

L. KUPPENHEIMER ON STAND 'FORGETS' ALL

Clothing Magnate and His Bullying Agent Lose Courage When Closely Quizzed by State Probers.

Confronted with the power of the state of Illinois, Harry Wolf, superintendent of B. Kuppenheimer & Co., cringed with the same fear which has filled the hearts of hundreds of women and girl employees who have stood before him, the "bully of the sweatshops," and pleaded for mercy, pleaded not to be discharged and blacklisted.

After defying all attempts to settle the strike by refusing to meet any arbitration board, whether composed of representatives of the union, of civic clubs or members of the city council, he bowed to the repeated order of the committee to submit a statement of terms of settlement.

Wolf is Brave
The "bully" Wolf, who can swear with great courage at women and unorganized men under his supervision, broke down under the stinging questioning directed against him. His appearance on the stand, before the senatorial investigating committee, was only less pitiable than that of Louis B. Kuppenheimer, president of B. Kuppenheimer & Co., and vice president of the National Wholesale Tailors' association.

Evades Useless
At the end of the grilling he had received regarding the blacklisting activities of the association of which he is a member, Senator Henson said: "This committee request that you bring before them by next Thursday a detailed statement of the terms of settlement on which your firm is willing to settle this strike."

Feared Incrimination
What were the operations of the "association," what was its object, that one of its highest officials feared to disclose them?
The whole thing was clear.

Seeks to Dodge
"That is a matter I would have to take up with my firm," demurred Mr. Kuppenheimer.

Wolf Brought In
Louis Kuppenheimer was the first to be placed upon the stand.

Makes Denial
"You have never been approached by any offers to arbitrate the matter by the state arbitration committee?"

Kuppenheimer's Fake
Kuppenheimer stated that it was to give the cutters an opportunity to find work without needless running around looking for jobs.

Taken by Surprise
Then the blow fell. Mr. Kuppenheimer lost his debonair, lawyer-coached air. He was touched on the shoulder by the sergeant-at-arms and recalled to the witness chair and the ultimatum of the committee delivered by Senator Henson with all the force of a verdict of guilty.

Wolf Side-Steps
The trouble appears to be that we cannot reach the strikers with the message of the firm. They are mostly Polish and Bohemians and I can't speak that language," was Wolf's evasive answer.

Dodges Big Issue
The Supreme Court apparently does not consider it opportune to completely outlaw the boycott at this time, and strange as it may seem the attorney of the American Anti-Boycott Association takes the same view.

GOOD IDEAS ON RAISING THE FUND
Take a New Hold Today for an Eight-Page Paper

Today we publish two letters in regard to the \$25,000 fund. All like to hear from the rank and file. These letters have the correct ring:
"Yours for the cause,
N. STEENHILL,
President S. S. S. of 1895."
WAKE!
"Comrades: Fifty thousand Socialist party members raise \$25,000 for the Chicago Daily Socialist? An average of fifty cents apiece? Thereby giving her a solid gun-platform, from which, without kicking herself to pieces, her twelve-inch guns can tear holes in the rotten armor plate of capitalism.

CIVIC FEDERATION PLAYED IN REPORT

Majority on Miners' Committee Asks Expulsion of Union Men Who Join Belmont Organization.

Noted Union Wrecker.

