

DELAYING ST AT CHERRY TO HELP COMPANY

Coroner Malm Saved From Scandal by Adjournment of Inquisitors

CHARITY METHODS HIT

Bicknell's Tactics Have Made Stricken Families Distrust "Workers"

Cherry, Ill., Jan. 6.—Coroner Malm faced a scandal at the adjournment of the coroner's inquest here when A. Lettsome, treasurer of the Cherry local of the United Mine Workers, asked the official why Alex. Rosenjack had not been examined when he was brought by Lettsome to the coroner's office the day following the fire in the mine.

This case as a dramatic climax to a day of wrangling after which the inquest was adjourned till Feb. 1, obviously to allow the people to lose interest and to allow the company to save itself. Coroner Malm made no satisfactory reply to Lettsome's question. To add to the farce a letter was read from Dr. M. R. Barker of Chicago to the effect that Burton Hanson, the secretary of the St. Paul Coal company, had broken his arm and could not attend the inquest. No effort had been made to take a deposition from Hanson.

Miners Are Bitter

The miners are bitterly dissatisfied with the turn events have taken and many of them are inclined to suspect Malm of not pushing his investigation as thoroughly as he should. It was announced that the mine shafts will not be opened till another month has passed and thus all chance of identifying the 200 or more bodies now in the mine will be lost. The widows are frantic over this disclosure.

Bicknell to Blame

The change from store orders to cash marked the admitted failure of an elaborate system of professional charity installed by Ernest P. Bicknell, head of the Red Cross Society that earned for itself the distrust and dissatisfaction of the stricken families. There had been no general protest against the system of relief that the professional charity workers at last were forced to abandon their contention that the widows of the dead miners can not be trusted with a few dollars in real money.

Whether the weekly cash allowance will be found sufficient to supply the dependent families with the bare necessities of life already is a problem. Meats, groceries and clothing are being sold at top figures to the dependents, and there has been no effort upon the part of the charity experts to cut down prices.

SHOVELMEN NOW ASK MORE PAY

Union Which Made Taft a Member Prepares New Wage Scale

Higher wages from the railroads are to be demanded by the steam shovel and dredge men employed in this work in the United States, Canada and the Panama Canal zone, as a result of the decision reached at the biennial convention of the International Brotherhood of Steam Shovel and Dredge Men, which has just ended in this city. Taft is an honorary member of the union, being made such before his election.

The minimum scale of the dredgemen is \$15 a month. They want \$150 a month. On the great lakes the question of wages is handled by a committee of the union in conference with the Dredge Owners' association. Secretary T. J. Dolan of Chicago reported that 10 per cent of the membership of the union was idle.

GIRL IS LASHED; FALLS BLEEDING

Inhuman Tortures Within Atlanta Stockade Are De- scribed by Victims

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 6.—John W. Dodd, former overseer of the city prison or stockade, was the principal witness heard by the council committee investigating conditions at the stockade. He testified that the food served to the prisoners was unfit even for the lowest kind of inmates. Prisoners frequently showed him bread containing flies, he said, and one man brought him a piece of bread containing a spider.

The witness declared the place was overrun with vermin of all kinds. He produced a bottle of vermin which he said a prisoner had captured and brought to him. The bread with the spider in it also was offered in evidence.

Woman Bled Freely

Asked what proportion of the prisoners were whipped, Dodd replied: "I heard them whipped nearly every morning. Sometimes there were two or three whipped and again there would be as many as half a dozen beaten."

Pearl Bryan, one of the three white women who was hung up by the rings while at the stockade, also was a witness. She said she was strung up nearly forty-five minutes and was taken down only when those in charge saw blood running down her arms.

Tortured Young Girl

The doctor also said that the child was so small that she slipped her arms down through the machine and tried to take some of the blows on her hands. When she was taken out her hands were raw and blood was oozing through her clothes. The doctor swore that she was sent to the field to work in this condition.

CLERICAL PARTY IN PLAN TO COERCE NEW BELGIAN KING

Brussels, Jan. 6.—The trouble between King Albert and the clerical party is coming rapidly to a crisis. The new king has shown a disposition to act independently of the Catholics in his state affiliations and the Catholic papers seem to entertain a counter disposition to raise a threat against future dynastic issue unless King Albert submits to clerical influence.

UNIONS SUPPORT VINCENT ALTMAN

Chicago Federation's Attack on Lavin Stirs Labor Men; Trial Opens

Backed by the moral and financial support of the Chicago Federation of Labor, Vincent Altman, a member of the carpenters' union, Local No. 56, will begin listening this week to the evidence in the case "framed up" against him by Inspector Paddy Lavin. This is the latest in the numerous efforts of the police department to charge organized labor with Chicago's bomb explosions.

The resolutions adopted by the federation of labor expressed the confidence of the organization in Altman's innocence, and attacked the police for "falling to discover the bomb thrower and for hatching conspiracies against members of organized labor in order to cover up police inefficiency." They continue in part as follows:

Affirm Altman's Innocence

"Resolved, That we express our confidence in the innocence of this victim of police machinations and call upon all affiliated unions to contribute liberally to his defense, so that organized labor may be vindicated."

The case went to trial a week ago before Judge Kersten in the Criminal Court building.

TRAIN AND AUTO CRASH; 2 DIE

Louis B. Cone, 4415 Calumet avenue, and his wife were killed by an Illinois Central suburban train at Seventy-first street which crashed into the automobile in which they were riding.

Mr. and Mrs. Cone were thrown against the station platform. The locomotive crushed them both against the foundation, killing Mrs. Cone instantly and injuring the man so severely that he died when carried into the Parkside drug store at Seventy-first street and Stony Island av.

