

COUNTRY IS TO BE SAVED BY CAPITALISTS AND LABORERS MEET TO FIND A WAY TO END CLASS STRUGGLE

New York, Dec. 15.—The conglomeration of capitalists, labor leaders and reformers known as the National Civic federation, which meets once a year to settle the class struggle by means of oratory, began its 1908 session here yesterday.

Seth Low, national chairman of the federation, told of its work and its future plans, and devoted a considerable portion of his speech in discussing the demands for amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law.

John Mitchell, former head of the United Mine Workers, urged the desirability of the trade agreement. "It is a waste of time to deplore the passing of the individual relationship between employer and workman which existed under the old order of production," said Mitchell.

"To find an equitable basis of agreement, without the cooperation and understanding between these two seemingly irreconcilable interests is the problem of our day must solve." The National Civic federation, when organized, declared in favor of the trade agreement as a means of maintaining peace between workmen and employers, and it is to the promotion of this central idea that the trade agreement department is devoted.

Workers to be "Partners" Melville E. Ingalls of the "Big Four" railroad system said the trade agreement plan was not necessary for him or for his men when he undertook his first railroad work. Every one of the men could see him if they wanted to do so, but eventually they came to number 20,000, and then formal agreements became a necessity.

Mrs. Taft presented the report of the committee on welfare work for government employees, which she is chairing. She suggested a plan to prevent overlapping of subcommittees and to give greater efficiency, and additional rules providing for investigation of federal department buildings, navy yards and the like, as well as state and municipal hospitals and police stations.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Between 35,000 and 38,000 deaths and 2,000,000 injuries in the accident record in the United States during the last year among workmen, according to a bulletin on accidents issued today by the bureau of labor.

ENGLISH EARL TO MARRY DAUGHTER OF OGDEN MILLS

New York, Dec. 15.—The announcement of the engagement of Bernard, Arthur William Patrick Hastings Forbes, eighth earl of Granard, and Miss Edith Mills, daughter of Ogden Mills and granddaughter of D. O. Mills, which was cabled from London on Sunday, was confirmed by members of the Mills family yesterday.

ELKINS' SLAVES IN DIRE STRAITS

Wages Lowered and "Long Ton" Restored in Violation of Contract BY DUNCAN M'DONALD Member National Executive Board, U.M.W.A. Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 15.—The miners of West Virginia are receiving their full share of the prosperity that was voted for at the presidential election, and for a Christmas present are to be given a reduction in wages of five cents a ton and an increase in the ton from 2,000 to 2,240 pounds, also a few more such conditions thrown in to help fill their stockings, and all this in the face of the fact that a contract had been signed up and agreed upon by the union miners and operators in joint convention last spring, which contract was to remain in full force and effect until March 31, 1910.

Operators Violate Contract At a meeting of operators and miners, held in this city Thursday and Friday of this week, the operators sought to have the miners agree to accept this proposition, but they declined to be a party to settling aside a contract that they had agreed to in good faith, although under which they were unable to make a decent living. Now they are asked either to accept this "go-out-of-our-houses" in five days or be "hrozen out."

"Picture to yourself the miner, his wife and family, thrown out of the company house with his few scant belongings to face the winter winds, without a dollar in his pocket! Then after giving the best years of his life to producing profits for his master, with no hope for the future, nothing but misery and want, squalor and rage." How thankful and happy the miner must feel at the Christmas season, in order that the dividends of these heartless bloodthirsty corporations shall not be diminished, and the power of the grasping maw of capitalism shall be satisfied!

Lying Capitalist Press It is indeed envying to read the lying statements in the capitalist press about the return of prosperity and then on investigation in every coal producing state in the nation find a condition almost as bad as the picture here.

Slaves Are Opening Eyes But the slaves of the mines are getting their eyes opened, and the more intelligent ones are now preaching the only doctrine that promises any relief in this desperate situation, and that is the only way by which the long hours, the long ton and the small wages will be abolished—Socialism.

SOCIALISTS AT DAVENPORT GAIN MANY NEW ADHERENTS

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Davenport, Ia., Dec. 15.—The notable increase in Socialist sentiment in this city since the election continues, and scores of new adherents to the party are not added to the party. At a speech made by Tom Lewis, the well-known New York Socialist campaigner, in Turner hall here, members of the party were called for, and fifteen men joined. Since the speech others have been coming voluntarily to headquarters and giving in their names.

Four Taken as Pickpockets Four pickpockets were arrested yesterday by four city detectives on a West Van Buren street car at Paulina street. The men were taken to the police station and charged with the larceny of money and passengers.

COMMERCE BODY NOW POWERLESS

'Trust Busting' Commission Ruled Against by Court; Summon Harriman

Washington, Dec. 15.—The power of the Interstate Commerce commission was practically nullified yesterday by a ruling of the United States Supreme court that witnesses before the commission need not answer questions at all unless a direct violation of the law was charged.

The decision, according to members of the commission, practically makes that body powerless to investigate anything. That commission was given authority by congress to investigate railroads and for a long time it has been going ahead to subpoena witnesses and make investigations on its own initiative concerning matters regarding the general conduct of railroads.

Harriman Is Summoned While engaged in his laudable work it summoned Edward H. Harriman. He talked volubly for awhile, but whenever a question was asked tending to show his immense personal profit in the combination between Union Pacific and the other roads he refused to answer. The Supreme court today declared he was right, and the decision rendered limits the authority of the commission to compel answers to questions to those cases where a specific violation of the law is alleged and where the commission is sitting in a quasi-judicial capacity.

Congress May Repair Damage This is not so much a personal triumph for Harriman as it is a bitter blow to the authority of the Interstate Commerce commission. Heretofore the Supreme court has been inclined to sustain that body, but today's decision will result in curtailing its ability to secure information. The railroad men will be able to refuse to answer questions in every proceeding. Now they need only give the commission this kind of an answer: "The law is illegal."

Curious Part of Decision One of the curious things about the decision is that the restriction placed upon the rights of the Interstate Commerce commission are based, not upon any unconstitutionality of the law, but upon the theory that congress did not mean to give the commission this unusual authority as is conferred by the letter of the Interstate Commerce law.

CITY HOT AFTER OAK PARK "L"

The mandatory ordinance to compel the Oak Park "L" to elevate its tracks in Austin was sent into the city council last evening and promptly ordered published, so it could be called up for passage at next Wednesday's meeting. It is the first measure of this kind ever before the council. All the other track elevation ordinances have been contract ones.