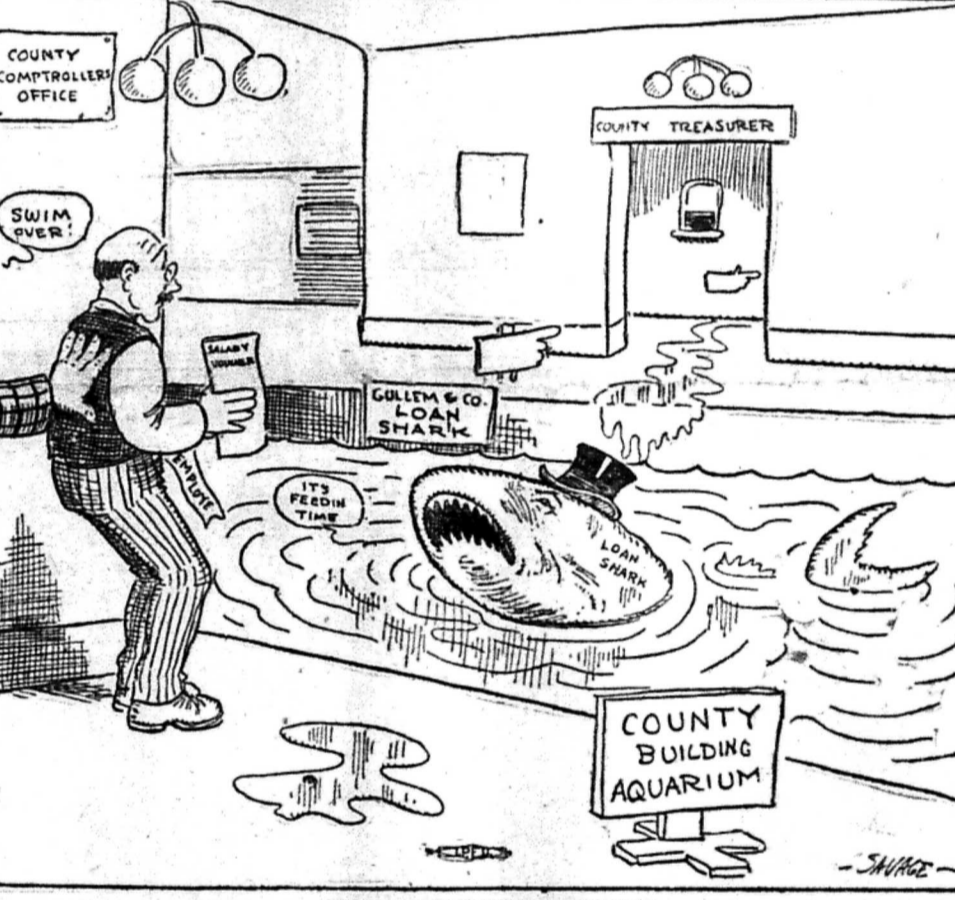


AUGUST BELMONT
August Belmont, New York traction pirate, wealthy racing tout and president of the National Civic Federation. Belmont is a leader in the New York traction trust, which wrecked a division of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees. Belmont is now leading the forces of the New York Jockey club.

BY J. L. ENGBAHL
(Memorial Hall, Columbus, O., Jan. 28.—John Mitchell's ideas are on trial before the United Mine Workers of America. Incidentally a few things are being said about the National Civic Federation, would-be friend, but recognized foe, of organized labor.

Question Is Up
At least, that is the way most of the delegates to the miners' convention here size up the annual discussion on resolutions condemning the "Belmont, Carnegie and Morgan" organization. It isn't the National Civic Federation that is on trial because there is hardly a miners' delegate here who would defend that organization were not John Mitchell a party to it.

A LITTLE DIVERSION FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES



JUST TO RELIEVE THE MONOTONY

SIDE-STEPS THE BOYCOTT

U. S. Supreme Court Dodges Grave Problem; Contempt Issue Is Up.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—Taking advantage of the recent settlement between the American Federation of Labor and the Bucks Stove Company, the United States Supreme Court has refused to hear further argument on the question of the boycott and ordered counsel to confine themselves to the charge of contempt against Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison.

WEATHER INDICATIONS

TROUBLE BREWS FOR HITCHCOCK

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 28.—Unless Postmaster General Hitchcock grants the demands of 135 railway mail clerks running out of Omaha, telegraphed to him, there is more than a chance that the men will strike. The demands, formulated at a secret meeting, include:
Wire Demands
A change in working hours and conditions of work; the instant granting of 125 promotions that have been held up; a per diem allowance of \$1 a day, and various technical changes in the service.

STRIKE THREATENS IN NEBRASKA; IOWA LEGISLATURE CONSIDERS CENSURE.

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LYCEUM COURSE WINS SUCCESS

Hoffman and Richardson Are Well Received On Tour.

