Blessed be a panic that sends millions of unprofitable laborers out to die upon the highways.

Blessed be hunger and misery and unemployment that scourge the wage slave with scorpions where the chattel slave owner was beaten with whips.

Blessed be the tortures of the damned of capitalism if thereby the water may be squeezed out of labor, and the blood of workers be squeezed into profits.

It Is Your Fight Also

The fight for Rudowitz is the fight of every workman and every Socialist and every lover of liberty. There is an international movement to suppress every effort to throw off tyranny. This union of the forces of reaction is in many ways comparable to the famous Holy Alliance of Metetrnich which was formed during the revolutionary times of 1848.

Its expression is seen in the alliance with Mexico to suppress every attack upon the tyrannical and sham republicanism of Diaz. Here it is the union of American investors and Mexican spoliators to maintain the peon system of exploitation.

All this means that the Black International of capitalism and reaction is joining against the Red International of labor and progress.

In this battle there can be no non-combatants. Every human being is interested, vitally interested, upon one side or the other.

Driven to Death

No greater indictment can be drawn by any individual against the society in which he lives than that life in it is no longer worthy of maintenance. That is the indictment which is being drawn by the increase of suicides that is now so noticeable in all the great cities of this country.

It should be a curse enough that all of the waking hours of the great mass of mankind must be devoted to the mere work of GETTING A LIVING. That is the purely animal phase of life. It is worse than that, for few indeed are the animals that know no time for leisure and enjoyment.

But when that opportunity to get a "living" is taken away is it any wonder that men and women decide that the slender thread that still attaches life to the body might as well be severed?

"THOSE DURNED LAZY NIGGAHS"

BY ERNEST POOLE

Some years ago, down in lower Mississippi, on one of those balmy, delicious days toward the end of March, I was tramping through some big pine woods, and coming out on a small plantation I found four men—whites, hags, husky specimens—lying back in the cool, soft grass, watching the clouds and puffing their pipes. The planter and his three grown sons. A hospitable crowd, we were soon comfortably talking together. And before long the talk turned to the negroes. I admitted at the start my complete ignorance of the race problem.



"NOTHIN', NOTHIN' AT ALL."

modestly, "the same as the Indians." He smoked for a moment reflectively. "Now," he decided, "they're too usually lazy even to lie." One son chuckled softly over Pa's wit. We all smoked in silence. "They simply won't wuck," said Pa, finally. "They won't—an' you can't make 'em. Jest look at that field yonder. Look at it." His voice grew plaintive. "This is nearly the end of March. That field should have been plowed weeks an' weeks ago. An' this heah county is jest nat'ally lousy with niggahs. But cawn we get 'em to come heah an' plow? No, suh! Me an' my boys have been out huntin' all ovah. Jest one niggah could do it in less than a week. But we can't even get one. They simply won't wuck."

each day until about 4 o'clock. That sounds easy enough, but the other men in the hotel, when they found me at work, used to chuckle. "You poor devil," said one stout, genial chap in white flannels. "How inspired you look! How you seem to enjoy it—pushing the pencil—on a morning like this!"

"Get out," I growled. "I've got to get this stuff done by night. The editor needs it. And anyhow I need the money. Leave me alone!" "But that evening, the job finished at last, I met the stout man again, out on the moonlit veranda. He offered me a cigar. We blew little blue clouds at the moon and discussed life in general. And after a time I led the talk gently to unions and strikes.

"Oh, don't mind me," he said, gloomily. "What I think is so devilish important—in these union days. Of course such a law would simply kill the ambition of every honest young, hustling nonunion man. But what difference does that make—if the unions want it? Go ahead, put a clog in the country's industry, make it a crime for a man to work early and late for the wife and kids he's supposed to love. The unions want it—and they mean to get it!"

Now, about holidays. Is the Fourth of July enough—besides all the Sundays? Not for you! You want to quit right through the summer every Saturday at noon! And besides, my gentleman friend, you simply can't stand it unless you have Labor day, too!