President Sought Information In the course of the investigation made last week concerning papers bearing on the canal purchase now in possession of the war, state, and justice departments here, it was found there was nothing to show what final distribution was made of the money paid to the French companies. Thereupon President Roosevelt undertook vigorously to secure such information.

BONES 170,000 YEARS OLD FOUND BY FRENCH PRIESTS

Paris, Dec. 15.—Abbes Bouyson and Bardon, who are conducting excavations at Chapelle-aux-Saints in the Cereze department, have discovered what are believed to be the oldest human remains. Dating back 170,000 years to the middle of the Pleistocene age, the latest period of geological history.

VIVISECTIONIST FOUND GUILTY OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 15.—Dean H. L. Schuh of the Grand Rapids veterinary college was yesterday found guilty in a police court of cruelty to animals in connection with vivisection.

HUNTING HIS VICTIM



WHO RECEIVED PANAMA MONEY?

President Roosevelt Says Entire \$40,000,000 Went to French Citizens

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt will today send a special message to congress which will answer the famous question raised by the New York World as to "Who got the money" out of the Panama Canal deal.

He has the complete information, in his possession in the shape of certified copies of the records of the New Panama Canal company, taken from the books in Paris for William Nelson Cromwell, the attorney for the company who negotiated the sale to this country. Cromwell got \$22,500,000 for his work, his fee having been passed upon by the French court.

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Cromwell Gave Up Papers The publication of the fact that the president was making such an investigation brought it to the notice of William Nelson Cromwell in New York, and he sent one of his confidential men to Washington with all the papers, which were duly delivered to the president last week.

REBOUQUE COMMITTEE OF SOCIALIST PARTY TO MEET

The national executive committee of the Socialist party will meet at the national headquarters, fourth floor of the Daily Socialist building, 180 East Washington street, at 10 o'clock Friday morning, Dec. 18. Much important material is open for discussion, and it is necessary that every member on the committee shall attend.

VALUE OF ARM IS PLACED AT \$22,500 BY JURY

Damages of \$22,500 were awarded William Witt yesterday against the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad company by a jury before Judge McEwen in the Superior court for the loss of an arm. Witt asked for \$25,000 damages.

On March 11 last he was employed as a switchman by the railroad company in his yards at Danville.

He charged that a drawbar on a coupler became out of repair and a protruding nut caught his coat sleeve and drew his arm between the car couplers, causing it to be crushed. Since the accident his arm has been amputated. Witt lives at Danville.

DENVER RISES FOR RUDOWITZ

Colorado Capital Has Big Mass Meeting, at Which Noted Men Speak

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Denver, Colo., Dec. 15.—A rousing indignation meeting was held here as the result of the nature of the evidence on which the extradition of Christian Rudowitz is being sought by the czar.

EXIT BRYANITES; ENTER MARXISTS

Democratic Party at Bellingham, Wash., Disappears; Socialists Are Elected

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 15.—That the Socialist party in the state of Washington is very much alive is being demonstrated by the Bellingham local ringling fashion.

Another significant factor of the situation was that in several wards the Democratic party had entirely disappeared, and the battle was clean cut between the Socialists and the Republicans. The Democrats, or what is left of them, managed to capture the Fourth ward and will have just as many representatives in the council as the Socialists.

Those active in the agitation to save Poreen and Rudowitz are Judges Cullen, Riddle, Lirwey, Mrs. Mary C. Bradford, Mrs. Gregory, Alfred Mullin, Dr. M'crow, Rabbi Friedman, Channing Sweet and C. I. Passover.

The case of Martin Juraw, who is cited for contempt of United States Commissioner Mark A. Foote before Judge Sol H. Betha, was not tried this morning owing to the inability of the Russian attorneys to be on hand. The case will be called at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

DECISION PAID FOR BY RUSSIA

Louis F. Post Tells at Mass Meeting How Foote Gets Fee From the Czar

Big Crowds Turn Out at Gatherings for Defense of the Refugees

MEETING OF THE LEAGUE The regular meeting of the Russian Refugee Defense League will be held at 155 East Randolph street Tuesday evening. Since the last meeting nearly all the committees have completed their organization; considerable work has been done by some of them and numerous additional organizations have arranged for affiliation.

Protest meetings in behalf of Christian Ansoff Rudowitz, political refugee demanded by the czar, were held in several parts of the city yesterday. At every meeting there was the greatest enthusiasm in behalf of Rudowitz and Poreen and for the preservation of the right of asylum.

The down-town meeting was held at the International theater. Nearly two thousand people packed the main floor and the first two balconies to hear Rev. Father Peter James O'Callaghan, Louis F. Post and other speakers flay the decadent American citizenship which battens upon blood-won rights which it will not help to defend.

Stedman Sounds Keynote Seymour Stedman, of the Political Refugee Defense league, presided. In introducing the speakers Stedman sounded the keynote of the meeting: "We are here to protect the rights for which our forefathers fought and died. Born in revolution, we have ever regarded the rebel against autocracy or monarchy with the highest feeling of respect, be he winner or loser, and to the loser we have always gladly accorded shelter. The time has not yet come when we may forget this tradition."

May Wood-Simons was the first speaker introduced. She said in part: "I do not today mean to dwell upon the horrors of Russia to which our complacent government officials seem to be willing to send back this political refugee. There are men and women sitting in this hall who know that those horrors are at first hand and they know better than I do what they are.

A Soldier of Revolution "This poor peasant Christian Ansoff Rudowitz was a soldier of the revolution in the Baltic Provinces of Russia, a revolution that was for a time successful and was only unsuccessful when the czar, having cleared the other disaffected parts of his empire, buried upon these poor farmers of the North all the power of his Cossacks and his half-savage Cossackians. The existence of this revolution is admitted even by the czar himself in his imperial decree. There is not one shadow of a doubt about it in the mind of any sane person, even the attorneys for Russia.

And the very crime for which this man is wanted is in itself a political creation of spies, duly ordered, the order transmitted through the regular channels to the last branch of the provisional government, by which branch it was carried out.

How then can any American look with complacency upon even the faintest suggestion of his return to Russia and to torture?"

Paid For by the Czar Louis F. Post followed Mrs. Simons, and created the sensation of the afternoon by declaring that not only was United States Commissioner Mark A. Foote paid by the Russian government for his services in the case, but that the Russian government, even had the power to select its own commissioner before whom any case might be heard.