LYCEUM LECTURERS' ADVICE
C. B. Hoffman—Jan. 29, Cincinnati, O.; Central Furners, 2:30 p. m.; Jan. 31, Hamilton, O.; Columbus, 2:30 p. m.; Feb. 1, Portsmouth, O.; Kendall Hall, 8:00 p. m.; Feb. 2, Charleston, W. Va., Y. M. C. A., 2:30 p. m.
N. A. Richardson—Jan. 29, Ottumwa, Ia.; Grand Opera House, 2:30 p. m.; Jan. 30, Des Moines, Ia., Y. M. C. A., 2:30 p. m.; Jan. 31, Burlington, Ia., Y. M. C. A., 2:30 p. m.; Feb. 1, Peoria, Ill., Old Y. M. C. A., 2:30 p. m.
Marton, Ind., Jan. 28.—People are still talking here of the speech which C. B. Hoffman made in the opera house, opening the Daily Socialist Lyceum Course.

RESOLUTIONS ARE UP

HERE'S A SAMPLE

Whereas, The Civic Federation was founded for the stated purpose of promoting the trade agreement in the various industries of the United States, and
Whereas, The membership of the Civic Federation is composed of three component parts of our American civilization, namely, the representatives of labor, the employers of labor and representatives of the public, and
Whereas, A number of employers of labor in the mining industry are members of the Civic Federation, and said members have antagonized the organizing of their employees and by so doing have shown their insincerity in the objects for which the Civic Federation was formed, and
Makes No Real Effort
Whereas, An organization and the labor movement in general have not been benefited by the Civic Federation, nor have we any record that they have endeavored to bring about any settlements of the many strikes that have existed in the different industries in the past few years; therefore, be it resolved, That all United Mine Workers who are connected with the

MONEY KINGS HOTLY GRILLED

Germer, Gilder and Others Attack the Civic Federation.

(Continued From Page 1.) Civic Federation sever their connection from that body, and, as it further...

Resolved, That each and every member of the United Mine Workers of America is hereby prohibited, under penalty of expulsion...

Minority Makes a Report The minority, made up of Patrick Finney, Ben Williams and James Smith, reported as follows:

Whereas, The said Civic Federation is a voluntary organization composed of men from all walks of life and is separate and apart from the labor movement...

Whereas, The said Civic Federation is not affiliated with the great American labor movement and for that reason can only act in an advisory capacity without any authority to dictate the policies of our organization...

Whereas, Ex-President John Mitchell is the only member of our organization who is connected in any way with the aforesaid Civic Federation...

Resolved, By this the Twenty-second Annual Convention of the U. M. W. of A., that we deem it unwise to take any action at this time either approving or disapproving the said Civic Federation...

It is the opinion of the union members, Belmont, Carnegie, Morgan, Ingalls and the rest of them. Do you think that these gentlemen are going to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to hurt their own interests?

John H. Walker, president of the Illinois district, came to the support of John Mitchell, after admitting that among the members of the National Civic Federation of Labor were some of the "ablest members of organized labor on this side of the earth."

"HERO" OF HOMESTEAD STRIKE



Andrew Carnegie The war of extermination which the Steel Trust has waged against the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and the Lake Seamen's union speaks loudly of the love of Carnegie for union labor...

PAUL SINGER IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Aggressive Member of the German Parliament Is Sick In Berlin.

Berlin, Germany, Jan. 28.—Paul Singer, one of the most aggressive Socialist members of the German Reichstag, is seriously ill at his home here.



Singer. In order to comply with the laws of the kingdom, the management of the paper is carried on under the corporation name of Paul Singer & Co.

ASKS OUSTING OF POWERS Washington, Jan. 27.—Asserting his belief that Caleb Powers has no right to the seat in congress to which he was elected last November, because...

Mr. Kolacek & Co. 2030-2042 MILWAUKEE AVE. Saturday Specials

75c and THIS COUPON buys one 24-1-2 lb. sack of Pillsbury XXXX Flour; without coupon, 85c.

Young Men's \$8.50 to \$10.00 Overcoats, sizes 16-20, 5.98 with THIS COUPON.

1.98 and THIS COUPON buys Boys' Suit, sizes from 8 to 17 years; without coupon, \$3.

1.69 and THIS COUPON buys one Long Kimona, made of best Arnold flannelette, Persian designs; without coupon, \$2.48.

78c and THIS COUPON buys any \$1 Shirt in the house.

35c and THIS COUPON buys one Plaited White Shirt, all sizes; without coupon, 59c.

27c and THIS COUPON buys one pound of very best Elgin Creamery Butter.

1.79 and THIS COUPON buys one Ladies' Waist, made of best brilliantine or French wool flannel; without coupon, \$2.48.