"I'll get men that aren't afraid to work."

pay—to work like men—at the old hours." He drew a long breath. "It's discouraging at first," he concluded. "I've found only ninety-four men so far, and I need over three hundred. But I'll get 'em—even if I have to stay closed for over a year, at a heavy loss all the time. I'll get men who aren't afraid to work. Yes, sir! He lit a fresh cigar. His face expanded in a smile. "Now let's change the subject," he said. "When a man has only one month's vacation—away from office worries—he wants to think of pleasanter things." He thumped a bell on the table beside him. "What'll it be?" he asked, when the waiter arrived. "Scotch or rye?" "Later on, over our drinks, I told that 'lazy niggah'."

"STEADY, RELIABLE MARRIED MAN WANTED"

BY H. S. PACKER.

One of our daily papers had an ad in the "Help Wanted" columns calling for a "steady, reliable married man." The writer feeling that he was very steady, thoroughly reliable and thoroughly married—having acted as meal ticket for a family for several years—reported to the address given, prepared to go to work at once if the parties insisted on his doing so.

The man who interviewed these applicants was evidently a gentleman and in having all these men report and submit evidence that they were "steady, reliable married men" he was only trying to get the most for the company's money. He admitted that there had probably been fifty men in and as stated before they were still coming. But

the strange fact is that in face of those conditions where there is so much good raw material going to waste, our papers still insist that prosperity has returned, people can have work who want it and he who says otherwise is a "calamity howler" and not deserving of success.

LUCKY JIM



MR. SAM GOMPERS, AUTOCRAT

BY ROBERT HUNTER

It is not pleasant to "knock." One would prefer to commend, but an extraordinary situation has arisen in the labor movement worthy of serious thought, to say the least.

I have been watching the proceedings at Denver with some interest. It was to be expected that Mr. Gompers' political activity would be formally approved, but it was hardly expected that the trade unionists would permit him to repeat his experiment.

We have seen political parties handing themselves over to autocratic bosses; and now it appears that the trade unions have handed themselves over to their bosses.

It is said that the trade unions have adopted a political policy, and Mr. Gompers claims that he is following out that political policy.

That may well be, and in that case he is not to be criticised. But the trade unionists are to be criticised for handing over such power to their executive.

And those who condemn Mr. Gompers' activities are pursuing an incredibly stupid opposition policy. They claim that it doesn't matter what Mr. Gompers says or does, the individual trade unionist will do exactly as he pleases and will vote as he likes.

That appears to be the view of the Republicans, of the Independence party men, and, I regret to say, of some Socialists.

Holding to this view, these men make little or no attempt to alter the political methods of the federation.

Disagreeing with Mr. Gompers, they desire, it seems, to make the political policy of the federation as ridiculous as possible.

Now, that appears to me actually disloyal to the labor movement. He is not a true friend of labor who assists actively or passively in nullifying the power of labor.

If Mr. Gompers states officially that labor is going to support a certain political party, that statement ought not to be mere humbug. It ought to be fact; it ought to be full of the terrible power of united labor.

But it has not that power, and why? Simply because the trade unionists give him power to do whatever he wishes; they do not bind him to do what THEY WANT done. And so we have the amazing spectacle of a 'political policy' by which Gompers is left to do as he pleases and each unionist is left to do as he pleases.

In other words, there is no unity, no solidarity, no loyalty. It is precisely as if the president of a trade union, after ordering a strike, saw three-fourths of his men remain at work.

Such a trade union policy would be weak and ineffective, just as the present political nonsense is weak and ineffective.

But it is not Mr. Gompers' fault. It is the fault of the rank and file. He is an autocrat because he is allowed to be an autocrat, and, like many another autocrat, he has only the loyalty of his courtiers.

Now, this is all rank nonsense! What does labor want? Does it want only a lobby at congress? Then let it say so clearly and definitely by referendum vote.

Does it want unity and solidarity? Loyalty on one side and obedient leadership on the other? Then let it make that known.

Does it want an independent labor party, or union with the Socialist party? Whatever it wants, let it declare clearly and definitely by referendum.

Things can hardly go on as they are now. Petty dickering and personal squabbling should cease. Wire-pulling and peanut politics should be put aside. If it is a disgrace, this making the labor movement ridiculous, and its power the laughing stock of the world.