FIELD MUSEUM TO BE ERECTED ON LAKE FRONT

City to Defeat Montgomery Ward's Scheme to Balk City Beautiful

LIKE "PLAY GROUND" JOKE

Plea That Opposition Is Made in Interest of the People Creates Laugh

The efforts of Montgomery Ward and company, the firm whose treatment of its employees has been exposed in the Daily Socialist, to prevent the erection of the Field Memorial Museum on the lake front will be fought by the South Park commissioners who will start immediate condemnation proceedings to secure the property. The board will pass a resolution authorizing its attorneys to file a petition in the condemnation proceedings at once. While these moves were being planned State Representative David E. Shannahan and State Senator Billings introduced bills in the legislature calling for the ceding of 2,000x950 feet of submerged land, lying 200 feet east of Grant Park, as an island site for the museum. This latter move is expected to rout Montgomery Ward and company, even if the former project is unsuccessful.

Laugh at Ward's Plea

The attitude of Montgomery Ward and company has met with universal condemnation and the plea of Ward himself that he is saving the land for the people is laughed at. How can a company, or a man for that matter, who pays employees starvation wages and sweats them to the limit, care anything for the people? This is one of the questions being asked. It is true that some of the boys whose childhood is consumed by Montgomery Ward and company play for a few minutes at noon time on a strip of Grant Park with which the proposed museum would in no way interfere.

Ward has long been known for his stand in regard to the lake front and he has repeatedly uttered pious nonsense about the gratitude which future generations will bear toward his name, because he has "saved the lake front for the people."

The "Playground" Joke

There is a silly streak in his actions which is in keeping with the purchase of a "play ground" for the Lake west side plant, at Chicago avenue and the Chicago river. Refusing to pay living wages, the firm still buys "play grounds." Employees, underfed and underpaid, have such joyous hearts for romping in the pretty sunshine under the loving boss' eye.

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Mrs. Mary Macarthur, who visited Chicago during the convention of the National Woman's Trade Union League and told of the conditions at Ritchie's paper box factory through the columns of the Daily Socialist, is president of the British Women's Federation.

THAT ANNOYING MOMENT—



WHEN THE TAILOR TRIES TO GET YOU TO WEAR SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT

REALTY MEN IN FIGHT ON UNION

Promises of Big Pay Are Flooding Uta' With Skilled Workmen

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 6.—In an effort to weaken the power of organized labor here, the enemies of unionism have enlisted the services of unscrupulous real estate sharks. These are advertising through the capitalist newspapers for skilled workmen, offering wages that are far in excess of the union scales.

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FOOT CUT OFF BY TRAIN, MAN CARRIES SEVERED MEMBER IN HAND FOR MILES TO HOSPITAL

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 6.—His right foot caught between the planking and the track at the Packard road crossing of the Erie railway, Spencer B. Parker of Echota slashed furiously at his shoe with his pocketknife to release his foot before the fast passenger train from Buffalo bore down on him.

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Foot Watson Back in New York

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MINERS TO HAVE NEW AGREEMENT

Convention This Month Will Be Most Important in Union's History

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 6.—Shortly after his appearance in Chicago, Eugene V. Debs will be the principal speaker at a big mass meeting to be held by the Socialists in Indianapolis on Jan. 22, during the convention of the United Mine Workers.

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CHICAGO PAID \$13,940 IN WAR ON BILLPOSTERS

Taxpayers' Money Is Being Used to Aid American Posting Service

52 POLICEMEN HELP SCABS

Mayor's Opposition to Union Is Disgusting Labor; Many Theaters 'Fair'

It has cost the taxpayers of Chicago \$13,940 to aid the American Posting service carry on its war for an open shop against the Billposters and Billers' union. Every additional day that the employers are permitted to use the police for their own ends means more money drawn from the city treasury.

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In an effort to prevent any action being taken by the city officials in the matter, the officers of the Posting service are purposely absenting themselves from the conferences called by Mayor Fred Busse to consider the matter of police protection. Every attempt to have E. W. Robbins, manager and heavy stockholder in the Posting service, attend these conferences has proven futile.

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ANNE MORGAN 'GIVES UP POOR' TO PLAY WHIST

Daughter of Union Crushing Money King Deserts the Shirtwaist Strikers

New York, Jan. 6.—Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, the money king, champion stock water and union crusher, has retired to the recesses of her own magnificent mansion...

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PLAY GIVEN BY SOCIALISTS

Dave Goodman and Frank Kambiah Perform Before Carpenters Local 66 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners...

FARMERS FIGHT TO HOLD LANDS

Money Interests Seek to Control in Government Irrigation Project

Sunnyvale, Wash., Jan. 6.—The farmers who are stock holders in the government irrigation project here are making a hot fight to retain control of the farm land being sought by the bankers and business men...

Would Control Water Rights

The Water Users' association is an organization of farmers which protects the water rights of its members and the bankers and speculators want to control, because they see that the population is increasing here and that the direct private ownership of the water resources by a coterie of bankers and business men would yield a large profit...

CHIEF STEWARD PRAISES POLICE FORCE FOR SLAYING THREE IN CRIME CRUSADE

Because of the three men killed by the Chicago police in the crusade against crime, Chief of Police Steward has commended the department on the courage of its members...

"LEBOY T. STEWARD, General Superintendent of Police," "Again has the bravery of Chicago policemen been amply demonstrated. Four police officers at the risk of their lives have brought to bay criminals of the most notorious kind."

APPEAL PLANS CHICAGO ISSUE

30,000 Papers Containing Grosscup Story to Advertise Debs Meeting

Thirty thousand copies of the Appeal to Reason, containing the story of the checkered career of Federal Judge Peter Grosscup, are to be received in Chicago and distributed where they will do the most good...

The Appeals will arrive in bundles. Preparations for their circulation are already being planned. The well known hustlers of Chicago are being brought into line...

In this way it is hoped to reach thousands of toilers who know very little about Socialism and appreciate but little the inequities of the system under which we live.

The Appeals will be in the form of a special Chicago edition with an article by Fred D. Warren, its convicted managing editor, telling of the court fight in behalf of a free Socialist press...

Tickets in Demand The tickets for the mass meeting are being rapidly disposed of so that every prospect now points toward an overflow meeting...

UNION BREAKER FLAYS GOMPERS

Successor of Van Cleave Calls Mitchell and Morrison 'Lawbreakers'

New York, Jan. 6.—John Kirby, Jr., of Dayton, Ohio, successor to James Van Cleave as president of the National Association of Manufacturers, a labor killing combine, admits that the interests of capital are not the interests of labor...