Little Ash-

Advertisement for Little Ash- featuring an image of a fuel container and text: No Clinkers. Have you clinkers? Grate troubles? By guaranteeing you won't have the first, we insure you against the last.

Advertisement for City Fuel Co. featuring an image of a mountain landscape and text: No Clinkers. is guaranteed to fill every inch of your fire box with intense heat.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Notes under this heading: Three lines daily for one year only \$5.00 per month. Each additional line \$1.00. Tell your merchant about the Daily Socialist Purchasers' League.

South Side Business Directory listing Stationery (Diaries for 1911), Printing (McFadden's Restaurants), Banks (Savings Accounts Solicited), Tailors (Star Tailors), and Physicians (J.H. Greer, M.D.).

West Side Business Directory listing Tailors (Curran's), Shoe and Boot (M. Boyesen), Men's Furnishings (Henick), Cigars and Tobacco (Segal's), Shoe Repairing (Strauss Shoe Hospital), and Musicians (E.F. Toomey).

North Side Business Directory listing Moving and Coal (Anderson Bros.), Jewelers and Optician (Sach's), Laundry and Dry Cleaner (Evanson French Laundry), Physcian and Surgeon (Margaret C. B. Johnson), and Men's Furnishings (Karl E. Gustafson).

Out of Town Business Directory listing Buffet (Bernshaw Hall), Carpenters and Contractor (Herman C. Leibel), Funeral Director (A.T. Doerr), and Clothiers (Kahn Store).

STEADY GROWTH IN \$25,000 FUND. The following list of names and amounts contributed brings the record of contributions to the \$25,000 fund up to date.

Table listing names and amounts: Previously reported \$4,366.70; Skandinavian Karl Mead 10.00; Jull Christensen 1.00; Hugo Bergstrom 1.00; Carl Hansen 1.00; N. Nielsen 1.00; Carl Bergstrom 1.00; J. C. Jensen 1.00; Steffen Christensen 2.00; Fred Anderson 1.00; 26th ward branch, S. P. treasury 42.00; Otto Dahse 1.00; F. Ellson 5.00; M. Christensen 1.00; Theo. Peterson 1.00; Nicla Jensen 1.00; James Henrikson 1.00; Theo. Lundstrom 1.60; J. C. Matthews 1.60; A friend 2.00; M. Boyesen 1.00; James H. Carney 1.00; A. Jensen 1.00; C. Christensen 1.00; Ernest Christensen, Johnston 1.00; N. Y. 1.00; J. M. Kaplan, Chicago 1.00; John M. Johnson, Chicago 5.00; John M. Union, No. 233 4.00; Sander Olson, 25th ward 50.00; T. Vandever, Chicago 10.00; W. H. Orr, Westport, Me. 1.00; W. Admldin, Chicago 1.00; J. P. Reis, Oak Park 5.00; U. M. W. of A., No. 12, Mather-ville, Ill. 5.00; K. G. Karmer, Grand Rapids, Mich. 1.00.

SALE BEGINS Saturday, January 28

MANNY L. MOSSLER THE BUILDER OF GOOD CLOTHES. SELLING OUT At Cost for 10 Days. Suit or Overcoat \$14, \$16 \$18 and \$20. EXTRAPANTS FREE with any Suit or Overcoat Order. UNION LABEL. In Every Garment.

THE CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST

Entered as second-class matter, Dec. 22, 1904, at P. O. Chicago, under act March 3, 1879.

By carrier in city of Chicago... Daily by mail in advance...

The publication of a signed article does not mean endorsement by the Chicago Socialist Party...

Quincy In Frenzy

The Quincy Journal goes into spasms about the activities of the Socialists in fighting the commission form of government...

Our city has been flooded with the following Socialist circular, printed in Chicago...

If the foregoing circular won't wake our people up, then nothing will; then they are asleep...

Times have come to a pretty pass if the people of Quincy have got to be dictated to...

The union men of Quincy, to their credit be it said, have stood like a stone wall against Socialism...

For, remember, union men, if commission government is beaten in Quincy at the polls tomorrow...

These are dangerous days, good people of Quincy! We are not ready yet for Socialism in Quincy...

And yet the capitalist proposition for commission government was LOST by a big majority.