It is time that the rank and file should assert itself; that it should take action on the high-handed methods of its conventions and of its bosses.

It is time the rank and file of the federation should make its own decision as to what it wants done, and take its place alongside the organized workmen of every other white man's country on the earth.

GERMANY'S TROUBLES

It is hard lines for Chancellor von Buelow to be obliged to govern the German people and the German emperor at the same time. It is little difficult to manage the people, for in the main they are loyal and law abiding and desire to devote themselves to their ordinary vocations. But Kaiser William is a different proposition.

He seemingly misses no opportunity to offend the nation, and his recent interview has been so offensive to the English and others that the greatest care has been necessary to prevent acute antagonism. But after all the greater danger is at home. In the Reichstag speeches of extreme bitterness have been delivered, and among the people a degree of resentment has grown up which bodes ill for the throne.

In spite of their reputed phlegmatic temperament, the Germans have proved themselves capable of rising in rebellion against their rulers, and the spirit of '48 has by no means died out. Even aside from the offensiveness of the emperor there is a strong feeling among the German people that the constitution should be broadened and that there should be less power in the throne.

It is a marvel that the highly developed commonwealths of Europe have submitted to kingly rule so long as they have. France has thrown it off and is a true republic. That country has had its full experience of monarchs of various kinds—tyrants, puppets, imbeciles—and patience was at last exhausted. In Germany the emperor is not an imbecile nor a puppet, but he is a tyrant and utterly tasteless.

It is perhaps too soon to say that he is of unsound mind, but many of his subjects are already demanding his abdication. He has promised Von Buelow that he will hereafter control himself, but the lid is apt to fly off again any minute.—Economist.

TO THE EDITOR

and it does not affect us in the least. We have no objection to the union men, who for the interests helping us to emancipate all classes, but they must meet with us upon our own basis of economic battle line if they would aid us in overthrowing the present system.

The different environments of farmers and of workers in the industrial world are in the same stage of development, and therefore not capable of comparison. The natural environment of the farmer is the rural district, the economic environment of his respective country. The farmer's vision of individualism of the cooperative interest of all interests is not parallel with that of the industrial man, who for the past decade has foreseen that the interest of one is the interest of all. Let our appeal be made to all workers, but particularly to that part of society that is ripe unto gathering; who are the farmers and the industrial workers, who are the calling in life, and we expect only such advice from them. They have socialist parties, and we advise all who are similarly minded to ally themselves with the party of their class. Ours is a revolutionary political party, and we are well pleased with our own party.

Let us now analyze the reliability of the "unreliable" man. We find it to be an organized body in the industrial labor field, with Executive, leaders and good generalship. We find a point with pride their wonderful ability to sell and to maintain a strike that can starve any one of our largest cities in a fortnight. The very mention of a universal strike causes capitalism to tremble. They have their resources from which they may draw supplies to endure long sieges of illness to enforce their demands. Contrast this, if you please, with the farming community that cannot survive on a single issue. Measure with their evolutionary methods of political action, and we are having the resources of nature within its grasp and the other having only their bare hands. The farmer is the man who is reliable; that they are "unreliable." Strong leaders are common to the farmer, but not to the industrial capitalist party conventions. We see two great capitalist party conventions, the one the delegate convention at Denver of the P. of I., on which was set the eyes of the world watching with great and trembling interest they ally their political interests with the political party of their own class and precipitate a political revolution. What special recognition did the farmer and the home owner receive?

We see the president of the United States writing and signing almost labor-union leaders from becoming class conscious. We see many of their strong men coming to this rising political party, and offering their services to the world. Among these we find a great host gathering from the east, west, the north, the south, the middle of each man a Mayor, a Senator and a Congressman.

Let the Socialist party critics understand of the private proposed class against whose activities the Socialist party is organized to fight in the last political ditch. Give us the central issue of your "work" defined through the Socialist party. We will define the cause of the current year. We will define the cause of all free capitalist class. Let us reject the Socialist party's party pledge, and victory will soon crown our efforts.

All of this is free advice. We get it galore. Portland, Ore. C. W. BAKER.