"I am making no personal attack on Mr. Foote when I state that he was picked out by the Russian government, just as they would select their own attorney, and that he will not receive a cent in this case that does not come out of the coffers of the czar.

"I am not going behind the facts when I say that he may be prejudiced in favor of Russia because Russia selected him out of a possible list of commissioners, and because Russia is his paymaster.

"I am not going behind the facts when I say that Russia picked him up as she picked her lawyer, and that she





KELLY IS FIT TO FACE PARKE He Is in Good Condition and Tuesday's Bout Likely to Prove Astonishing

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14.—Working at terrific speed before an immense audience which taxed the capacity of the South Side gymnasium, Hugo Kelly wound up his training today for the twenty-five round battle Tuesday night with Billy Parke at Jeffries' Vernon arena.

Ready for Battle When the Chicago Italian bounced on the scales after ten rounds of cyclonic milling the beam stood still at 154 pounds or two pounds under the required notch at which the middle-weights will clash.

Kelly will indulge in a few hikes along the beach roads tomorrow just by the way of keeping on edge and expects to scale for the battle around 157 pounds, a figure at which he has always been able to hold. He is expected to be in long distances, and his boxing today Kelly banded his sparring partners about the gymnasium, fighting freely with both hands with sufficient force to stop an ordinary fighter. His vital which enabled the Chicagoan's hands alone saved his human punching base from knockouts.

"Thunderbolt" May Be Trimmed The "Thunderbolt" is in for another trimming from the manner in which coast fans have rushed to the front with Kelly coin. Wise men who have studied the Italian's style figure his cleverness and unquestioned ring general will more than offset the punching tactics which have helped the champion in all his previous conquests.

McFarland Off for the South Jackie McFarland will leave tonight to fill the management of his team in a southern ring, when he meets Young Ernie of Philadelphia in a twenty-round contest on Dec. 23 before the New Orleans Athletic Club at New Orleans. The fight will be a special attraction, and will be accompanied by his manager, Bill Gilmore Jr., and Trainer Pat Kennelly.

STAGG AS MOUNTAIN CLIMBER Maroon Coach Returns After Winning Laurels in Colorado Coach A. Alonso Stagg of the University of Chicago returned to the Midway yesterday with new athletic honors for the maroons. Stagg's latest laurels were won in mountain climbing in the far west, where he has been making a record for natural scenery since the close of the football season.

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NOTED TRAINER FEEDING MULES W. E. Phillips Believes There Is Great Profit in Donkeys Lexington, Ky., Dec. 15.—W. E. Phillips, a noted horse trainer for Fred Cook's stable, is devoting his time and attention these days to his farm near Shelbyville. He has given up racing entirely and says he will not go back to the tracks until the sport is rehabilitated.

"I am feeding a great many mules," said Phillips a day or two ago, "and I figure that they will bring a good price. I have not got a thoroughbred on the farm and never expect to have one there. I cannot see a money-maker in racing them for the next four or five years."

Meet Attracts Horsemen Horsemen from all quarters of the middle west flocked into the city yesterday to attend the opening session of the Great Western Circuit this morning at the Sherman House. Matters of vital importance to the racing game will be discussed during the session. The visitors will be entertained at the annual love feast and banquet of the West Chicago Driving Club at the Auditorium.

MARRIAGES ARE AFTER MEN McGregor Is Offered Pick of Hub Team; Other Deals in View New York, Dec. 15.—When the National and American league negotiators leave town after their annual meetings there is usually a lull in baseball, but this week will be an exception to the rule. Manager John J. McGraw of the Giants, George Stallings of the Highlanders and Acting Manager-President Charles Ebbets of Brooklyn all have prospective deals on hand, and some of them will go through.

Frank Bowerman, who is handling the Boston team for George Dovey and who has been a busy man lately, offered McGraw the pick of the Boston team for Charley Herzog. The players mentioned are "Ginger" Beaumont, Pat Flaherty or Johnny Bates. Probably a deal will be struck with the Boston end of the trade. McGraw is considering the deal and will give his answer after a talk with Ebbets, who has made overtures to McGraw to take a center in the deal. McGraw is considering the deal and will give his answer after a talk with Ebbets, who has made overtures to McGraw to take a center in the deal.

PRINCE CHUN GETS JOB OF COMMANDER OVER FORCES Peking, Dec. 15.—Statutes fixing the official salaries of Prince Chun, the regent, were published today. The prince is given an annual salary of 150,000 taels (about \$105,000) and is made commander in chief of both the land and sea forces of the empire. The eldest prince also is to be built for him near the site of the late dowager's winter residence.

REPORT THAT MRS. EDDY IS ILL PROVES UNTRUE Boston, Dec. 15.—Reports that Mrs. Mary Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, was ill were denied today by Mrs. Eddy's attendants, who said that her leader was in her usual health. Mrs. Eddy was said to be attending to her writing and other engagements. She took her daily drive Saturday in spite of the stormy weather, and was planning to do the same late this afternoon.

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While arrangements were being made for the funeral the occupants of the automobile who escaped with their lives were being threatened with prosecution for alleged violation of the speed laws, which it is said to have been responsible for the catastrophe. The auto, a big touring car owned by Mr. Borcherdt, was flying along Ridge avenue toward Evanston, when at Pratt avenue in Rogers Park it crashed into a heavily laden coal wagon.

TAFT VISITING NEW YORK: WILL NOT INDICATE OFFICERS

New York, Dec. 15.—President-Elect Taft, who is spending several days in this city with Mrs. Taft before going to Augusta, Ga., for a five weeks' rest preceding his trip to the Panama Canal zone, had engagements today and devoted some of his time to the preparation of speeches he is to deliver tomorrow night at the dinner of the National Civic Federation and Wednesday night at the annual dinner of the Ohio society.

Taft has announced that he does not expect to be in a position to indicate the personnel of his cabinet during his stay in New York. He said he was present today in the matter of selections, as he is not required to send the nominations to the Senate before the fourth of next March.

Among Taft's callers today were Frank B. Kellogg, who has been prosecuting the government suits against the Standard Oil company and the Harriman roads; Leslie M. Shaw, and Congressman C. N. Fowler, chairman of the House committee on currency.

Mrs. Taft is busy daily with her Christmas shopping.

TAFT'S VOTE IS AHEAD OF 1904

New York, Dec. 15.—According to figures compiled by the New York Times the vote for Taft in the recent election was 7,569,583, as compared with 3,627,487 for Roosevelt in 1904. The Democratic vote is given as 4,459,699, as against 3,677,971 four years ago.