It WAS A SOCIALIST victory. The Journal and the plutes are not "ready" to turn the city "over to the bats and owls"...

Progress In the Economic Field

The meeting of the United Mine Workers has much in it which is gratifying to those who desire a united labor movement...

Those who favor industrial organization within the ranks of the American Federation of Labor will be largely reinforced.

The policy which will guide the miners and kindred organizations in the American Federation of Labor will be to enforce the industrial action in the fight against capital.

The great value of all this lies in the fact that a greater number of workers learn to co-operate with each other in the everyday fight on the lines of the class struggle...

This immensely increases the power of those who control the socially organized industries. The unemployed can be used anywhere and everywhere.

The tendency of society is in the direction of social organization and the development of the general adaptability of the workers...

The public powers are to be used to dispossess the capitalist class of the ownership and control of the socially organized industries...

Convert Your Friend

There are many ways to reach your shopmate. In addition to other methods the following, adopted by Comrade Schmidborn of St. Louis, is a good one:

I closed find Lyceum subscription card. I am sorry I cannot attend this splendid course of lectures, as I am working nights...

You Can Gamble on This

Senator Gamble in his defense of Lorimer stated that the legislature of Illinois was composed of 203 members and that it required 102 votes to elect.

Then he goes on further and says that ten votes were vitiated because they were tainted with corruption, leaving Lorimer 98 votes.

The Illinois legislature has invited the employers to help formulate "an employers' liability act." This bill will be a very necessary and timely measure—for the employers.

THE MAN WHO SAW THINGS TWICE

(A CONTINUED STORY.) BY RALPH KORNGOLD

(Continued From Yesterday.)

It had been many, many years since Conrad had read in the Bible, and he wondered what the old man could find in that interested him so.

"I wonder if he gets that from this book," he thought. At last he asked the old man: "What do you find in that book?"

The old man looked up and gazed at Conrad with eyes that were almost sorrowful. "I find in it," he said slowly, "peace and contentment—peace and contentment."

"Every one can find them; 'Knock and it shall be opened unto you.' 'Can I find them by reading this book?'"

"Yes, and by living in the fear of God and doing what this book tells you to do."

"Very well," said Conrad. "I am willing; read to me from your book."

The old man read to him the sermon on the mount and Conrad listened very interestedly. Then the old man invited him to kneel down with him and pray, and Conrad knelt down and prayed, although he felt somewhat sheepish, for he had not prayed since he was a boy.

After that the old man, who suspecting that Conrad was hiding a great sorrow, or a great sin, spoke to him about God. He told him how God and God alone could bring peace into the human heart, provided we abandoned ourselves to Him. How he himself had sinned and

how God had forgiven him and had given him peace such as he had never known before.

While the old man spoke, a thought came to Conrad which he was quick to express. "Listen," he said, "I have sinned greatly, but I am willing to give myself to God. Let me stay with you and maybe, with your help, I can learn to know God and achieve the great peace whereof you speak. I can work for my living."

The old man looked at him. "It is God's will," he said. "God has brought you to my door, and it is not for me to turn you away."

And so it happened that Conrad came to share the cabin of the old man and that he went to work in the mine and spent all of his spare time reading the Bible or in prayer.