"With Samuel Gompers and John Mitchell not only participants, but leading spirits in the movement, as well as officers in good standing in the Civic federation, I cannot reconcile my mind with what seems to be such an extremely inconsistent proposition..."

Denounces Labor Men

"Nor can I find in my conscience to wink at the great danger to the best interests of our common country that lies hidden in the indorsement by our organization of those men and the doctrines they preach..."

Mr. Kirby says he will submit the matter of taking part in the conference to the board of directors of the Manufacturers' association and execute its will. The Civic federation assemblies in Washington on January 17.

MAY MAKE TAFT OFFEND MEXICO

Congressional Probe Threatened Because of American's Imprisonment

Washington, Jan. 6.—Unless the state department is able to show that it has received assurances from the Mexican government that James A. Cook, the American conductor, who has been in jail at Guadalajara since August, will be given a speedy trial...

Hinshaw to Cause Probe Representative Hinshaw of Nebraska, who has interested himself in Cook's behalf, announces that he is becoming weary of a system which results in keeping a man in jail for four months without the right to bail...

There is good reason to believe that David E. Thompson, who recently resigned as United States minister to Mexico, will come in, unless Cook's case is speedily adjusted...

Thompson, Union foe The Order of Railway Conductors, which has been endeavoring to obtain Cook's release, is prepared to show that Thompson, while general manager of the Missouri River railroad, made it a non-union corporation from top to bottom...

I don't know how generally this ill treatment of Americans is practiced in Mexico, said Hinshaw, "but I am extremely anxious to find out." "So far as the Cook case is concerned, I believe that there has been too much delay already, and I shall insist that the man either be given a speedy trial or that he be released on bail until such time as the Mexican authorities are ready to try him."

RAISE FUND FOR FREE SPEECHERS

Action of Spokane Officials Denounced at San Francisco Mass Meeting

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 6.—The actions of the Spokane, Wash., police and city officials were denounced in resolutions passed at a mass meeting held here at which a collection of \$40.25 was taken up and sent to the Industrial Workers of the World...

"Whereas, in the City of Spokane, state of Washington, the police authorities, acting as the agents of the dominant capitalist interests, have by violence suppressed free speech and free press, and "Whereas, these same police powers have brutally beaten and starved the men that they arrested as well as giving the 'third degree' to the workers that fell into their foul clutches...

Resolved, That we not only protest against the action of the police in Spokane, but we urge all to remember that in maintaining free speech and a free press, it is ever necessary to be vigilant. We know that the morrow belongs to the workers, when all the wrongs inflicted upon our class will be righted."

Colorado Bonds Sympathy Longmont, Colo., Jan. 6.—Resolutions have been passed by Local Longmont, expressing hearty sympathy for the I. W. of the world, and especially for the comrades in Spokane upon whom the wrath of the beast has directly fallen. That we denounce the attitude of the Spokane officials in the struggle now being conducted there as illegal and outrageous, and their treatment of the men whose constitutional rights they violated and whose bodies they have abused as reprehensible beyond expression."

WOMEN TO AID SPEECH FIGHT Two Start From Seattle to Wage War on Spokane Oppressors (SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6.—Ruth A. Hyde and Eleanor M. Herman have been for Spokane to join the Industrial Workers of the World in their fight for free speech. They are holding meetings and taking up collections en route to aid the workers in their fight.

Three Killed in Flames Peoria, Ill., Jan. 6.—One woman, two children and several horses were burned to death in a fire in a livery barn early today. The family lived on the upper floor of the barn, which was destroyed.

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150 PASSENGERS ON TRAIN ARE MAROONED BY FLOODS IN NEVADA DESERT FOR 5 DAYS

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 6.—Train No. 4 on the San Pedro, Salt Lake & Los Angeles railroad, due here from Los Angeles January 1, is marooned in the desert five miles from Callente, Nev., and 150 passengers are without means of escape. The track on both sides was torn out by floods last week.

Plenty of provisions are on hand and there is no danger of suffering from lack of food. Fires are being torn from the tracks and used as fuel for making steam to heat the cars. As soon as wagons can reach the stalled train, a matter of three or four days, the passengers will be taken to Barley, where a train will be waiting to bring them to Salt Lake City. Every one on the train is reported well and fairly comfortable.

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"We have found conditions that pass belief," declared Chipfield. "Every time we visited a navigable lake or stream we have run into land grabs. They extend from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of California and we merely have scratched the surface. Thousands of acres have been reclaimed without any pretense of warrant from the state."

New Angle Unearthed A peculiar angle of the submerged land question popped up on Speaker Shurtleff's desk in the form of a protest against legislative grants of such lands emanating from the Pokagon tribe of Pottawatomie Indians who claim the lake portage east of the "meandering line" established in 1833. The petition referred to the Illinois Steel Company sale, the Grant Park grant and similar legislation, and declared Governor Deneen guilty of an act of "anarchy" in proposing legislation to provide a site for the Field stadium on the lake front. It was signed by Isaac Quigley, Thomas Topash, Frank Hamilton and Peter Pierson in behalf of the tribe.

Alonso E. Wilson, a prominent official of the Prohibition party and former Prohibition member of the legislature, appears among the disinterested signers.

CANADA MINERS WAR ON SCABS

Springhill, Nova Scotia, Jan. 6.—The strike of the miners in Nova Scotia is being fought with unabated energy. Every effort is being made to inform miners in other sections to keep away. This is proving difficult in the face of the treachery exercised by the mine operators in seeking strike breakers.

Here is the Manifesto "NOTICE: STAY AWAY FROM NOVA SCOTIA: STRIKE IS ON. Agents of the Dominion Coal Co. of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, are at work trying to induce miners of Wilkes-Barre and other anthracite mine towns to go there to work. District and local officials should exert themselves to prevent them from securing any men for such purpose."

"A strike has been on in Nova Scotia and at these mines since July 6 with every prospect of winning. Don't go there and try to defeat your brothers who are fighting for the right to organize and better conditions of employment."

