

FARM'S FACTORY; ANIMALS REMADE

Great Changes in Method Brought by Science, Says

A. M. Simons

CHIEF FEATURES OF FARM REPORT

- 1. Farms are becoming factories. 2. Scientific agriculture is reducing the elements of uncertainty.

EVENTS THAT HAPPEN DURING THE CONGRESS

MONDAY

Sessions of the congress, morning and afternoon, at the Masonic Temple.

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CONVENTION NOTES

Pennsylvanians Coming

Joseph E. Cohen, of Philadelphia, Pa., announces that the Pennsylvania delegation to the national congress left Philadelphia Saturday at 8:50 a. m.

All Have Jobs

All of the Wisconsin delegates to the national congress have "jobs" in the political structure of that state.

New York Well Represented

New York is to have the largest number of delegates to the national congress, nine men having been chosen to represent it.

States Having Six Delegates

Among the states having six delegates are Massachusetts, which will in part be represented by two Socialist women.

Manufacturing Soil

The soil, once largely the most important element, has lost much of that importance. Soil can now be manufactured almost to order.

Unorganized States Represented

All of the unorganized states have chosen delegates to the congress. They are Delaware, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Creel Is Here!

H. G. Creel, formerly "Hustler" Editor on the Daily Socialist, but now connected with the staff of the Appeal to Reason, is in town to attend the national congress.

Nebraska Movement Re-created

Clyde J. Wright, state secretary of Nebraska, and delegate from that state to the national congress, was among the early arrivals today.

Two Killed in Slalom

(By United Press Association.) Jacksonville, Fla., May 14.—In a slalom here early today, two persons were killed and three seriously shot.

Specializing Animals

On the mechanical side, recent changes have tended to develop this same tendency. The production of artificial heat requires a large capital.

Another Industry Working in the Same Direction

In the same direction is seen in the specialization of farm animals. These are now highly perfected meat producing machines.

Concentration in New Form

These mechanical changes are having the same effect in farming that they have had in every line of industry.

Pope Approves Changes

Rome, May 14.—The pope, according to today's Tribune, has written to King George of England, congratulating him upon his demand for a modification of the accession oath so as to exclude the paragraphs that are objectionable to Catholics.

DELEGATES FILL "WINDY CITY"

Eyes of Thousands Are on Congress Which Opened Sunday

BY J. L. ENGBAHL

Chicago has become the center of interest to the toiling masses of the nation that are gradually more and more looking to the Socialist party of the United States as the medium through which they will be able to shatter the chains in which capitalism has bound them.

Attention Is Focused

Everywhere throughout the land the attention of the workers is being focused upon the little body of only a few more than 100 delegates brought together from every corner of the nation to legislate for the interests of the oppressed.

While the moneyed interests of the country manufacture laws to establish more perfectly their power in the nation's legislative halls, the workers are now looking for the support of their interests to the sessions of the Socialist party congresses as well as in the conventions of their labor organizations.

The delegates began arriving Saturday from the north, east, south and west. The great body of them will be here tonight and Sunday morning. Few were missing when J. Mahlon Barnes, national secretary, called the congress to order at the Masonic temple, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

With the rap of the gavel the first convention for the discussion exclusively of the big problems confronting the workers of the nation began. General activity was evidenced everywhere in preparation for the congress.

Immigration Committee Meets

The immigration committee held busy sessions, putting the final touches on its report and drawing it up in the shape in which it will go to the congress.

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The report of the committee is expected to precipitate a lively discussion on the floor of the convention. It is expected that this question will be reached some time Monday.

Ask for Funds

1. That an allowance of fifty per cent be granted by the national, state and county offices for party due stamps sold to the foreign speaking national Socialist organizations.

2. That all the money due for party due stamps to the state offices can be deposited at the national office to the credit of the respective state offices.

3. That all the offices of the translator-secretaries of the foreign speaking national Socialist organizations be allowed to sell the party due stamps to all their branches in every state.

4. That the organizing of the foreign speaking nationalities should not be hindered by any county, assembly, senatorial or any other districts.

5. That all the foreign speaking organizations shall have a right to two representatives, with full delegate rights, to the national conventions and congresses of the Socialist party.

Opposed to Motion

Some of the foreign delegates were opposed to asking for the fifty per cent rebate believing that it would be considered as too much. A compromise was offered in the shape of a thirty-five per cent rebate, but the larger amount was finally determined upon.

With this fifty per cent rebate the foreign organizations, will furnish their own literature, carry on their own propaganda, secure their own speakers, and organizers, support their newspapers and establish their national headquarters.