In a few instances, says the Times, these figures are not final. But in every instance, it is declared, they are the best that can be obtained prior to the publication of the official canvass and will differ from the official figures very slightly.

MEXICAN LABOR LURED TO U. S.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The promise that higher wages are paid laborers in the United States has resulted in a considerable influx of Mexicans into the United States. A special bulletin issued today by the bureau of labor, only a few years ago, it is stated, these immigrants were seldom found more than 100 miles from the border, but now they are working as unskilled laborers and as section hands as far east as Chicago and as far north as Iowa, Wyoming and San Francisco. They are said to be rapidly displacing Japanese, Greeks and Italians in some occupations.

IS ASTRIDE BICYCLE WHEN KILLED BY CENTURY LIMITED

Daniel O'Leary, 35 years old, 1046 Avenue L, was struck and instantly killed by the Twentieth Century Limited train on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad at South Chicago, a deadly crash crossing at One Hundredth street and Avenue L, shortly before 8 a. m. today. The victim was riding on a bicycle at the time, and as he plunged straight forward following contact with the gigantic locomotive he was still astride his machine.

O'Leary was employed at the Illinois Street company works and had started work on his bicycle. On reaching the grade crossing of the Pennsylvania, Lake Shore and Baltimore & Ohio railroads, he noticed the approach of an out-of-control freight train on the Lake Shore tracks.

He speeded across the rails ahead of the freight train, failing to discern the coming of a passenger train from the other direction.

In a moment the locomotive was upon him, the pilot catching the bicycle square. When witnesses of the tragedy arrived at the spot where O'Leary fell, they found that he already was dead.

STRIKE OF TEAMSTERS ON NORTH SIDE IS FEARED

A strike of teamsters employed by the A. M. Forbes Cartage company, 376 Indiana street, today in the effort to enforce their demand for an advance in wages, it is feared, by officials of the Truck Drivers' union, who report that the company refused to sign the wage scale, and recently by a board of arbitration. At a recent meeting of the union the drivers were advised to leave their work unless the Forbes company accepted the advance. Officials of the teaming company say they expect a strike, and the unionists declare there are no symptoms of a possible strike.

CORNER IN BROOM CORN; SWEEPING UTENSILS ARE HIT

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 15.—The 25-cent boom is a thing of the past for a year at least. Broom corn brokers have cornered the available supply in Illinois, and a Paris firm has been sent a demand for 1,000 bushels at \$2.25. As high as \$150 is offered at Paris for first-class broom, and there is little for sale. Broom factories have raised the price of the lowest grades to a record and are expecting a further increase by retailers is expected.

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THE HUSTLERS' COLUMN BY A. W. MANCE. A GENEROUS OFFER—WE MUST MEET CONDITIONS

The purpose of the bond issue, as has often been explained in this column, is to refund the old mortgage; pay the floating debts and insure the continuance of the six-page paper. You will remember that it was explained that there was a pressing need for at least \$5,000 at once to meet immediate demands. There has been quite a response to the call to purchase these bonds, but not sufficient to meet the emergency.

The cash sales of bonds to date amount to \$2,580. One man, who has often come to the support of the Daily when its existence hung in the balance, who does not want his name mentioned, has made us a most generous offer. He holds notes against the Daily to the extent of some \$4,000. His proposition to the bank and file is this: If \$5,000 worth more of these bonds are sold for cash by the first of February, 1909, he will donate the \$4,000 in notes to the Daily.

Now, comrades, this is the largest haul I can expect to make during my campaign to solve this vexing financial problem, and I want you to help me land it. No, that is not strong enough. YOU MUST help me land it.

Beginning with Dec. 14 we will publish from time to time the progress made toward complying with the condition which means \$4,000 to the Daily.

It won't do to have this bond money come in dribs, in just sufficient amounts to keep the paper going and meet the deficit. That will leave us just where we have always been, viz.: wasting our energies worrying about pressing bills, etc. On the other hand, if we can get a sufficient amount to clean up the slate at once, we can all bend our energies to the one all important object of improving the paper and increasing the effectiveness, circulation and influence of the Daily.

THE HUSTLERS' BULLETIN BOARD J. A. McElreath, Denver, Colo., renews his subscription and says: "I hope I will be able to make my next renewal a subscription for a year. Best wishes to the H. E. and success to the Daily." Harrison L. Cox, New Douglas, Ill., has the Daily sent in for six months and says: "I am on your list as soon as possible because I like to read your paper." James L. Fleener, Indianapolis, Ind., orders the "Encyclopedia of Social Reform" from the book department.

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Identity of Former San Francisco Society Girl Is Learned Through Arrest Maybe It Was Saloonkeepers Who Are Being Persecuted by "Hink" Among the saloons which have been in trouble since the "Derby" has been in the wind is the place on State street, south of Van Buren, on the outside of which is the name "James J. Corbett." Corbett doesn't own the place, however. The proprietor refused to buy tickets to the ball and publicly announced the fact. Therefore, protection was withdrawn from him, and his license taken away.

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HOW THE REVIEW STRIKES A SOCIALIST NEWS-PAPER MAN

Comrade Fred H. Mirrick, who has been chosen editor-in-chief of the new Socialist daily to be started in Oklahoma, writes: I have just read the December number of the INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST REVIEW, and the best application of our political and economic philosophy to the conditions at hand. The great mass of workers are not yet in our confidence, although our philosophy tells us their stomachs need to be fed. They should be particularly susceptible to the Socialist propaganda. As yet the proportionate recruits to our ranks from the toilers have been entirely too small in numbers. We have accumulated it to blame the parties for their ignorance and let it go at that. Have we ever seriously examined ourselves with the mirror of the average anti-Socialist among the workers?

What perhaps interested me the most was Comrade Sladden's contribution to THE REVOLUTIONIST. I think perhaps because most of us have a vague suspicion that some way or other we should be particularly susceptible to the Socialist propaganda. As yet the proportionate recruits to our ranks from the toilers have been entirely too small in numbers. We have accumulated it to blame the parties for their ignorance and let it go at that. Have we ever seriously examined ourselves with the mirror of the average anti-Socialist among the workers?

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UNION MEETINGS Newspaper and Mail Delivery Union, head No. 10, will hold their meeting Tuesday, December 15, at 1 o'clock. Chicago, on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 1 o'clock. A protest meeting against the decision of the Supreme court regarding the extradition of political refugees will be held under the auspices of the North Side Socialist League tonight in the Social Turner hall, Belmont avenue and Paulina street.