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G. O. P.'S PASSING NOW IN SIGHT

Taft's War on "Insurgents" Threatens Disruption of Republican Party

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Open war has broken out among the Republicans and that the G. O. P. may be wrecked on the rocks of dissension before another presidential campaign comes around is not at all improbable. Hostilities have been declared as a result of the action of President Taft in demanding that legislation be passed inimical to the "insurrectionary element" in the party and that the insurgents be denied all appointing power.

As the president went through the middle west he discovered that the insurgency was stronger than he had supposed. The result of the trip was his decision to treat with the conservatives and progressives alike, to regard them as Republicans, and to do business with them as such.

Down With Treason The question put up to the administration consequently has been: "Shall you support your friends, or give countenance to your enemies?" This question was considered at length at a recent cabinet meeting. It was decided that any man who failed to support the administration's legislative program would not be given comfort in the way of appointments.

There are twenty-seven insurgents and "near" insurgents in the house of representatives and seven in the senate. In an effort to discredit the element in congress the Taft crowd has framed a legislative program with which it hopes to befuddle the minds of the people into a belief that they are getting what they expected when they put Taft into the White House.

It is in part as follows: Ample appropriation to pay the expenses of the tariff board in connection with its investigation for the purpose of recommending a scientific revision of the tariff. Prompt confirmation of the nominations and the fixing of the salaries of the customs court.

The enactment of the interstate commerce regulations of the president. The enactment of the conservation recommendations made by Secretary Ballinger. National incorporation for combinations of capital and labor. Postal savings banks. Possibly a ship subsidy bill.

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes items like Best Granulated Sugar, Coffee, Tea, etc.

Orders of \$7.50 or over packed and delivered free in the city. Country orders of \$7.50 or over packed and delivered to the depots free. All goods warranted to give satisfaction or the money back.

UNION SUED BY FORMER AGENT

Washington, Jan. 6.—A suit for libel is to be brought in the Supreme court of the District of Columbia against the officers of the International Association of Machinists and others by James A. Schofield, formerly the New York representative of the association.

The cause of action arises from certain alleged slanderous remarks made by Jacob Keppler, a vice president of the association, relative to an alleged attempt by Schofield to hold up the New York World for \$500. The plaintiff claims that the libel was given wide publicity through its publication in the November issue of the Machinists' Monthly Journal as a part of the proceedings of the Denver convention of the International Association of Machinists.

Keppler is from Chicago. He was business agent of District No. 8, International Association of Machinists, which includes Chicago and the vicinity.

TRUST TRIPLES MILK DIVIDENDS

New York, Jan. 6.—Milk, at the increased price of 9 cents a quart, will enable the leading companies to pay dividends three times as high as the large ones of recent years, in the opinion of counsel for the state in the milk investigation, which has been resumed here. District Attorney Whitman of New York, who succeeded William T. Jerome Jan. 1, appeared in the proceedings, having volunteered his assistance to the state authorities.

Pupils of John D. Jr. on Jury New York, Jan. 6.—Two members of the Rockefeller bible class at the Fifth Avenue Baptist church have been selected to serve on the grand jury of which John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is the foreman. The jury is to make a thorough investigation of the white slave traffic in New York.

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TAFT TO GIVE PUBLIC FUND TO SHIPPING TRUST

Congress Will Be Forced to Grant \$5,000,000 as Yearly Subsidy

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Washington, Jan. 6.—Although some of the Republican leaders realize that the Humphrey ship subsidy bill is almost as offensive to the people as was the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill before its passage, the measure which will open the "pork barrel" to private ship owners is to be jammed through congress regardless of consequences.

The railroads, the tariff trusts and all the other special interests that are represented in Congress have added their "O. K." to subsidy legislation. With President Taft using every source of leverage at his command to secure votes for the measure, the only hope for its defeat lies in a coalition of Democrats and insurgents.

When it is considered that a ship subsidy is popularly viewed as a class legislation of the most vulgar kind, and that it has been "governed" down by such representative commercial organizations as the New York Chamber of Commerce and the American Society of Engineers, it would seem that in forcing such a law upon the people, the Republican leaders are absolutely indifferent whether the next ballot is lost to the party in power or not. Either that, or else hope for Republican success in the approaching congressional elections has been abandoned, and the Aldrich-Cannon men are out for all the "pork" that is to be had in this comparatively short time which remains before their forced retirement to private life.

How About the People?
What is the real significance of the desperate attempt of the Republicans to pass a ship subsidy bill at this time? From what viewpoint will the average citizen be likely to view the situation? The plan now is to pass a ship subsidy bill within the next few days. If this is done, it will mean that the first important legislation to pass at this session was a measure that will benefit only a few already rich men. It will mean that congress deliberately turned its back upon legislation desired by the people to first serve the special interests. And as it to make more evident their contempt for public sentiment, the Republican leaders have given the country to understand that while a ship subsidy bill is to be passed, no attention is to be paid at this session to postal banks or attached to Arizona and New Mexico, which, it will be recalled, were promised by the Republican national platform in as clear cut English as could possibly have been employed.

"Political blindness is the only expression I can think of to describe the action of the Republican leaders in persisting in their plan to pass a ship subsidy bill at this time," said Representative Henry T. Rainey of Illinois. "The leaders in charge of the majority side of the house are simply drunk with power. They need only a little more rope and the job will be complete."

Ship Owners to Get \$5,000,000
If this ship subsidy bill is passed, said Mr. Rainey, "where will the \$5,000,000 that is to be paid annually to the ship owners come from? The subsidists answer: 'Why, it is not planned to take money from the public treasury. It is planned to use the profit of the foreign mail branch of the postoffice department, which is approximately \$5,000,000 annually.'"

"This is no answer to the question, however. The postoffice department is running at a loss of \$17,500,000; that was the deficit last year. If you take the \$5,000,000 of profit derived from the foreign mail service to give to ship owners, it will simply mean the deficit will be increased by that amount. Any school boy can see that."