"This will mean that the remaining fifty per cent will be left entirely in the hands of the county, state and national organizations to use for work among the Finnish speaking organizations. If fifty per cent of the dues is granted we will immediately be in a position to bring 1,500 new Finnish members into the party organization; while it would open the way for the affiliation of the Lithuanian Federation, a Socialist organization with 2,500 members, with the Socialist party."

Louis Goaziou, editor of L'Union Des Travailleurs, the French newspaper published at Charleroi, Pa., although not a delegate, attended the conference meetings and said that reduction of dues to foreign organizations would result in the formation of a central organization among the French Socialists in the United States.

The question of having representatives of the foreign speaking organizations on the national committee and

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CHICAGO LABOR CHEAP. DOCILE, HARDWORKING, BUY IT, SAYS CAPITAL

WAGE SLAVES CHEAP

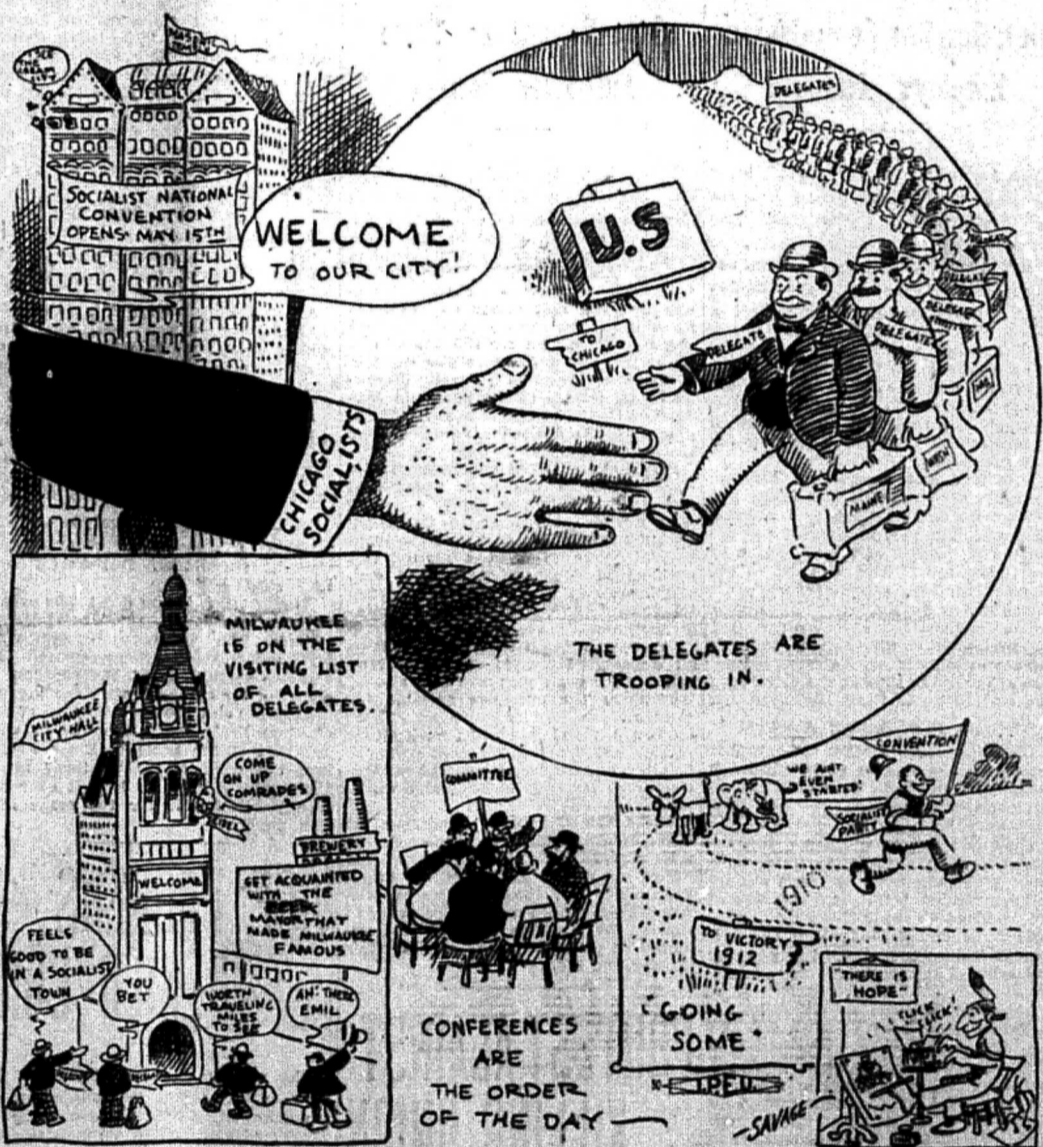
GEMS FROM THE PAMPHLET ISSUED BY THE CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE

"The basis of industrial progress is the cheap laborer who performs the patient, tireless and low-paid drudgery which is in greatest demand, even in this era when complicated and automatic machinery is so largely depended upon in every department of industrial enterprise. In fact, it is this very kind of machinery that creates the large demand for unskilled labor and which attracts such to manufacturing centers."