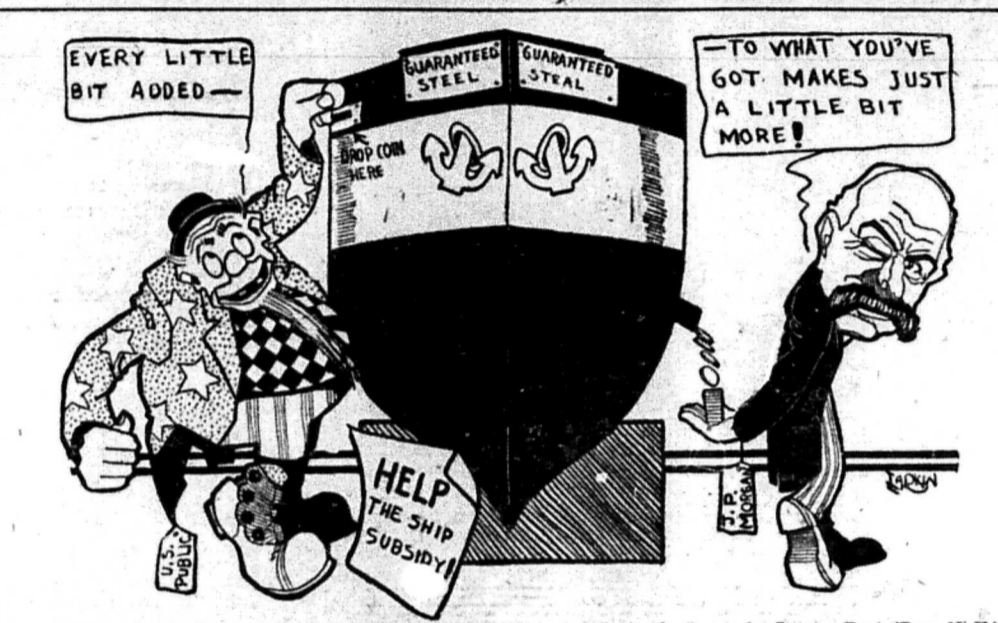
He also fasted a great deal and slept on the bare ground, as the young monk in the hospital had done. And at first it seemed to Conrad that he had received the precious gift of peace whereof the old man spoke, but when summer faded into autumn the old unrest and the old sorrow came back again, which neither Bible-reading nor prayer could drive away.

The newness of the beautiful words of Christ wore off and they ceased to have the same influence upon Conrad, while other portions of the Bible weakened, rather than strengthened, his belief. He found discrepancies, cruelties and contradictions; also portions which he could not possibly accept as true.

Gradually the book ceased to have its hold upon him, and conversations with the old miner, who urged him to believe it all from cover to cover, made him doubt the value and genuineness of the peace which the old man said he had attained for himself.

So one day in the autumn Conrad said good-bye to the old miner and started back to Daytonville again. (To Be Continued.)

"TO PROMOTE THE POLITICAL POLICIES OF THIS GOVERNMENT"



A strong plea in favor of the Gallinger ship subsidy bill was made in the Senate by Senator Root (Rep., N. Y.) Root said the chief advantages of a ship subsidy would be to build up the foreign commerce of the United States and to promote the political policies of this government.—News Item.

A Full-Fledged, Self-Converted, Socialist Dog

[Nearly everyone can call to mind some story or actual incident wherein the ever-faithful friend of man, the dog, has played an important role, but we believe that it has yet to be recorded where the dog has been called upon to aid in the mighty revolution of the working class, as shown by the following interesting letter.—Editor.] Burlington, Iowa.

Dear Comrade—It is now 8 a. m., Sunday morning, and I have just arrived home from distributing The Next Step. We cover Burlington every fourth Sunday, and the people are beginning to look for us on those mornings. Success, nothing else.

Something entirely new, which has never occurred in the life of the Socialist movement, has happened, and that is, I have a full-fledged and self-converted Socialist dog.

To my surprise, this morning my dog followed me on my route, and seemed to be very interested in the way I was climbing steps and embankments to get The Next Step at the right place. She would bark and carry on as if to say to me, "Boss, let me help you with your work." So I folded a paper to try her, and sure enough she ran up the embankment and onto the front porch, and stood there wagging her tail. I then told her to drop the paper, which she did, and returned to me as proud as she could be. I thanked her and petted her, and from then on, Fluffy—for that is her name—did the work.

Fluffy and I distributed just 192 copies in just one hour and ten minutes, and I am sure that we can beat that the next time, for all I have to do is to walk along on the walk with a bundle of papers and hand them to her as fast as she comes to me. I fold them once for her convenience.

Fluffy and I were the first ones in this morning. I feel now that I can boast of having the first Socialist literature-distributing dog in America, if not in the world. Hurrah for Fluffy!

Hoping to hear from the Daily soon, I remain, fraternally yours, WILLIAM J. HULT.

P.S.—Later.—My friends are now asking me what I would take for Fluffy, and my answer comes back, very quickly: "Not a cent. No money could buy Fluffy, for she is worth her weight in gold." Hoping to hear of Fluffy through the Daily, I remain, fraternally yours, WILLIAM M. HULT.

PACKAGE FREIGHT BY FRED SCHAEFER

Josh Wise SAYS: "With so many birdmen, I like to forget there was such a thing till I looked out of the window today and seen a bird bird."