"Now if we give \$5,000,000 to these ship owners, someone must foot the bill. And the government has no funds except those which it collects by taxing the people."

A Measure of Oppression
"In a few words, therefore, the ship subsidy legislation is a law to further exploit and oppress all the people for the further enrichment of multi-millionaires."

PEACE SOCIETY REORGANIZED WITH G. E. ROBERTS AS HEAD

The Chicago Peace society, which disbanded two years ago, was reorganized yesterday and will be operated as a branch of the American Peace society of Boston, which was represented by Field Secretary Charles E. Beals. Officers elected were: President, George E. Roberts; vice president, Alfred L. Baker; secretary, Rev. Charles E. Beals; treasurer, Leroy A. Goddard.

Permanent offices of the society will be opened at 153 La Salle street, and it is planned to make it a general clearing house for information concerning peace movements and achievements. Literature on this subject will be furnished to the Chicago schools, clubs and other societies interested, and it is also the intention to establish a corps of lecturers working out of the Chicago office.

DENEEN WASTES STATE'S MONEY

\$1,491,465.78 Spent for Un-constitutional Primary Laws and Other Frills
Springfield, Ill., Jan. 6.—Illinois' expense bill for legislation since Charles S. Deneen became governor in 1905 has reached the enormous sum of \$1,491,465.78. To this the present special session will add \$200,000.

No other five years in the history of the state ever approached in expenses of this nature the years of Gov. Deneen's rule. And the reason for this is apparent when it is considered that since 1905 the legislature which the constitution says shall assemble biennially, has been in Springfield every year in either regular, special, or adjourned session.

In five years there have been 678 legislative days, where a normal allowance under other governors was half that number. The forty-fifth general assembly, which convened in 1907, broke all records by remaining in session 258 days. Counting the present, the governor has called two "extraordinary" sessions, though no emergencies have existed since his inauguration which in former days would have been thought to justify an expensive special session.

No Notable Laws
All this overtime work by the lawmakers has failed to produce any notable legislation, the chief results of the \$1,491,465.78 expense bill having been three unconstitutional primary laws. The cost of lawmaking has risen in Illinois faster than wages or even the cost of living. The regular session of the forty-sixth assembly set a new mark for expense, \$1,491,465.78. The chief accomplishment of this session was the election of William Lorimer to the senate. It took 154 days to do the work, making an average expense, in round numbers, of \$4,000 a day.

In 1905 the per diem expense averaged \$3,000, and in the long session of 1907-8 it was only \$1,500 a day. This is how the \$1,491,465.78 expense account since 1905 is divided: Forty-fourth assembly, regular session, 1905, 123 days, \$353,678. Forty-fifth assembly, special session, 1906, thirty-seven days, \$73,948. Forty-fifth assembly, regular session, 1907-8, 368 days, \$446,552.50. Forty-sixth assembly, regular session, 1908, 150 days, \$417,181.95. Fake Emergencies
The special session of the Forty-sixth general assembly will last four months at least, it is predicted by leaders of both houses. In all the fourteen subjects listed in the governor's call as "emergency" nature there is not one which the legislature is ready to act on speedily, unless it be the relief of the victims of the Cherry Mine disaster.

While Gov. Deneen may think that fourteen emergencies exist, and it is worth \$200,000 to Illinois, to have the legislature meet them, the members say their constituents are not aware of the "emergencies" and are showing no interest whatever in any of the subjects except a negative interest in waterway legislation. It is becoming evident that Illinois taxpayers do not want \$20,000,000 spent on a dream "waterway" or in a speculation in water power.

RAND SCHOOL TO OPEN BRANCHES

Second Term of New York Institute Opens; Many New Features

New York, Jan. 6.—The Rand School of Social Science, located at 112 East Nineteenth street, will open the second term of its fourth year this week. The elementary and advanced courses in Socialism and the courses in economics, biological foundations of sociology, English composition and public speaking, begun in October, will be continued. The composition class has been divided into an elementary and an advanced section in order to enable the instructor to give more attention to individual students. In addition to these there will be four single term courses.

Prof. Giddings will give a lecture course on "Social Theory and Public Policy." In response to numerous requests, Bruere will repeat the lecture conference course on "The Social Spirit in American Literature," which he gave in the fall of 1908. The present awakening of women to a sense of economic and political interests and responsibility has led to a demand for the organization of a class for women to study the facts and problems of government. This demand has been met and Frank Bohn will conduct the class.

Co-operation Course
A class will also be held for the study of history and methods of co-operation if a sufficient number of students indicate their desire for it. The Sunday morning lectures will also be resumed. Announcement will be made through the Call, the Volkszeitung and the Jewish Daily Forward. Plans are now being formulated for two important new features of the school's work. It is intended to establish extension lecture courses in several eastern cities, and also to inaugurate a system of correspondence courses for the benefit of individuals in all parts of the country who wish to pursue systematic studies along the lines adopted by the Rand school, but are unable to come to New York to attend its classes.

Smoking Room Installed
To foster the social side of the school, a smoking and lounging room has been fitted up in the basement. It will be open afternoons and evenings. The reading room will also be at the service of students and friends for social intercourse. Informal social gatherings and entertainments will be held monthly. Among those scheduled to lecture are: W. J. Ghent, George R. Kirkpatrick, Morris Hillquit, Algernon Lee, Franklin H. Giddings, Benjamin G. Greenberg, Robert W. Bruere, Dr. Frank Bohn and others.

PARTY ILLS TO BE EXPLAINED

A. M. Simons, editor of the Daily Socialist, John Collins, until recently national organizer among the labor unions, and Barney Berlyn, one of the warhorses of the Socialist movement, are to tell "What Is the Matter With the Socialist Party?" at the meeting to be held by the Young People's Socialist League tonight at the Young People's hall, 180 Washington street. It is expected that intense enthusiasm will be aroused, especially as the meeting will be open for a general discussion after the speakers have given their views on this seemingly momentous question. This is the first meeting of the kind held in Chicago, the efforts of Socialists hitherto being confined to writing contributions "To the Editor," to the various Socialist publications.