"The Italians, Bohemians, Poles and Russians . . . are the best unskilled laborers to be found anywhere. They are robust, live cheaply, dress poorly, occupy small cottages, or apartments in localities where rent is low and they toil for a wage that no American would consider and which most foreigners would refuse."

Chicago Association of Commerce Prints Book Telling of Toiler's 'Points'; 'Dress Poorly, Eat Little,' Say Sellers

SOME SIDE LIGHTS ON THE CONVENTION



DEDICATE HUGE LABOR TEMPLE

(By United Press Association.) Cleveland, O., May 14.—The fourteen-story granite and terra cotta office building erected by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at a cost of \$1,200,000, was dedicated today in the presence of several thousand engineers and their families, most of whom were delegates to the annual convention of the organization at Detroit which was adjourned in honor of the occasion.

Governor Harmon welcomed the delegates on behalf of the state while Mayor Behr performed the same office for the city.

Following a musical program, First Grand Engineer W. B. Prenter transferred the building to the organization and Grand Chief Warren B. Block accepted the building. Addresses were made by Samuel Gomper, president of the American Federation of Labor; P. H. Morrissey, head of the railroad men's protective association; Mrs. W. A. Murdock, president of the Grand International Auxiliary; W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; A. B. Garrettson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and W. S. Carter.

Will Push Haskell Case (By United Press Association.) Washington, May 14.—Following a conference between President Taft and Attorney General Wickham, it was decided today that the land cases against Governor Haskell of Oklahoma, will be prosecuted to a conclusion.

Sensators Owen and Gore, and Representatives Ferris and Carlin of Oklahoma had asked the president that the cases be discontinued, intimating that Haskell's friends believe he is being persecuted.

Wickham said that the surest way to learn whether any injustice was being done, was to submit the cases to an Oklahoma jury.

WOMAN UNIONIST WILL SPEAK AT GREAT RALLY

North Side Turner Hall to Be Scene of Big Meeting Monday Night

Robert Hunter, Theresa Malkiel and Morris Hillquit, of New York; Ernest Untermyer, of California; James F. Coffey, of Massachusetts; Tom J. Lewis, of Oregon; Senator Winfield R. Gaylord, of Wisconsin; and J. Stanley Clark, of Arkansas, are among the possible speakers that have been secured for the big convention mass meeting to be held tonight at North Side Turner hall, North Clark street, near Chicago avenue.

Miss Malkiel was a central figure in the recent strike of the shirtwaist makers in New York City, her "Diary of a Shirtwaist Maker" being an interesting feature, now appearing in the columns of The Daily Socialist. She is a special delegate to the convention.

Robert Hunter, although not a delegate to the convention, will be in Chicago to attend the meeting of the national executive committee, which begins this morning, and will stay over to attend the sessions of the convention. The other speakers are all delegates and prominent workers in the Socialist movement of the United States.

The North Side Turner hall will hold between 1,300 and 1,400 people, of that every one can be accommodated. Street car facilities from all parts of the city are excellent.

Royal Yacht Injured (United Press Cable.) Brindisi, Italy, May 14.—The royal yacht Amphitrite, which was carrying King George of Greece and his sons to England for the funeral of King Edward, broke her shaft today when off Valona.

Tugs are now towing the yacht to this port. The remainder of the trip will probably be made by taxi.

Like the slave seller before the negro auction block of fifty years ago the Chicago Association of Commerce is shouting the cheapness and the high quality of the labor power which it has for sale. Because it is a half century later and because its commodity is sold on a more wholesale plan, the Chicago Association of Commerce uses modern methods. It has just issued a book (without the union label) to exploit its wares. This book is entitled "Chicago: Its Natural Advantages as an Industrial and Commercial Center and Market."

Seeks More Capital This book is sent out to capitalists to induce them to come to Chicago. It is businesslike in its get-up. It tells the things that will attract those who live from the labor of others. It dilates on the markets that are accessible, the raw material at hand, the transportation facilities and the climate and health of the city.

But the Chicago Association of Commerce knows that he who would attract capital must offer the things that produce profits. It knows that profits come from underpaid labor, and that if it would attract capital it must offer the things that produce profits.

So it stands upon Chicago's front doorstep and shouts through the printed page to the buyers of labor throughout the world that here is the place that human bodies can be bought the cheapest.