NOVEL PLAN FOR PREVENTING FIREBOMB TONG WARS DEvised San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 16.—A novel plan for preventing the tong wars, which has been brewing for some time in the local Chinese quarter, has been devised by Chinese Consul-General Chu Ping Chun, who has issued a proclamation threatening the punishment of the relatives in China of the troublemakers if there is any further outbreak here.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSIDER TARIFF



The roll of the House of Representatives shown in the accompanying cut is one of the largest assemblies of any legislative body in the world. It is so large that only a powerful speaker can fill it, and is generally spoken of as a poor place for any deliberative action.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

A FAIRY STORY REVISED

Annette was born of poor but stupid parents. They had been in this country fifteen years and they could neither pay off the mortgage on their little farm nor speak English. Had they been clever people, the husband would have been a city official and his wife a leader in fine society.

A Female Agiator

"I am leaving you what I prize most among my books. RACHEL." Hamilton read it many times then covered it with kisses and placed it against his heart, smiling tenderly though with tear-filled eyes, as he whispered: "She loves me, Rachel."

Co-Education in Oldenburg

A co-educational experiment is being made in Oldenburg at the request of the German Women's Co-Education League. At the opening of the school season two girls were admitted to enroll in the high school of the city where only boys used to be admitted.

Mme. Melba Returns After World Tour

Mme. Melba, the famous prima donna, has just returned to America after a world tour and will be heard in several operas in New York and Philadelphia during the present season.

"JUSTICE IS JUSTICE"

Elizabeth Jones was one of the "chairs" up at the big college. "Only to think of it!" she muttered. "Only to think of it! The college pore box broken open and robbed. Pennies put there by the young gentlemen out of their pocket money for the pure, and goodness knows, the pore box was wanted by the young gents' pennies badly enough. Oh, the villain, whoever did it, to rob the pore!"

For Home Dressmakers



as was heard in Covent Garden, London. She has recently identified herself with the suffragists.



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The doll itself should be developed in heavy white or cream-colored linen and carefully stuffed with cotton-battings, bran or sawdust. The little dress is of pink or blue mull or lawn, trimmed with embroidery or lace edging; the sleeves finished with embroidery-run heading.

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Socialism in the Colleges

It is not surprising that Leslie M. Shaw is alarmed at the growth of Socialism in the colleges. Nor is it surprising that Socialism is growing in institutions of learning.

Ten years ago it is doubtful if there were a dozen Socialists in the combined faculty and student body of the entire United States. Today they are numbered by the thousands.

In the departments of history, economics, sociology, anthropology, ethics and pedagogy, the philosophy of Socialism underlies the best work that is being done. In fact, it is hard to find a recent work in any of these fields that does not in some way make use of Socialist philosophy.

Yet this headway has been made against tremendous opposition. The founders of colleges and universities do not look with favor upon Socialism and Socialists. The acceptance of Socialist doctrines is a poor way to secure preferment.

That in the face of this fact Socialism has made such great headway may well cause such men as ex-Secretary Shaw to "view with alarm."

In this new development the United States is but following the course of evolution through which nearly all European countries have passed. Today the greatest universities of Europe are filled with Socialists. The world of intellect belongs to Socialism. Only through the victory of the working class can intellect be freed from the exploitation and accompanying degradation which is imposed upon it today.

Health vs. Profits Again

The old, old battle between human life and desire for profits has appeared again in the effort to purify Chicago's milk supply. The health department has forbidden the importation of milk from cows suffering from tuberculosis.

At once the farmers in the surrounding country formed organizations to fight this ruling. This does not mean that those farmers are anxious to infect the people of Chicago with the germs of the white plague. They are not a mass of would-be murderers. They are men and women who love their families and who would shrink from killing just as you and I would do. But the health and the life of their families and of themselves depends upon the profit which they can derive from the sale of milk.

They are compelled to choose between endangering the lives of the people of Chicago whom they do not see and of those who are close to them. Naturally they choose to preserve their own lives.

The same problem is presented every time an effort is made in any way to safeguard health at the expense of profits. It appears at every turn in the housing problem. It dominates the whole fight against consumption. It is the central factor in the fight against adulteration.

The Socialist alone demands that a blow be struck at the fundamental cause. He alone insists that society must be so reorganized that there will no longer be a profit in murder, direct or indirect.

Dynamiting as a Profession

Now that a twenty-seventh bomb, larger than any of its predecessors, has been thrown in Chicago, the police are beginning to show a mild interest. They are not doing anything rash. With a Sherlock Holmes wisdom they are concluding that these bombs must have been thrown by representatives of the Law and Order league, a supposition that is about as wise as that they were thrown by inmates of the Hull house creche. If there is an innocent, innocuous body in existence it is that same Law and Order league.

Of course the suggestion was only thrown out as a joke, for every officer in Chicago knows that these bombs are simply part of a little internal discussion among the holders of certain privileges to plunder. It is safe to say that there are a dozen men working on the "Central detail" of the police department who could get the men responsible for the throwing of these bombs in fifteen minutes if they did not know that any such action would at once cost them their positions.

No one but some hopeless innocent who is looking for a chance to buy the lake front from a nice gentleman who met him at the depot and is kindly showing him the town will doubt this assertion.

But because these bombs are thrown as a part of a regular, profitable, although somewhat illegal competition in business, they are taken as a matter of course.

The Rising Wave

Rudowitz and Pouden are not going back to Russia. In spite of the suppression of news in almost every possible way the knowledge of the attempt to violate the right of asylum is spreading wider and wider, and wherever that knowledge spreads there springs up behind it a tidal wave of indignation.

The American people have sunk low in their obedience to plutocracy. One by one supposedly fundamental and long-established human rights have been invaded with slight protest. But it seems as if this were going to prove a sort of last straw that was not going to break the camel's back, but on the contrary would arouse him to throw off the entire load.

ON AN ATLANTIC LINE

Respectful hunters are rapidly increasing in number, and it is particularly noticeable that they have no moral scruples. For contribution of this month the manager of the passenger department of any important line of transatlantic steamers. His language on the point will straightaway become vulgar, profane, and it is understood, evince all the hardness of their nation in the collection of money. The Anglo-Russian, however, is not far behind.

