

RAID OFFICE OF REFUGEE PAPERS

Ruffians Smash Press of "El Defenso del Pueblo" at Tucson, Ariz.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 21.—On Tuesday night the press of El Defenso del Pueblo, the anti-Diaz paper published here, was smashed by ruffians and all the type in the plant fled.

Sarabia Led Revolt. Sarabia, who was the moving spirit of the paper whose presses were destroyed, was the leader of a revolt against the Diaz government in 1906.

Wanted as Agitators. The evident fact that they are wanted as political agitators and not as criminals has raised an outcry throughout the country.

MINNESOTA SENATORS TO AID

Will Fight for Abrogation of Russ Extradition Treaty. The Political Refugee Defense League of America was greatly encouraged yesterday by news received from Minnesota that practically the entire Minnesota delegation in congress could be depended upon to fight for the abrogation of the present treaty of extradition with Russia.

Students of the University of Illinois last night sent their call to all the colleges in the country in a ringing mass meeting. This call has already been anticipated in a number of colleges and the college branch of the Political Refugee Defense League promises to be one of the most potent forces in the movement for the protection of political offenders in America.

BOHEMIANS HERE THREATEN RULER

Stirred by alleged political persecution of their compatriots in Bohemia, 6,000,000 Bohemian Americans have threatened to boycott products of Austria-Hungary. This was made a part of an ultimatum sent to Emperor Francis Joseph from a mass meeting in Bohemia at school hall, West Eighteenth and May streets yesterday.

JOSEPH PULITZER IS TO MEET TAFT IN CANAL ZONE

Newport News, Va., Dec. 21.—Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, accompanied by a party of friends and several staff writers, arrived off Old Point yesterday on Pulitzer's yacht Liberty.

WIFE DESCRIBES A GORKY SCENE

Testifies Husband Used a "Billy," Ax and His Fists to Chastise Her. Maxim Gorky, master word painter of human life in its raw crudity, should have been in Judge Albert C. Barnes' court this morning when Mrs. Lucia Shippert told the story of the life which she and her husband had led since they were married in Putzitz, Prussia, in 1900.

HEAD OF AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION DIES IN N. Y.

New York, Dec. 21.—Major Orlando Jay Smith, founder and president of the American Press association, died at his home in Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., yesterday.

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RECTOR SAYS AMERICANS WANT TO BE LAWLESS

New York, Dec. 21.—The sweeping charge that Americans as a people want to be lawless, do not care to know the truth while engaged in the mad rush to acquire wealth and maintain social position, while a large majority of New Yorkers depend on the theater or streets for their only intellectual nourishment, was made this morning by Dr. Hugh Birchbeck, rector of St. George's Episcopal church, in Stuyvesant square, of which J. P. Morgan is one of the vestrymen.

HILL SCORES ON KING HARRIMAN

Adds 2,250 Miles to Railroad Possessions; Invades Rival's Territory. By acquiring the Colorado & Southern railroad—2,250 miles—at the purchase price of \$18,000,000, James J. Hill, who now controls the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Burlington systems, has gained another step in his fight with E. H. Harriman for railroad supremacy.