Frank Brutality In the chapter entitled "Chicago, Its Labor Supply," the wares for sale are described with a frank brutality that would excite the admiration of the old hawker of negro chattels. First the auctioneer boasts of the size of his stock:

"There is no principle better settled in the distribution of population than that labor of all kinds, skilled as well as common, will gravitate to industrial centers, and this is more pronounced when the laborers are of foreign birth than when they are native born citizens of the country. The foreigner comes here for no other purpose than to seek permanent employment at living wages, while, as a general rule, the native, after a few years, becomes an employer of labor himself, wins his way to a salaried position or is a skilled operator in his chosen occupation.

The majority of their foreign born working men are unskilled laborers and it is this class that fills the greater number of industrial plants in this country."

When talking among themselves these captains of industry do not claim that they are the most essential element in production. On the contrary, they frankly admit, among themselves, that the foundation of industry is located elsewhere.

"Thus it is that the basis of industrial progress is the cheap laborer who performs the patient, tireless and low paid drudgery which is in greatest demand, even in this era when complicated and automatic machinery is so largely depended upon in every department of industrial enterprise. In fact, it is this very kind of machinery that creates the large demand for unskilled labor and which attracts such to manufacturing centers."

Having shown that the article they have for sale is an absolute necessity in the carrying on of industry for profit, they proceed to boast of the cheap price at which they can deliver this commodity of flesh and blood.

"At the last census (1900) Chicago had a foreign born population of 387,112, and the nationalities which are commonly associated with the severe toil of unskilled daily labor are the Italians, Bohemians, Poles and Russians."

Never Assimilated These are the foreigners who are practically never assimilated with other populations, native or alien born. They have no knowledge of our language, customs or modes of life. They live in communities each by themselves, and probably 75 per cent of the adult males are laborers with pick and shovel in lumber yards or doing the heavy labor about mills and manufacturing plants. But on the other hand, they are the best unskilled laborers to be found anywhere. They are robust, live cheaply, dress poorly, occupy small cottages or apartments in localities where rent is low, and they toil for a wage that no American would consider and which most foreigners would refuse. With this great laboring population, numbering approximately 600,000 people, which thoroughly understands every class of employment for which they offer themselves, the manufacturer has an army of common laborers from which to draw for all the unskilled labor he may require."

For fear that prospective purchasers might not be convinced of this bargain in human beings, the Association of Commerce proceeds to expound why Chicago is able to "underbid" all other cities in the labor market.

"Rents vary from \$4 to \$6 a month.

for apartments in the sections of the city occupied by these working men...

WOULD EXCLUDE JAPS, CHINESE, KOREANS AND HINDUS FROM AMERICA

Socialist Committee on Immigration Has Sweeping Plan for Parity Congress

One of the recommendations of the immigration committee to the national congress, according to preliminary information, will be to the effect that the Socialist party of the United States advocates the unconditional exclusion of Chinese, Japanese, Koreans and Hindus.

those who believe that the Socialists of this country should stand for Asiatic exclusion.

The immigration committee will recommend that the Socialist convention endorse the resolution of the International Socialist party on the immigration with the exception of the attitude taken on the following clause:

"The congress does not consider exception measures of any kind, economic or political, the means for removing any danger which may arise to the working class from immigration and emigration, since such measures are fruitless and reactionary, especially not the restriction of the freedom of emigration and the exclusion of foreign nations and races."

The committee takes the attitude that the immigration question in the United States is peculiar to this country alone, and cannot be dealt with intelligently by the majority of nations making up the international congress.

Practical Plans Will Be Put Into Execution; State Authority Sought

But the prospective buyer may still fear that the price may be raised on him. He needs assurance that the man and women whose lives he is to buy will remain contented when bought.

The educational department of the city government makes a persistent and very successful effort to keep the children of these foreign laborers constantly in school. The compulsory education law is rigidly enforced by truant officers and the number of children who escape school up to and including the eighth grade are very few as compared with the total.

The value of "cruises" in keeping labor contented is thought to be as effective today as in the time of decadent Rome.

FLAW IN BILL TRES CONNERY

Faulty Indictment Ruled Out; Merriam Commission Employe Attacked

Thoroughly recognizing that after all nothing like the price the salesman of human beings returns again and again to the subject. A whole chapter is devoted to "Chicago, Its Wage Earners and Their Wages."

DELEGATES ARE IN CITY TODAY

To the national executive committee was discussed, but the matter was finally laid over.

A motion submitted by the Polish branches of Baltimore, Paterson and New Brunswick, advocating a fifty per cent reduction in the dues where the husband and wife were both members of the party, was left to the convention without recommendation.

The questions still to come before the foreign delegates at their conference is that of free immigration of all nationalities, which was moved by the Polish branch of Midway, Pa., and by the executive committee of the Polish sections in Detroit, Paterson, and New Brunswick.