Individual steamer, and their way into passenger cabins is not without incident. Dining parlors are quite favorite resorts. They are very handsome, made of good leather and mounted in silver, as befits the prestige of a line which, as things are now, has a monopoly on the Atlantic under conditions of splendor and luxury beyond the power of words to describe. The stewardess, being particularly because of a particular episode. The stewardess of the very same line, in the last day of the voyage, went to the chief steward in much distress of mind. It was breakfast time, and she was, as usual, entering the cabin of one of the lady passengers—she was, about a British lady of title—had found out one but two such blighting words carefully selected away from the half-packed box. What was to be done? The steward was a man of the world. Scandal must be avoided at all costs. "Take one of them away," he growled, "leave the other."

FEED MY SHEEP!

BY EDWIN J. BROWN

Feed my sheep! came the command some two thousand years ago, and yet notwithstanding, we hold ourselves to be a Christian nation, and behold our own greatness with eyes set so close together as to see through the needle's eye with both eyes at the same time. Indeed, we see through a glass darkly.

Does a big navy make a nation great? No.

Do great railroads make a nation great? No.

Does a large army make a nation great? No.

Does a large export trade make a nation great? No.

Is a nation considered great and powerful because of its vulgar rich? No.

Does the productiveness of a nation signify its greatness? No. Nor does its gold nor mammoth cities and glittering states of splendor, for a nation may have all that which I have mentioned, and yet will its foundation decay and crumble, its heart become chilled and its blood turn to water, and in that day will the citizens of such a nation look upon it with disgust, contempt and disregard and with heavy hearts.

And you ask what makes a nation great? The answer is so easy and you know it so well, because it must be—

- (1) Economic freedom. (2) Political liberty.

The element of liberty proceeds from the economic foundation upon which society rests, and I treat first of the principles and only the foundation upon which a great nation may be built.

Economic freedom is the right to crystallize your human energy into food, clothing and shelter and the things developed and craved for by the higher instincts of the reasoning human family. 'Tis true that the self-satisfied, overfed and underworked citizen,

whose digestive apparatus works twenty-four hours each day, and a hoard of their dunkeys will say, "Anybody can get work" but this is the ignorant murmur emanating from a dull mind anesthetized with self conceit. For since the time now is when all wealth in food, clothing and shelter is produced by machinery, and thirty-five million people in our land constitute the wage working class, and since this class does not own the machinery which they must use, and since the owners of this machinery do not use the machinery they own, nor allow anyone else to use it except upon terms suitable to their profit making, we find our great producing class, the workers of America, without economic freedom, the basis of all liberty.

Only by the control of the working class can we judge our national standard. Is there an army of the unemployed? Are ten million of our women and children now working for a wage of from 12 to 30 cents per day? Are there two million children between the age of six and fourteen years old working for far less than its costs to feed, clothe and house them in a manner conducive to health and growth to the fullness of man and womanhood?

Do the people who work for wages produce so much profit for others that they themselves must want? Do we call out our troops and shoot people down when they protest for an increased share of the product of their toil?

Do one class of our citizens tell another class to go idle and starve or work upon terms and under conditions arbitrarily prescribed by them?

Are there many of our citizens who are forced to work for other persons and sell their labor power for what it will bring in the open market in order to acquire the necessities of life?

Since the advent of machinery, and the resulting unemployed workers to compete for the jobs, does not labor

power sell at its cost of production? Is not the economic life of a nation impaired when one class of citizens are dependent for their economic life upon another class?

Have we fulfilled the command of that Great Shepherd to feed his sheep? No! By the powers of government exercised by the special privileged class, they make it impossible for his sheep to feed themselves until the profit mongers receive their pound of flesh and blood because of their economic freedom which is the basis of all liberty and national greatness.

Political liberty the second requisite of national greatness is necessary to effect economic freedom, and all persons who are deprived of this liberty are in no wise responsible, if they are weak or oppressed by the strong. No, no, the stain for the condition of the weak and helpless is upon the builders of navies, the maintainers of armies, the owners of railroads, who buy courts and senators. The profit mongers and dollar chasers who grind human flesh and blood into dividends. The economic oppressors and political knaves who feign the Christian faith of the Great Shepherd, and use his religion as a cloak of hypocrisy while they keep his sheep in ignorance and political subjugation.

Mothers, wives, sisters and brothers, awaken from your slumber. The world is full of wealth enough for all, and it is yours. You created it every whit. Awaken, I say, and by your political power effect your economic emancipation, for with the emancipation of the women, children and men who toil for profit to the class who oppress and rob them will come the emancipation of the fatherless or motherless child, and we will be brothers and sisters together under true national greatness, economically free through our political power, and we then will keep the Great Shepherd's command and feed his sheep.

NEGROES BECOMING SOCIALISTS

"THE PURE FOOD QUESTION"

BY REV. GEORGE W. SLATER, JR., 3009 LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO.

A few days ago, I saw an article in the Chicago Record-Herald telling of the efforts of the United States District Attorney to enforce the pure food laws.

Before, I had noticed articles on this subject, but somehow I was influenced to ponder considerably on this one. Several questions pressed themselves for answer, as follows: Why do men make impure food? Will the law stop its manufacture? Who suffers the most for its manufacture and sale? What will stop it?

1. Why do men make impure food? Because it is cheaper to provide adulterated food, and because of which cheapness more can be sold to the poor people; hence the more profits. Men do not make impure food just for the fun of it, just for an experiment, nor just for the purpose merely of cheating people or of injuring their health—few men are so mean as that.

The world is mad for gain. The economic world is so organized today that men know that the enjoyment of the temporal and also to a large extent of the spiritual things is commensurate with the amount of profits one makes. If they make no profits they must beg or steal to live. If they are successful in begging or stealing they are simply successful in getting merely the profits which others have accumulated.

In playing this game of profit, they play it where the profit making is the surest. They know that men must have food and they also know that the majority of the people are poor and ignorant and must have a cheap article, and because of their ignorance the poor are less able to detect the imposture and protect themselves.

2. Under the present economic system

of an economic system that makes men greedy for profits—a system in which there must be profits or suffering; hence no amount of execution of the strong arm of the law will adequately protect the consumer. The competitive system is such that all men cannot make honest profits (if in the last analysis there are any honest profits) sufficient to enjoy life. It is natural for men to strive for the enjoyment of life. Unlawful conditions make the majority of the resultant perverted humanity lean hard to the tendency of doing almost anything, right or wrong, to preserve life.

3. Who suffers most financially and physically from impure food? The poor consumer. The fines collected from the violators of the pure food law do not cover the cost of the prosecution. This extra expense falls heavily upon those who have little wealth or income. For the rich do not ultimately pay it, but the poor consumer through rents, etc. The violator adds the cost of fines to the cost of production which the poor consumer must make up in higher prices on food stuff.