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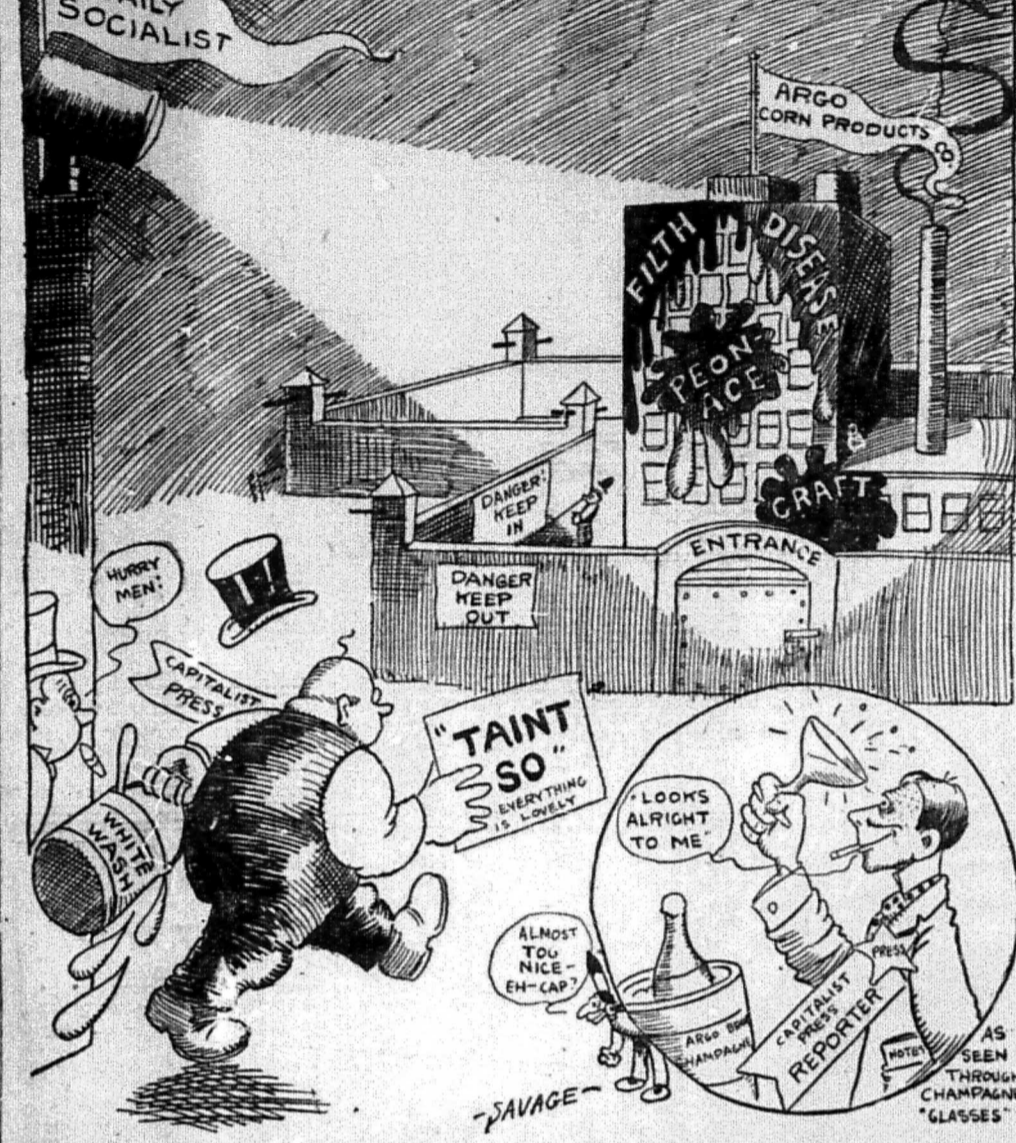
LETTER FIGHTS FLAMES AS THEY CONSUME HIS COLLIERY

Zeigler, Ill., Dec. 21.—Joseph Letter, accompanied by his wife and secretary, arrived here yesterday afternoon on a special train and assumed charge of the forces fighting the fire in his colliery here.

CHILDREN OF COUNT BONI MAY BECOME STATE WARDS

Paris, Dec. 21.—While no direct decision has been given or no open comment made, it is understood here that the three children of Count Boni de Castellane and the Princess de Sagan, formerly Anna Gould, will practically be placed in the position of orphans by the court which heard the sensational evidence brought by the count against his former wife for the care of the offspring of himself and his wealthy American spouse.

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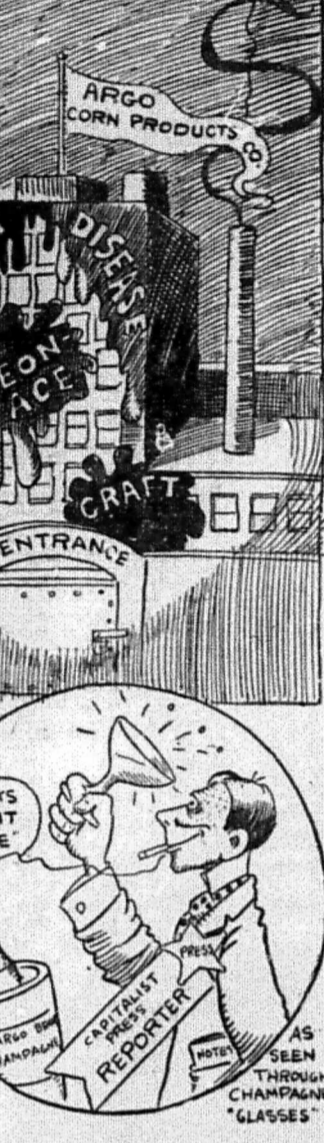
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ARGO MEN FED ROTTEN MEAT

Camp Chef Says He Cooked Putrid Flesh and Potatoes by Order. The Daily Socialist will print a series of statements reported to the department of justice tending to show that George E. Chamberlain is a liar.

TAINTED LOBSTER SERVED

Pancakes Were Picked Up From Filthy Floor and Handed Out to Eat. The Daily Socialist will print a series of statements reported to the department of justice tending to show that George E. Chamberlain is a liar.

COOKED ROTTEN MEAT BY ORDER

He cooked the rotten meat, he says, and it was served. Another man told the investigators that after eating breakfast one morning he became violently sick.

POTATOES WERE ROTTEN, TOO

The potatoes furnished and which I myself cooked were very largely rotten. They were thrown in and by the rotten pieces and all.

REMEMBER LOBSTER PLOTTING

Remember lobster plotting. They grip the body and make it writhe, then there is a collapse, a sinking, sometimes into sterility.

MANY VOLUNTARY WITNESSES

Witnesses were fairly poured into the grand jury room yesterday and the federal body which is probing the charges of peonage at the Corn Products Refining company at Argo was in session all day, and then adjourned to meet again Monday and continue taking testimony.