CANNON'S PET IS UNDER FIRE

Washington, D. C., May 14.—Disaffection in Uncle Joe Cannon's pocket borough rose high in an attack on the national soldiers' home, where great extravagance is said to exist.

Most of the officers in charge of the institution are political friends of the speaker of the house.

SOCIALISTS IN ROUSING FIGHT

Denver, Colo., May 14.—The Socialists of this city did not stop with running Comrade Vetter for member of the school board, but are now in a hot city election campaign, which will close the 17th.

Out of 18 aldermen to be elected the Socialists have nominated 12. Of these Mrs. Alice T. Bradley, Mrs. Octavia Floates and Mrs. Mary L. Goffs are candidates, while the old parties have entirely refused to recognize women on their ticket.

SEIDEL PLANS A CITY BEAUTIFUL

The first of the coal ring-graft cases has been quashed by Judge Baldwin on the ground that the indictment, as drawn up by the state's attorney, is faulty.

With this first experience, Wayman carefully reviewed the remaining five indictments against Connery for possible flaws. The first indictment was declared bad because of the vagueness of the terms in which it was drawn up.

"I do declare—" "But, interrupt—then there will be an exhibition of tight rope walking with the rope entirely left out."

The plan includes the acquisition of all forests, waterways and other land suitable for park purposes and also of land upon the outskirts suitable for residential or factory purposes.

The Chicago Association of Commerce has spent immense sums of money printing beautiful books and hiring artists to paint pictures of an imaginary city.

PROTEST AGAINST KILLING UNION

Laurium, Mich., May 14.—Resolutions calling upon all members of organized labor and the railroad brotherhoods in particular to unite in putting an end to a system in which one group of workers is used to destroy the organization of another have been passed by the Copper Miners' union No. 203 of the Western Federation of Miners.

The commission, appointed by the mayor to soothe the indignation of a number of militant reformers, is in danger of early death through the refusal of the finance committee, on the advice of William D. Barge, assistant corporation counsel, to appropriate any of the city cash for the investigations carried up by that body.

Dean Summer appeared hopeful that the commission would not pass out of existence without having accomplished something for the moral uplift of Chicago, and expressed the opinion that funds could be raised for the commission by public and private subscription.

BREAK OPEN HEADQUARTERS

The police broke in at the headquarters of the Polish bakers' union at 147 North Ashland avenue at 2 o'clock this morning, ransacking the offices thoroughly.

The fellow looked around and replied in the negative. At 3 o'clock in the morning several of the bakers standing around the headquarters saw the police make their entrance into the office.

Japanese Exhibit Opens

London, May 14.—The Anglo-Japanese exhibition which was to have been opened Thursday with great eclat by the present king and queen, opened without ceremony today.

When the exhibition is at Shepherd's Bush. It is backed by both the Japanese and English governments and is expected to result in strengthening their commercial relations.

Auto Race Fatal

Brighton, West of Montreal, N. Y., May 14.—With one man dead and another fatally injured, the dirt track on which the twenty-four-hour automobile race was begun at 9 o'clock last night, was cut up badly by the racing cars and more fatal accidents were feared by the drivers.

FOREST PARK Go Where the Go's Go

Out where the air is pure and the fun is fast and furious. Here the big band leads. See real Vaudeville-American Music. See the sparkling Queens of the Deep. Blue Sea and the great... Hide on the thrilling thrillers ever-Great Operator, Grand Canyon, Leap the Man, Climb the Cliff, and... Hear our Grill Room Singers.

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REMEMBER JUNE 19TH

Exclusive Story of a New Malady and Its Cure Is Now Told

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Mass Troops in an Indian War

By United Press Association. Taos Pueblo, N. M., May 14.—Anxiously awaiting the arrival of troops this morning, the entire country surrounding Taos is under arms fearing a general outbreak among the Indians at their reservation a few miles north of here.

Invoke Law to Free J. Keon

Grafton, Ill., May 14.—The fight between the Socialists of this city, supported by the state Socialist organization, and the mayor over the imprisonment of J. J. Keon, is promising to develop into a statewide struggle, involving the constitutionality of the poll tax law of Illinois.

State Secretary Bentall Puts Case in Hands of Attorney Stover

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confinement in the chicken coop jail at Grafton. He is not allowed books or papers, and visitors are strictly forbidden.

Mayor Makes Silly Threat

Mayor Journey became incensed over an article that compared his views on incarceration with those of the czar of Russia. He visited the editor personally and threatened him with imprisonment of the same kind as Keon's if he visited Keon again.