The rich have sufficient money to buy the pure article at the higher price; hence he gets that which tends to make him healthier and happier, while the poor gets the inferior article which tends to debilitate him.

4. What will stop the manufacture of impure food? Take out of the realm of competition for profits, foods? Let men co-operate in manufacturing these things for the people to use. When this is done there will be practically no incentive to adulterate because there would be nothing gained by it, and the pure article could be obtained for less than the impure one now.



REV. GEORGE W. SLATER, JR.

A CLOSE CALL



Phoebe—I had an awful time when I refused him. Eleanor—How do you mean? Phoebe—Why, he took it in earnest, and I had to explain that I didn't mean it.

Grounds for Complaint "Any complaints, corporal?" said the colonel, making one morning a personal inspection. "Yes, sir. Taste that, sir," said the corporal promptly. The colonel put the liquid to his lips. "Why," he said, "that's the best soup I ever tasted!"

Advice "You've got to put a certain amount of dependence on yobself," said Uncle Eben. "De man dat goes aroun' lookin' for too much advice is liable to find hisself in de position of de gemman dat gets so interested readin' de time-table dat he misses his train."—Washington Star.

Halfbreath Escape "Will father be an angel?" asked the little boy. "He's got whiskers, and angels don't have any." "Well," replied the grandmother, "your father may get there, but it will be by a close shave."—Atlanta Constitution.

Hopeful "Was your house damaged by that fire cyclone?" "He—Dunno. I hain't found it yet."—Cleveland Leader.

BIOGRAPHY OF MARX

It is a remarkable fact that, notwithstanding the great growth of Socialism, and the enormous literature devoted to the subject, there is not in English, nor, we believe, in any other language, a good, reliable biography of its greatest hero and apostle, Karl Marx. This is all the more remarkable when one remembers Marx's undisputed place as a great and original thinker, about whom and about whose works so many volumes have been written.

A good biography of Karl Marx is desirable. Probably no great thinker of modern times has been so little understood and so much misrepresented as he, and as much at the hands of his disciples as his critics have suffered. Probably a true account of the life of Marx would prove as surprising to his most ardent followers as to any of their critics.

At last we are to have such a biography of Marx, from the pen of John Spargo, author of numerous sociological works, and one of the recognized leaders of international Socialist thought. Mr. Spargo, who has rapidly assumed the leading position in the literary propaganda of Socialism in America, has for upwards of ten years been patiently collecting materials for a life of Karl Marx. He has had the invaluable assistance of Marx's children and many of his most intimate friends. While the volume Mr. Spargo has in preparation, and which is so far advanced that it may be published in the spring, is not the "official" biography for which the time has not yet come—it will be in every way authoritative, and contain more information about the great Socialist philosopher than has ever been brought together. A great many legends about Marx, which have been accepted as true, even by the most learned Socialist writers, will be effectively shattered; the charming romances of Marx's courtship of Jenny von Westphalen, sister of the great Prussian minister of state, will be given, with quotations from the love letters of the two. The quite remarkable work of Marx, the poet will be fully discussed, and it doubtless there will be many who will learn with great surprise that Marx wrote several volumes of verse of a high order, and at one time seriously thought of devoting himself to poetry, and of writing the "Great Prussian Ode." The collection of rare portraits with which the volume will be embellished is said to be unique.

The Tally "What are those notches in your gun?" asked the flirt, who was visiting the ranch. "They represent men," replied Caelus Sim, "who thought they was smarter than I wuz."

A Good Ideal "I'll have to notch my parrot's handle."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Misunderstood Man "Think of the extravagance of that New York broker who gave an automobile to an actress." "Gave away an automobile," rejoined Mr. Chiggins, thoughtfully. "That wuz an extravagance. That wuz economy."—Washington Star.

The New Doctrine "Do you believe in the literal idea of future punishment?" "Not for myself," answered Mr. Si-rus Barker. "But I favor it for a lot of people I know."—Washington Star.

THE USES OF A NEWSPAPER

BY ROBERT HUNTER

Most Socialists know the uses of a good organization. They know the use of constant agitation. They know the uses of regular meetings, of soap-boxing. These instruments they know how to use to spread Socialist thought, to dispel ignorance, to overcome misrepresentation, to clear men's minds and to make men think.

Immeasurable energy is put into the use of these instruments of propaganda. Our organizers wear themselves out going from town to town. Comrades of the various locals spend day after day in the arduous work of organizing and advertising an important meeting. "Red Specials" are sent about the country. Our orators are overwhelmed with invitations to speak.

The railroads make thousands of dollars a year carrying about the country our oratorical freight. The hall-keepers make immense sums each year for letting us meeting rooms.

Certainly all this work is of supreme importance. What we have accomplished has been largely accomplished through the use of these instruments of propaganda.

But think a moment of the uses and power of a daily paper. It can find its way into a million homes EVERY DAY in the year. It can strike a blow which will arouse each day a million men. Through it the noblest ideas can penetrate every day into the minds of countless multitudes. It immeasurably multiplies the power of man.

Gene Debs can only talk to a few if he depends on his voice alone. He could talk to every man, woman and child who can read if we had a sufficiently powerful press.

Some of the best writers in the world are now Socialists. They could speak daily to countless millions; they could tell the truth daily to the entire nation about science, industry, business, politics if our press was all it might be. Their power can be multiplied as fast as we multiply the power of the press.

A local can only meet once a week. A prominent lecturer can come only once a month. But every comrade and every sympathizer—even the lonely comrade on some distant farm—can be served as well as the multitudes of comrades in a great city by a daily paper, and all can be served, not once a week, or once a month only, but every single day of his life.

You know trade unionists, clergymen, teachers and radical democrats who are beginning to be interested in Socialism. You live in the same town with them, and yet it is impossible for you to talk with them every day. But a daily paper can reach not only the few you know personally in your own town, but also countless other thousands in other towns throughout the country. Every day the postman, for a mere trifle, will bring them the best arguments your Socialist writers are capable of.

There are at least one million Socialists in this country, made Socialists by books, pamphlets and by public meetings, but half a million of them voted for Taft or Bryan. And why?

Because every day in the year they read a capitalist paper. They are hypnotized by reading day after day the same arguments. If it is a Bryan paper, they read every day of what Bryan is doing. They read his speeches, and naturally they are influenced by his arguments. If they read a Republican paper, it is the same. They have something working on them every day, influencing them to cast their vote for a Republican or Democratic candidate.