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MANY HAVE NARROW ESCAPE IN ROCK ISLAND SMASHUP

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SEYMOUR STEDMAN TO SPEAK ON CHERRY MINE HOLOCAUST
Seymour Stedman, attorney for the United Mine Workers of America, at Cherry, will speak before the Commonwealth club at the Kimball Cafe, 143 East Monroe street, Friday evening, Jan. 7. The speaker is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the disaster at Cherry and will tell of his experiences there.

SEEKS COUSIN WHOM HE HAS NOT SEEN FOR 27 YEARS
Thomas Kler, presumed to be working in a stone cutters yard in Chicago, is sought by his cousin, Peter M. Davidson of St. Paul. Mr. Davidson appeals to the Chicago Daily Socialist to help in finding the man. He has not seen his cousin for more than 27 years.

NIGHT RIDERS KILL FARMER

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 6.—James Middleton, a wealthy farmer and stock raiser, was assassinated at Lexley, Ala., near here and the home of D. L. Comstock fired into by unknown parties. Middleton is the principal witness in the night rider case against Roy Stapleton, Dick Ptomot and others, to be tried in the United States court here on January 10, and Comstock was the victim.

The shooting has caused a sensation and the sheriff of Baldwin county and a posse of deputies are at work on the case, but no arrests had been made up to midnight. Middleton was shot on a lonely road and while in a buggy in company with W. H. Wade, and was brought to Bay Minette and started for Mobile for treatment, but died on board of a Louisville & Nashville train.

Wade in a statement furnished the chief of police says that he was driving along with Middleton when an unknown party from ambush fired on them with a shotgun, several of the bullets striking the man.

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A moment after first indications of fire in the building a corps of internes and nurses marshaled those of their patients who were convalescent and, despite the increasing alarm as the news of fire spread, carried out the drill taught. Hose was attached to a miniature standpipe which had been installed in the building and when the firemen arrived more than a score were at work fighting the flames.

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In the Grip of the System

There could be no better reply to the matter published by the Daily Socialist concerning Montgomery Ward & Co. than the one made by William C. Thorne, the vice president of the company.

That men—men who have families to support and children to bring up—should be forced to work for \$12 a week is deplorable. It is impossible to do justice to one's children, to one's wife or to oneself when one's income is only that much.

It would be hard to write a more effective criticism of the capitalist system. He grants that \$12 a week is too little for a decent human existence, but says, and with terrible truth, that it "is a wage that thousands upon thousands work for."

He is right, terribly right, when he says: "The condition holds us in its grip, and we must yield to it. It would be suicide, with the keen competition prevailing, for any business firm to undertake, singly, to pay its employees more than other firms in the field do."

This, however, is not the end of the story. It is not true that because competition compels exploitation that therefore exploitation must continue. Although it is true that today competition compels employers to buy their labor power in the cheapest market, and compels laborers to sell their strength and skill for less than enough to sustain a decent existence, yet it does not follow that there is no escape from this condition.

While it is true that Montgomery Ward & Co. cannot fundamentally change things (we are not quite sure but what a good, strong union of their employes might compel them to share a little more of their profits with the workers), there is a way to change the system that controls Montgomery Ward.

WHENEVER THE WORKERS DESIRE, THEY CAN SWEEP AWAY THE SYSTEM OF COMPETITION AND MONOPOLY THAT ENSLAVES BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE.

Here is the point where we fear that Mr. Thorne will draw back. He will love the profits that come from exploitation more than he hates the horrors that accompany it. Nor would it do much good for him, as an individual, to take any other course. His great work is one of preparation. He is concentrating industry, as he thinks, for private profit. But, at the same time, he is goading the workers into using their minds by the very bitterness with which he is exploiting them, or is forced to exploit them.

He is thereby teaching the workers the possibilities of concentrated production and the necessity of social ownership. They are learning that lesson rapidly. When they have learned it thoroughly they will use their ballots to relieve Montgomery Ward of the necessity of working men long hours for \$12 a week. They will do this by making the magnificent industry which has been built up by the toil and skill of multitudes of exploited workers, the property of those workers, and abolishing the competitive struggle that wastes so much of present energy and drives men to the conditions prevailing in the great majority of industrial undertakings today.

You Have Waited Too Long

There has been little response to the warning that danger lurked in the indifference accompanying the holidays. A few of the most faithful have recognized that the Daily Socialist could not live upon the holiday cheer that others were enjoying, and have done their share. Yet, because the great body of hustlers which had been working for several months paused in its efforts, a crisis is confronting the paper. A very little work will change it. A new subscriber from ONE in every FIFTY that reads this within the next week would mean prosperity instead of a struggle for existence.

These are plain statements of FACTS. You know just how much you care for your paper. Show it by your works. There has been no call for help for several months. This has been accomplished by the most desperate efforts. It had been hoped that there would never be another. There need never be if YOU will make an effort NOW to increase the subscription list.

The Proof of the Pudding Myrtle—Papa doesn't favor your calling me at all, George. George—Why, that can't be! Your father gave me a cigar a moment since as I came in the door. Myrtle—All right; just wait till you smoke it!—Lippincott's Magazine.

WHERE DOES THE BELMONT MONEY GO?

In Belmont getting his work in? The following is the now famous Belmont call for a corruption fund:

BELMONT LETTER 23 Nassau St., New York, June 21, 1908.

I do not know whether or not you have observed the headway Socialism has been making in the United States during the past five years, but their vote at the election has jumped from 38,000 to 450,000, which practically means that there are over two million men, women and children preaching class hatred and revolution.

I am enclosing you a pamphlet which the National Civic Federation is getting out with a view to showing in concrete form the menace of Socialism in this country, and I want you to take the time to read it. At the present time there is absolutely no opposition to this Socialist movement in the United States.

In England no organized movement against their doctrine was undertaken until over fifty Socialists were members of Parliament.

In this country a committee of the National Civic Federation, under the chairmanship of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, has been at work for almost a year investigating the situation and preparing plans for campaign, the purpose of which is to educate speakers and writers rather than to teach the individuals. In other words, we are getting out a hand book for them.