Keon's imprisonment is an outrage on the fundamental rights of a citizen of the United States. A recent decision of the Supreme court applies directly to Keon's case. Devices which make imprisonment less bearable morally are illegal as the devices and deprivations that cause physical sufferings.

Keon's imprisonment, which has been compared to prison systems in the czar's domains, will according to all appearances result seriously for the city and the mayor of Grafton. The state committee of the Socialist party, on the motion of J. O. Bentall, state secretary of the party, who has been battling personally for Keon's cause, and went to Grafton at the first call for help, passed a resolution to take up the Keon case at once and instructed the secretary to take legal steps immediately to secure the rights of Keon.

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STORIES OF AN AGITATOR

BY RALPH KOINGOLD "OLD SILAS"

His name was Silas Sweeney; popularly he was known as "Old Silas." Charles Dickens would have called him "shabby genteel," with his ruddy black coat, trousers which were too short and frayed at the bottom, shoes which were too large, and his faded derby hat. "Old Silas" was running an elevator in one of the down town buildings. He had run that elevator for many years, and, naturally, knew a great many people, who all knew him as "Old Silas."

"Old Silas" was growing deaf. He was growing so deaf that he was known to take people up to the top floor when they had asked to be let out on the second. Of course, our busy American business world has no use for such a man, and "Old Silas" lost his job! That was an awful blow for him! He had never thought of such a possibility; he had expected to remain "Old Silas," the Elevator Man, until the end of his days. Old and infirm as he was there could he obtain other employment?

Another Chapter to Cherry

The story of Cherry is the story of our present system in miniature. If that story were written in all its details scarcely a feature would need to be added to tell the whole story of capitalism. There was the terrible exploitation of the workers that left the families dependent upon charity the moment the bread-winners were killed. There was the criminal economy of the mine owners that saved pennies and wasted lives. There was the violation of the laws by those in whose interest laws are made, and among those violations we must not forget that against the employment of children that was partially responsible for the catastrophe. The picture would have been incomplete without an exhibition of the inefficiency of charity and the corruption of officialdom. The days that immediately followed the death of the miners were filled with loud promises of speedy prosecutions to be made by state and local officials. Months have passed and not a single prosecution has been started.

WHAT'S A FARMER?

We are often told that the farmer is a small capitalist; a petty exploiter, and that therefore he has no place in a working class movement. These statements usually come from gentlemen whose knowledge of farm life comes from occasional trolley rides in the suburbs. The farmer belongs to the capitalist class; but he is not of them. In classifying the farmer we must ask first, "How does he make his living?" If his income is derived from profit, interest, or rent, then he belongs to the capitalist class; but if he makes his living by the expenditure of elbow grease and gray matter, in the production of useful things, then he belongs to the working class.

"American Farmer," quotes Edward F. Adams as saying: "It seems to me that the farmer and his wife must expect to work twelve hours on the average every day, some of the time at light work. . . . I think a reasonable satisfaction for a farmer is a comfortable, but modest home, abundant but plain food, plenty of stout work clothing, and a good suit for Sunday, a comfortable conveyance to take his family to church in moderate education for a reasonable number of children, and such an income beyond that as will enable him to safely, when a young man, to incur interest bearing debt for half the land he tills, with the expectation of paying it off by the time he is fifty, and retiring from labor when sixty." It cannot be denied that the average farm boy who goes in debt at the age of twenty has brilliant prospects before him, especially so when we see that 21 per cent of the farmers die under twenty-five years, 57 per cent under forty-five, and 86 per cent under sixty-five. U. S. Census, 1890.

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ALWAYS BUTTING IN

BY J. EDWARD MORGAN. He was on the stump spell binding And a whooping her for Taft. Ripped the Demos' stem and gudgeon, Scuttled Bryan fore and aft; Shook the rafters with his logic, Split the table with his fist. When he yelled out: "Who can answer?" Up jumped a Socialist. For he's always butting in, With his sacrilegious grin. If you're spouting, preaching, praying, Philosophizing, braying, He'll challenge what you're saying. For he's always butting in. He was in the pulpit preaching And a ripping up the air. Mixing science and religion, Handling hell with pious care; With the congregation sipping At him grinding out the gist. When he got to: "Be contented," Up jumped a Socialist. For he's always butting in, etc. He was kneeling in prayer meeting, Angels dancing on his face. Thanking God for "free salvation," Begging Him to save the race; Telling Him to pour the blessings While he shouted out the list. When he got to "Blow our warships" Up jumped a Socialist. For he's always butting in, etc. —From Appeal to Reason.