How can we ever expect to poll our vote if we allow our enemy to reach our people daily while we see them only once a month, or once a year, or never at all?

The fact is, we don't poll our vote, and we shall never poll our vote until, as a question of MERE ORGANIZATION, we realize the stupendous uses of a newspaper.

As a MERE MATTER OF ORGANIZATION we should canvass and re-canvass for subscriptions every man in sympathy with our views. We should impress upon him the DUTY of supporting the Socialist press.

The man who reads the lies and arguments of the capitalist press three hundred and sixty five days in the year will not vote the Socialist ticket on election day.

And the amazing thing about this method of propaganda is that it is done after a time at a profit. The capitalist parties spend incredible sums for halls, advertising and orators during a campaign; but capitalist editors make millions out of papers that influence the people far more extensively and effectively.

We ought to create a sentiment upon this matter. We ought to make it a thing of shame for any Socialist throughout the land not to buy every day a Socialist paper.

A Socialist ought to be almost as ashamed to say "I read only a capitalist daily" as he is to say "I vote a capitalist ticket."

It is a crime to vote a capitalist ticket; but it is no less a crime to support the capitalist press. The Socialist vote will take care of itself if you will build up this great and powerful instrument for the emancipation of the mind of man from the DAILY INFLUENCE of the capitalist press.

Of all work to be done, nothing, it seems to me, compares in importance with this.

NO ESCAPE

BY R. J. CALHOUN.

A traveler bound for a Black Sea port, passing through the Mediterranean, describes with interest the motley aggregation of passengers and the prevailing custom of pitching the tents on the deck and enjoying "all the comforts of home" while on the journey. It was this practice which, according to the dispatches, hindered the rescue work and contributed much towards the loss of life when the steamer Sardinia burned in these waters a few weeks ago and nearly 200 lives were lost.

Their course takes them close to Stromboli and almost under the shadows of the great volcanic chimney which belches forth the fumes and vapors from the great internal furnace whose fires are never drawn. It is little wonder that the imaginative ancients pictured Vulcan at such a forge. It was a conception worthy of the modern working class who live in dread of the closed shop and the smokeless chimney.

But this mountain is peopled with something besides creatures of the imagination. Far up the mountain side the houses of tolling humanity can be discerned from the boat. Here over the eternal fires they live and toil and die, not knowing the day nor the hour when the pent up forces may break forth and overwhelm them. Why do they choose such a dwelling place?

Well, Mother Earth broad enough and rich enough to support all her children, why do these find no better place to live and share her bounty? A little inquiry among the fellow-travelers brings out the reason. An exploiting class government is devouring the producing class with taxes, but here, if they are willing to face the danger of the volcano, they are allowed to escape the tax gatherer. Between the two evils they choose the least, just as among us, men will do the most dangerous work for a bare subsistence rather than starve.

Here they live at the very mouth of hell to escape a government which should make their welfare and happiness its chief concern. But like all the governments of earth that of Italy is a class government whose function is to serve the interest of the one class at the expense of the other. In the most advanced countries the ruling class have learned that the old method of direct taxation has the opposite effect from that intended. It so retards or hinders the creation of wealth that even when the people are robbed of all in this manner the robbers get comparatively little. The more enlightened ruling class now lifts the burden of direct taxation, thus leaving the people free to produce at a constantly increasing rate, and it pays them vastly better to thus encourage production and then draw off the product through rent, interest and profits. Even members of the social families now see the greater advantage of this more modern graft and augment their incomes by business investments.

No people subject to heavy direct taxation can reach an advanced stage of capitalist production or development. Encourage the people to produce by leaving enough in their hands to make them efficient workers, producers and then get the product away from them. The people like this method after they have become too enlightened to stand for the old crude way. But Stromboli, like most of the far east, lives under the old regime wherein they think if they can only escape the rapacious government tax gatherer they can enjoy the fruit of their labor. Here we know that we escape the tax gatherer only to fall into the clutches of the profit maker from whom there is no escape. He is more astute, more refined in his methods, but no less rapacious. Even a burning volcano affords no haven of refuge. All exploiters, whether by the old crude, or the new refined method belong to the same class, and Socialism alone will deliver us from the spoiler and give us our own lives for our own disposal and happiness.

TO THE EDITOR

Letter to Mark A. Foote The following letter has been mailed by George J. King to Commissioner Foote: "Toledo, Dec. 11, 1908.

"Hon. Mark A. Foote, Chicago, Ill.—Dear Sir: I wish to congratulate you upon your recent decision in the matter of removing the Russian revolutionist, Rudoloff, so that he may be properly dealt with by the Russian authorities. Not being a member of the Socialist party, you being a member of a trade union, it is a matter of very great pleasure to me that you should have taken this course. The general issue of the course on legislation affecting labor disputes and other useless and unprofitable matters for social reform. The stern manner in which Russia has suppressed all elements of disorder and rebellion against constituted authority in the last half century is a most gratifying and inspiring example to all sane and sane American citizens. In my opinion the joy and hope of the world lie in following her brilliant example. Your recent action places you on a par in intelligence, patriotism and true kindness of heart with Russian officials, acting under the inspiration of the czar and his corrupt advisers. America at least has a public servant of which her best people may be proud. No longer can progressive nations like Russia, Turkey and Italy fear America as an asylum for refugees and traitors. I am sure that her misguided policy of harboring unprofitable agitators for so-called liberty."

"Business, both at home and abroad, is being greatly injured by the elements of discontent and disorder, and drastic measures must be employed to teach the working classes to respect their social superiors, and to have their masters and reverence for the governments which protect them."

"Through the brave actions of men like you, your desirable end seems likely to be accomplished happily and speedily, and when that millionth day of the world shall have been at last subdued and performed the tasks laid upon them without complaint or even thought of revolt, when President Bier and the rest of the superior class for whose enjoyment God made this beautiful earth shall no longer be disturbed by their various crimes, when peace and liberty is had, when that glad day at last shall come I can hear Mark A. Foote, praised by the stirred rich and great; I can see his name emblazoned upon their walls of fame as one who did his legal best to bring it all about."

"Sir, I again congratulate you, and trust that 1909 belong to the party of Abraham Lincoln. Respectfully yours, GEORGE J. KING."

Favors Discussion of Constitutional Convention I like Mr. Walling's article. How would it do to print it as a leaflet? It would cause discussion which would result in good by having an understanding of our W. P. MCKELTAY.