Such an effort as we are making requires the expenditure of considerable money, and a special fund of \$50,000 is being raised for the purpose. Will you contribute toward it? I am deeply interested in it myself and have contributed several thousand dollars and FELT THAT YOU MIGHT BE GRATEFUL to me for calling this matter to your attention and might desire to be interested in the work of the National Civic Federation.

Believe me, Yours very truly, AUGUST BELMONT.

Who is trying to break up the Unions?

PAGES FROM THE LIFE OF KARL MARX

IX HOW MARX SUPPORTED LINCOLN BY JOHN SPARGO

Few Americans have any idea of the great debt which the nation owes to Karl Marx. In their ignorance they worship Abraham Lincoln, and, in the same breath, denounce Marx. Yet Marx was one of the truest friends Abraham Lincoln ever had.

When the civil war began in 1861 it brought great misfortune to Marx. For some time his only steady source of income had been the meager payment he received from the New York Tribune for the mastery letters he wrote for that paper, and the war had the result of cutting off that and plunging Marx and his family into still deeper poverty.

It is well known now that Palmerston, Gladstone and other official English liberals were bitterly opposed to Lincoln and the cause of the north. Their sympathies were all on the side of the southern confederacy. It is also well known that the official recognition of the southern confederacy was seriously considered. Palmerston, Gladstone and their friends wanted to have France and Russia unite with England to interfere and put an end to the war.

Then suddenly the working class of England began to assert its sympathy with Lincoln and its hatred of the slave system which, even though it was not the immediate reason for the war, the workers quickly realized was sure to perish if the union cause triumphed. The working class instinct was right.

Meetings were held all over the country and resolutions adopted assuring President Lincoln of the sympathy and support of the working men and women of Great Britain. A very little while the whole nation was ringing with protest against slavery, and against the support which the middle class was giving the southern confederacy. We know how President Lincoln valued those expressions of sympathy.

It is not generally well known, however, that Karl Marx was mainly responsible for awakening the workers of England and rallying them to the support of the Union and President Lincoln. But such is a fact.

Marx got hold of prominent and influential trades unionists, like George Eocarius, for example, and persuaded them to get resolutions adopted in their unions, and to arrange great mass meetings. Although he was bitterly opposed to John Bright and Richard Cobden, and held both of them in contempt, yet he was wise enough to recognize that they were probably the most powerful orators in England, and that their attitude, as opposed to that of Gladstone and Palmerston, was right.

Therefore, he advised that meetings should be held all over the land to be addressed by Bright and Cobden.

THE LEADERS AND THE LED

BY ROBERT HUNTER

A comrade some time ago in a letter to the Call brought forward the following case to discredit the intellectuals. In Roumania an "intellectual" named John Nadejde after ten years' Socialist agitation "began to feel sick and weary of the wasteful, fruitless methods and the narrow tactics of the party and began to preach alliance with other parties. The result was split," the writer says, "in the Socialist ranks and in one year nothing was left of the organization."

Surely this statement is not a criticism of the intellectual, however much it may have been intended to show his perversity. To my mind it proves nothing except that Roumania never had a Socialist movement. And that is the fact.

The early "Socialists" were nearly all professors, teachers, students and lawyers. The peasants were too ignorant and oppressed to organize intelligently and the factory workers were too few as capitalism had hardly developed in Roumania. The only workers interested in Socialism were Russian refugees.

The party was chiefly middle class led by middle class leaders. It was built up by a few brilliant self-sacrificing men who represented the spirit of the rank and file, otherwise they could not have led the party where they did.

Nearly all those old leaders and most of their following are today opposing the rising Socialist organization. But they are not to blame. They led the majority of the party as it ought to have been led.

The Roumanian Socialists at that time were middle class revolutionists and they did exactly what middle class revolutionists of every other country have done. When they saw a chance to get into power they turned their backs upon the workers.

But why is it that middle class intellectuals can lead the party to destruction in Roumania while middle class intellectuals are powerless to injure the party in other countries? Is it not because the party itself in those other countries is controlled by the workers, represents the interests of the workers and is sufficiently intelligent to cast out false leaders?

Did Millerand, Briand and Viviani lead the French party astray? Did John Burns lead the English party astray? Could any middle class intellectual or working class apostate today lead the Socialist parties of Europe astray?

One could name a thousand middle class intellectuals of greater ability than John Nadejde in the European movement who are utterly powerless, even if they had the desire to do harm. Liebknecht once said of one of the German leaders: "He is not a Socialist, He ought to be in the Liberal or Con-

servative party, but let him alone, he can do no harm." Hardie said recently about one of the chief leaders of the British Labor party, "He is a Liberal at heart. He will one day leave us perhaps to go into a Liberal cabinet, but he can do no harm."

And that is absolutely true. A great party eventually reaches the point where all its leaders could betray it and yet do it no harm. They might be proletarians or intellectuals, it would matter not. The party would use them so long as they served the party and when they ceased to serve the party they would be brushed aside.

When the working class comes to know what it wants, when it organizes democratically and intelligently to get what it wants, no man will have cunning enough or power enough to turn it aside.

And until it reaches that stage it is not really a party, it is only a group of idealists and hero-worshippers without independence or intelligence. Marx in "Revolution and Counter-Revolution" says: "When you inquire into the causes of the counter-revolutionary successes (of 1848) there you are met on every hand with the ready reply that it was Mr. This or Citizen That who betrayed the people, which reply may be very true or not according to circumstances.

But under no circumstances does it explain anything or even show how it came to pass that the people allowed themselves to be thus betrayed. And what a poor chance stands a political party whose entire stock in trade consists in a knowledge of the solitary fact that Citizen So and So is not to be trusted.

"No man in his senses will ever believe that eleven men, mostly of very indifferent capacity either for good or evil, were able in three months to ruin a nation of thirty-six millions unless those thirty-six millions saw as little of their own way before them as the eleven did."



TO THE EDITOR

What's the Matter With the Party? The fact that so much has been written in these columns on the topic of the party's faults is a good indication of life within the party.