Municipal Meat Shops

Council L. J. Keena of Channahua, in a report on the municipal meat shops in that Mexican city, says that the enterprise was undertaken on the initiative of the jefe politico (mayor), following a report from the health board that many diseases were in a great part due to the lack of sanitary conditions in the shops. The consul states: During 1909 the city completed and opened 20 sanitary meat shops, so located as to separate them from surrounding buildings by a distance great enough to insure good air and light on all sides. The shops are built of brick, one story high, and average 18 feet long by 12 feet deep inside. The floors are made of 8-inch square colored tile embedded in cement. The equipment of each shop consists of a marble topped counter, set of racks and hooks for hanging meat, white enameled washstand and an electric fan. All windows are placed high in the wall and are barred and screened. The approximate cost per shop was \$1,000 and the average monthly rental is \$25. Several private individuals, convinced of the advantage of these shops, have built others identical in type and equipment, eight of which have already been opened to the public. The slaughter houses are subject to rigid inspection by municipal officers. Fifteen special wagons, owned by the city, are used to supply all meat shops. They are two wheeled covered wagons, with closed back and front, and are lined with galvanized sheet iron. The sanitary inspection of the meat shops is under the general charge of the health board, but the managers and inspectors of the slaughter houses and meat shops must inform the mayor of any irregularities they may find.

THE WORKERS WANT BREAD

BY ROBERT HUNTER. Some time ago there was quite a flurry in the ranks of the Socialist party over the subject of a labor party. A well-known publisher sent out a telegram asking candidates for the national Executive Committee to answer the following question: "If elected to the National Executive Committee will you favor or oppose merging the Socialist party into a labor party?" It was a cleverly worded question that gave the impression that a conspiracy was on foot to encircle the Socialist party. But as no labor party existed, and as there was no immediate prospect of one, the question could only be answered in an academic, and therefore unsatisfactory, manner. The telegraph served its purpose well enough, but it did not help, unfortunately to awaken a clear-cut discussion on the attitude of Socialism toward labor parties. No Socialist, so far as I know, wants a rival party of labor in this country. Certainly no Socialist desires that confusion which would surely result if two parties existed in America, both claiming to represent the interests of labor. Moreover, no Socialist would work to create a situation which unquestionably would arouse much quarrelling, controversy and suspicion. But all Socialists agree upon one thing and that is, in the words of our national constitution, "the necessity of the working class constituting itself into a political party distinct from, and opposed to, all parties formed by the propertied classes." That is the immediate end and aim of our propaganda, of our resolutions and meetings and in fact of all our expenditures of time, effort and money. We are not seeking to establish a sect or a philosophical school or little groups of visionaries. We are struggling with all our power and energy to establish a powerful working class political party. In a very real and definite sense, therefore, we are all struggling to establish a labor party. We belong to an international organization of labor parties and in nearly every country but our own the working class has established a powerful political organization that has already achieved great political victories. Nor is this desire to establish a labor party a thing of the last few months. For decades the Socialists of this country have been working with all their energy to bring into being a powerful, independent political organization of the working class. Our aim is to win the workers from a corrupting and demoralizing subjection to capitalist parties. Our aim is to get labor to stand on its own feet, independent and self-reliant, determined to win for itself its emancipation. Herbert Burroughs, an old and valiant Socialist, who has been a member of the Social Democratic party of Great Britain since its foundation, said at its last national congress: "We are politically bankrupt. We have been plowing the sands for thirty years and today as a party we stand outside the working class altogether." Now, these are ominous words. There is no need to discuss here why the Social Democratic party of Great Britain is the one Socialist organization in Europe that has failed in its effort to bring the working class to support the principles of Socialism. The point is that in every other country the Socialists have in some manner led the working class organization to accept the fundamental principles of Socialism and to stand politically independent of all capitalist parties. And if the facts for Great Britain are as Burroughs himself has so frankly stated, we may well consider at this moment whether or not we shall also have to make in the next few years the same confession. Today labor is in revolt. It is discussing political action and the general strike in every part of the country. It is seeking impatiently and in some places adopting recklessly any old method of expressing itself politically. It is saturated with a vague Socialism that today finds neither adequate expression nor direction, but labor WILL take some action, and despite all the powers of earth it WILL AND MUST express itself. These are facts. And this great crisis faces us no less than it faces labor. If we continue to dispute among ourselves about abstract theories; if we continue to waste time and energy splitting our own hairs and skulls, and if we continue to neglect our magnificent opportunities and plow the barren sands we shall simply be brushed aside. Labor may be stupid, but it would hardly be so stupid as to put its political affairs into the hands of a party like that. Fortunately we are already beyond that stage never to return, but we have still to do a great work. We must now translate our theories into weapons, our demands into slogans and our sects into one mighty army. Labor is waiting for us to show our worth, and it will support us if we are worthy of support. But, Comrades, the workers want bread, real bread, and the workers are right!