"Gong he fat toy!" (Wishing you a happy and prosperous Chinese New Year.)

Somebody is agitating for a half-cent coin. Probably some stories would welcome a coin so small that a woman couldn't wait for her change.

A thoughtful Kansas woman donated a crazy quilt to the insane ward of a hospital.

Sen. Lori-myrrh by any other name would spell as sweet.

ARE YOU WELL INFORMED? Who was Petroleum V. Nasby? What is an archdeacon? Which has the higher rank, a viscount or a marquis? What is a "Jeu d'esprit"?

Please, why is a problem always "knotty"?

The steerage passenger who was operated on and sewed with the E string of a violin, arrived in New York "fit as a fiddle."

WHAT HAPPENED "You want more money? Why, my boy, I worked three years for \$11 a month right in this establishment, and now I'm owner of it."

"Well, you see what happened to your boss. No man who treats his help that way can hang onto his business."

CRUSHING "What are you doing with the crutch?" "Taking it home for my little boy." "What happened to him?" "While he was bringing home the mail a Sunday paper fell on his leg."—Youngstown Telegram.

Working the Farmer By Rolla Myer

The Chicago Tribune said, a few months ago, that "the farmer belongs to the capitalist class," and that he will not, therefore, turn to Socialist solutions of the problems with which modern industry is confronting him.

As attorney for the farmers' interest in this case, I wish to admit the first part of the Tribune's allegation. The farmer does "BELONG TO" the capitalist class—that is true.

In that respect he is LIKE ALL THE REST OF US, who are not capitalists and landlords.

And because the farmer DOES "belong to" the capitalist class he will ultimately be DRIVEN to Socialism, whether his present proclivity lies in that direction or not.

The second part of the Tribune's allegation is therefore absurd. Like all other problems, this one has but one solid solution, and the working farmer, like the working miner, and the working mill hand, will necessarily sooner or later discover it.

That the farmer does "belong to" the capitalist class there is ample and efficient evidence to prove. Capitalistic authorities themselves hand out such evidence with a fulsome hand.

B. F. Yoakum, the railway magnate, gives figures to show that the farmers last year received only \$274,000,000 for products that the consumers had to pay \$464,000,000. The difference, which was nearly TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS, WENT TO THE RAILROADS and other profit-mongering enterprises to whom the farmer "belongs."

For doing the same service for which the old-time miller retained one-fourth or less of the farmer's grist, the modern million-dollar miller-magnate, with the finest improved machinery for handling the grain and manufacturing the flour, exacts back from the farmers and other bread-eaters a sum equivalent to twice the amount received by the farmer who furnished the wheat.

It takes 200 times as much money for a consumer to buy a sack of rice in Cincinnati as the worker got who produces that sack of rice in Chicago.

It takes \$7.50 to get a 50-cent crate of canteloupes from Los Angeles, where they raise them, to Deadwood, where they eat them. It costs \$2.25 to transfer a 75-cent barrel of apples from the farmer in northern Indiana to the consumer in Chicago, a distance of sixty miles.

It takes five and one-third cents to put a two and two-third cent bottle of milk from the dairy to the baby that drinks it—the Borden company, etc., getting THREE TIMES as much for it from the skum family, as it pays to the farmer—who turns over most of even his third to the cow, in order to get her to produce more.

Yes, the farmer "belongs to" the capitalist class, all right. He "belongs to" them, but he is not OF them. He is OF the workers. The die is cast.

He may own land, or he may not, but if he is a farmer he is a worker. And the owner of land MAY be a worker. Or he may not. If the owner of land is not a worker, he is not a farmer. He is a landlord.

All who are not capitalists or landlords "belong to" the capitalist class, as the Tribune hath asseverated!

LAW AND ORDER BY R. K.

John Ruskin said once that what the capitalist class wanted to maintain was the order of disorder.

He was right. A splendid example of order as it is understood by the capitalists can be found on the Iron Range in Minnesota, where the steel trust runs things with a high hand.

Although they have the sheriff and his deputies as well as the town marshals to maintain order for them, and, although these officials are owned, body, soul and breeches, by the trust, the trust maintains its own police force, nearly all of whom have been in the penitentiary at one time or another. These things are given a free hand and are doing very much as they please.