Let the Rank and File Decide I have just read Comrade Goebel's letter in issue of Daily Socialist of December 29, and being also a candidate for position on the N. E. C., I ask for a small amount of space.

I have not seen the "half page advertisement" complained of by Comrade Goebel, so I do not know whether I am one of the seven mentioned therein or not, though I did write Comrade Kerr a letter. If I am, I wish to say I have no desire for any advantage over any other comrade. I would not give five cents for any position where the comrades wish to place some one else.

In fact to be a soldier in the ranks is good enough for me, and I know there are plenty of comrades who would fill the position as well as it can be filled by human beings, so we need not worry greatly over the result.

My main reason for writing is that I think the comrades have a right to know where a candidate stands on important questions, that they may vote for him or against him intelligently, if they do not know him personally, and following Comrade Goebel's example in telling where he stands I will say that I am in office or in the ranks. I shall oppose merging the Socialist party with any other political organization, whether it be dubbed "Labor" or plain "Republican" or "Democratic." I am against "entangling alliances." The Socialist party must be kept clean and clear of all compromises.

I will not condemn a comrade on account of his calling. I began my proletarian life as a farmer. I am now a (union) printer. I see no reason why an honest, earnest farmer cannot be a Socialist as well as an honest, earnest printer or a printer.

I do not think anything incurable is the matter with the Socialist party. We have not yet learned the art of financing our work. I believe this is the cause of our seeming lethargy.

I want to encourage every man, woman and child to come into our party who is in earnest, and who will cut absolutely all connection between themselves and all other political parties.

THE FIRST SNOWFALL

Dark was the day and early fell the night Over a landscape desolate and bare; Each lingering beauty long had fled from sight With all that made the summer world so fair.

Lo, as the morning broke o'er all the land, A miracle of beauty lay revealed, As if some fairy with a magic wand, Had wrought enchantment over wood and field.

The world was white—a white beyond compare, And when the sun from out the Heavens looked down Golconda's diamonds were not half so fair.

As million gems that shone in Nature's crown, Upon each twig a soft white wreath we saw; A strange new silence hovered in the air, As if the landscape stood in breathless awe.

At Nature's miracle so strangely fair 'Twas but the first soft snowfall, still and white— The fairest of the season's mysteries— Yet with an ever new and sweet delight.

We greet this wonder of the winter skies. —Normal Instructor.

ELECTRON A NEW METAL

Electron is the name of a new metal, lighter than the lightest hitherto known. It has been compounded in Germany and a great future is prophesied for it, especially in the construction of airships, flying machines and automobiles.

It has not yet been placed on the market, but the German technical review, Prometheus, describes it as a magnesium alloy which can be cast, pressed, rolled and drawn. Its specific gravity is 1.76 to 2 (that of aluminum, the next lightest metal, is from 2.7 to 3). As cast metal it has a tensile strength of 15 kilograms to the square millimeter and a ductility of 5 per cent.

After compressing processes, such as rolling or drawing, the tensile strength is raised to 35 kilograms to the square millimeter, and the ductility to 15 per cent, without any notable increase in its specific gravity. The new metal is silver white in color and lends itself to a brilliant polish.

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There is more than one joke concealed among the dry statistics of the United States Postal Guide. For instance, there is the name of a post-office in a little hamlet in Lincoln county, West Virginia.

The inhabitants of the neighborhood made the usual petition for the establishment of an office, and the department, after determining to grant the request, made inquiry as to the name which the petitioners wished the office to bear.

THE BELMONT MONEY GO?

The following is an editorial under the title "The Menace to Labor" taken from the Electrical Worker, official journal of the Electrical Workers, December, 1908:

One of the real problems which the Labor Movement must face in the very near future and one that is worthy of immediate attention by every real trade unionist, is the menace of Socialism, and the Socialistic propaganda of self-styled trade unionists for the purpose of promulgating the pernicious doctrines of Socialism.

It is certainly no stretch of the imagination, but a plain statement of fact, which we all must face. Socialism is a serious menace to the progress of Labor. Socialism is a destructive program and not a constructive one. It tears down. It does not build up.

It is not the fear of the bogey of Socialism which should alarm the trade unionist against its iniquities, but it is the actual undermining and never ending effort of the Socialist within the movement of labor, the effort of those who aim to destroy and disrupt that which has taken years for the movement to build up, ought to give to the MEN OF LABOR THE NEEDED WARNING FOR ELIMINATING THESE CHARLATANS FROM THE RANKS. AT NO TIME IN THE HISTORY OF ORGANIZED LABOR HAS IT BEEN MORE NECESSARY TO BEGIN SUCH A CLEANSING.

In the past part of the Socialistic propaganda was the attendance of their orators at the conventions of the different organizations and of the Federation itself, and the historical bombast attempt to proselyte for the doctrines of Marx and Engels.

The present day methods of the red flag bearers are somewhat different from that of a few years back. Now it is by secessionism and dual organizations, and by disruption to have the men of labor estranged from their organizations and from their unions into independent or dual bodies and thus make it easier for them to use these men as adjuncts in the propagation of the Socialistic buncombe.

There is not a man in the labor movement today who gives any study to the question but realizes fully the extent and method of the Socialists to tear down the structure of trade unionism. Socialism is not a constructive proposition; it is simply and solely a destructive propaganda, one which is illogical and absolutely unsound and irretrievably iniquitous.

While it has been successful to some degree in the recruiting of its members through sophistry and misrepresentation, it has thus thrown dust into the eyes of its converts in having them swallow bait, hook and all of the doctrines of Marx and Engels without their converts knowing what these doctrines represent; doctrines which stand for all those things which are against the fundamentals of American institutions; doctrines which are opposed to the maintenance of the home and the sanctity of the family. Such doctrines which stand for the destruction of these fundamentals cannot be made the basis upon which our institutions are to be built or perpetuated.

The men of labor must look these propositions squarely in the face. Must analyze carefully and investigate impartially, and must, to maintain the organizations which their time and labor has built, drive from the ranks these disrupters and their false and iniquitous doctrines and methods.