HEALTHGRAMS

BY DR. H. COHEN. Tight lacing is a narrow practice. Good health needs no physical refinement. Milk is better food for bacteria than it is for babies. An uncongenial occupation warps the body and withers the soul. If we would appreciate the value of our health before it is broken it would depreciate less.

THE DAILY GRIND

BY WARD SAVAGE. He turns the wheel from sun to sun For the Daily Grind is never done. . . . This seems to be the open season for graft exposures. . . . Anyhow, the "Blonde Boss" seems to be getting a run for his money. . . . There are some things in the world that are difficult to understand. For instance, the old party politicians can't see how those Milwaukee Socialists are going to stand the strain of honestly handling the city's funds, just because the old parties couldn't do it themselves. . . . First call for summer amusement parks, the ice man and perforated—but better not change 'em yet. . . . "Wayman is On the Box of the Confession Wagon," say the heading of an esteemed contemporary, picturing the solemn state's attorney, wide awake and in the act of driving Lorimer's henchmen into the squealing pen. Confession is good for the soul. Better speak for yourself, John. . . . Oh, yes, there will be a national convention in town next week—and a presidential election in only a couple of years more. Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party—not a few days before Old Lady Prosperity crawls out of her hole for the quadrennial parade. . . . One thing about the taxicab strike is that the average working man is too poor to ride in 'em anyhow.

MILWAUKEE

BY HOBBO POET. Milwaukee, leading city of the land, To thee I doff my hat, rebellious art; I must admire thee, for thou art the scene Where first was struck a blow by labor's hand. I sing because thy battlements are manned By freedom's soldiers in the right serene, By minds whose student years have rendered keen. By hearts that beat for but one purpose grand. Milwaukee, never cease thy righteous fight Nor grant the smallest quarter to the foe Until our class' liberty is won; For aiding thee, who first revealed the light Of better things, are countless sons of woe Whose lives were always ended ere begun.

PARAGRAPHS FOR PEOPLE

BY R. P. PETTIPIECE, VANCOUVER, B. C. Consumption is a disease of poverty. The abolition of the latter will mean the disappearance of the former. . . . Hindus and Japanese laborers are rapidly displacing the native workmen around the mills and in the woods near Golden, B. C. . . . Most of the British Columbia old-party politicians whose pre-election cry was "a white Canada," are employers. . . . Calgary, Alberta, machinists, in dealing with the recent proposed Belcourt amendment to the criminal code, suggests that as soon as the federal government is prepared to deport all foreigners—capitalists included—they are ready to accept the amendment excluding any but British subjects from trade union membership. . . . At a special meeting of Vancouver Trades and Labor Council last Monday evening a declaration of principles was adopted for political guidance to its membership, but the movement to initiate the organization of another labor party was dropped. All of which goes to show that the history and experience of one is the history of all of them on this continent. These "labor" parties have an awful time "trying to get born." . . . George W. Williams, secretary of the Building Trades Council at Vancouver, B. C., has given public notice to contractors, builders, architects and others whom it may concern, "that on and after Monday, May 2, the affiliated trades of the Building Trades Council intend collectively to enforce a more strict recognition of trade union conditions on all buildings in Vancouver and vicinity either in the course of construction, repair or alteration." . . . The April number of the federal government Labor Gazette, published at Ottawa (outside of its own printshop, so that it may bear the typographical union label), contains further results of an inquiry which is being considered by the Labor Department into prices and cost of living. Figures given this month deal with the wholesale price of dairy products and fish. They show that dairy products were at their lowest in 1906-7, and highest in 1908, when the general level was 85.3 per cent above the average for 1894-5. Prices in 1909 were slightly lower than in 1908, though eggs were considerably higher, 71.5 per cent above average for the last decade since 1897. The price of eggs has advanced approximately 132 per cent. In the case of dairy products generally prices have advanced 44.6 per cent since 1897. In fact there has been a similar rise of prices in the average of 24 per cent higher in 1909 than in the decade 1899-1908. The lowest year shown is 1892, since when prices have advanced 46.6 per cent.

Lessons from the Taxicab Strike

Once more Chicago is treated to the sight of policemen acting as guides, protectors and active assistants for professional strikebreakers. It would be almost impossible to replace the striking chauffeurs unless policemen were furnished as guides. The teamsters' strike was broken by the action of a Democratic mayor in placing police on wagons in the same capacity. Now a Republican mayor has repeated the trick. Both were elected by working-class votes. The members of the fashionable clubs and the women of the parasitic class are furnishing dummy passengers for the scab taxicabs to help break the strike. The eagerness with which such as these rush to the defense of their class interests is in sharp contrast to the lack of solidarity shown by some portions of the working class.

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