At a recent election one of them assaulted a Socialist for distributing hand bills, knocked him down with his billy, tore his clothes and kicked him. The Socialist went to the municipal judge and asked for a warrant for assault and battery. The judge refused to issue a warrant. "It is not advisable to prosecute a confidential employe of the company," was his judicial remark.

The Socialist thereupon went to the district attorney. "If you can't protect yourself don't get into squabbles," was all the comfort he received. "From here he went to the sheriff. "It is out of my jurisdiction," protested the sheriff.

"Very well, then; if I can't get any protection, I shall henceforth carry a gun and protect myself," said the Socialist indignantly.

"If you do we will arrest you and put you where you belong," the sheriff remarked.

At another time when a workman, a Finlander, was returning home from the hunt. One of the company police stopped him on the street and took his rifle away from him. The man, who spoke but little English, went home bewildered, and came back the next day, accompanied by his wife, who could express herself better. They demanded back the rifle, but it was refused, without any explanation whatsoever. When the man became indignant the company thug drew his revolver, knocked him down with the butt of it and was turning the gun to shoot him when the man's wife stepped between. Although the woman was big with child, he knocked her down and kicked her. Then he arrested them both for disorderly conduct.

The city attorney in his speech before the jury stated: "This woman has the nerve to complain about having been badly treated. What he ought to have done was to shoot her for interfering."

The men have to pay 75 cents a month into the accident fund. Of this money, 40 per cent goes to the legal department of the company to fight the men in case they appeal to the courts. I know this because they frequently made the company has not dared to deny it.

The men have no access to the books of the company and do not know what is done with the money. The other 60 per cent is supposed to go to the men in accident benefits. In all probability a part of it does go to them. But in case they appeal to the courts, which any man would be foolish to do in northern Minnesota, the company fights them with money contributed by themselves. They get them going and coming.

OPEN FORUM

CONDITIONS IN THE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT The conditions in the postoffice department are so rotten that if all the people—all the business men and residents who are interested in postoffice affairs, knew of them, there would be a revolution of some kind or an enormous strike that would cover this country from New York to San Francisco.

Hitchcock has an economy system by which the railroads and express companies are ever getting increased graft, by which the postoffice officials are ever getting their salaries increased and their authority extended and by which the men who do the work of the postoffice are ever getting increased work and less wages.

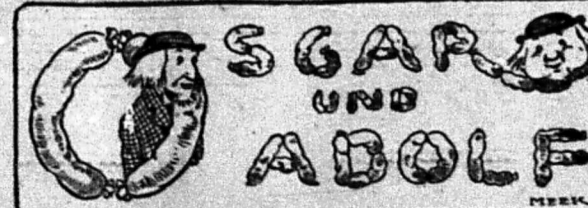
Hitchcock says he wants to make the postoffice department self-sustaining and that that is the reason of his economy. The large postoffices, like New York, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis and Boston are more than three times over self-sustaining, but none of them are furnished with enough men—clerks and carriers—to properly handle the mails.

The postoffice department could easily be made self-sustaining under proper management and the reason "has it is

not is because what should be a surplus is given to grafting congressmen—senators and representatives who are financially interested in the railroads and express companies. The postoffice department also helps to sustain the capitalist controlled army and navy.

The postoffice department is in the bad condition it is, because they not allowed to carry their political beliefs into the postoffice they are ruled entirely by men who express their politics entirely too vehemently. Our national congressmen, the representatives of the people of these United States, are the men who make the laws, saying how much the railroads shall have for handling the mails, saying that there shall not be a parcels post, and that would hurt the express companies (and consequently their own pockets), saying how little they will appropriate to run the postoffice, to increase the salaries of employes and increase the working force.

The ones who suffer by the rule of these capitalist aristocratic "representatives" are the employes of the postoffice department—the clerks and carriers—and the people in general. POSTAL EMPLOYEE.



"Do you efer haf corns, Oscar?" "Yes, Adolf; I haf corns right now." "From valking too much?" "No; from riding too much." "Ach, how can you get corns on your feet from riding too much?" "But dese corns iss nod on my feet; dey iss on my hants." "Vell, dot mixes der mystery more yet. How can you get corns on your hants from riding too much?" "Why, from riding on a hantcar, tee-hee-hee."