EXPERIMENTING WITH X-RAYS MAY CAUSE CHEMIST'S DEATH

Woonster, O., Dec. 21.—Professor William Z. Bennett, for 25 years at the head of the department of chemistry of the university of Woonster, is a martyr to science, and has been taken to a hospital in Cleveland in the hope of saving his life.

expected attempt will be successful or not remains to be seen.

As far as any influence on the case went, the letter written to District Attorney Sims by George E. Chamberlain, of the Corn Products Refining company, after given to the newspapers by the company's representative, had no effect unless to spur the government attorneys to more keen activity.

The department of justice realizes fully it seems, the vast interests which the government is contending against in taking up the case of the laborers against a tremendously rich corporation.

Officers of Company Called Therefore, the greatest care is being exercised in preparing and presenting the case to the grand jury.

The paymaster and the time clerk of the Lake Construction company were called to the federal building, and though they were not brought before the grand jury yesterday, and it is hardly likely that they will be brought today, the jury will be examined both by the government attorney and Assistant District Attorney Chester Arthur Legg. It is understood that these men made important admissions, which cannot be taken at this time.

It was reported to the officials that when in 1934 the Corn Products Manufacturing company had a plant under construction at Granite City, Illinois, labor conditions similar to those charged to exist at Argo, were in existence.

Commissary Company Knew Things It was told that at that time the Pattee-Truitt Commissary company boarded and secured the men to work at the plant. This would tend to show that the officials now on the job at Argo have had previous experience with the methods of the Pattee-Truitt Commissary company.

Important evidence is looked for Monday.

Coroner to Investigate Coroner Peter Hoffman instructed Detective George Scribner to investigate today the alleged fatal shooting of a workman at the Corn Products Refining company's plant at Argo.

Coroner Hoffman said that he had been informed by the newspapers that Charles Bernier had stated that he knew of a man being killed at the Argo plant. The coroner communicated with the police and then put Detective Services, attached to the coroner's office, on the case. The investigation will be thorough.

United States District Attorney Edwin Sims arrived from Washington this morning in company with Assistant District Attorney Walkerson. It is thought that Sims will assume active charge of the Argo case.

EXPOSE TICKLES LABOR UNIONS Threatened indictment of Argo officials causes them to rejoice.

The threatened indictment of men responsible for conditions at Argo has caused considerable rejoicing among the organized labor men of Chicago, because it reveals to the public the extent to which certain employers will go to fight labor unions and shows conclusively why such wars are waged. Men have been found who express themselves freely on the subject.

What George Hodge Says "These are the conditions that exist in a strictly non-union shop," said Editor George Hodge of the Union Labor Advocate. "If any part of the stories that have been told since last spring are true, and there seems to be plenty of witnesses that they are, can't understand how any person who claims to be a true and honest citizen can continue to fight organized labor or how any sane employer can conscientiously issue an anti-labor injunction."

"But it seems that it will be done. Such things have been exposed before; still we have the same old fight for our rights. The people need to be organized. Those who are not in the labor movement just can't understand it and cannot or will not recognize the true reason for it."

"I believe this publicity, however, will do considerable good. At least a few people always see things in the right light. The Daily Socialist started out to that paper considerable credit is due. It is not often that a newspaper becomes so interested in such affairs as to take such action. I am not a Socialist myself, but I always had a friendly feeling toward that paper."

J. J. Brittain's Interview John J. Brittain, secretary-treasurer of the Shipyard District Council, said: "It is what employers of Leifer's strips would like to see prevail in all workshops and factories, but for what reason I could never quite understand. Organized labor is always considered much more as a factory and in the long run much cheaper."

"I have never had any doubt but that the job at Argo would be finished as a union job. This publicity no doubt will bring matters in that direction. I am glad that the conditions at Argo have been brought to light in so forceful a manner."

PEONAGE LAW TELLS STORY It Shows Why Argo Officials Are Fighting OR Indictments

Just why the officials responsible for the conditions at Argo are fighting so hard to secure a possible indictment at the hands of the federal grand jury, and just why George E. Chamberlain should send an insulting letter to United States District Attorney Sims is easily explained by the following text of the peonage law which is taken from Federal Statutes, Vol. 4, the law being Sec. 3526 of the federal code.

their will, and third, that the guards did aid in holding these men against their will, that the violation of the statute appears clear and definite.

The Daily Socialist has stated that the evidence points the finger of responsibility at the officials at Argo, and that any person who in any manner aids in the arrest or return of any person to a condition of peonage is liable for the penalties. It seems reasonable that any manner can be construed means by commands or orders, or consent. If such is the case, the responsibility will reach high up into the official ranks of the companies involved.

DOG SAVES MASTER TWICE IN TWO BIG SNOW SLIDES

Created Butte, Colo., Dec. 21.—Andy Mosher of Gothic arrived here yesterday with two thrilling escapes from snow slides. W. F. Stockman and Mosher left Gothic with a load of supplies for the Moon, King mine six miles up the gulch. Four miles up they encountered a snow slide that swept away part of the supplies.

Stockman refused to go farther. Mosher went on a short distance until another slide carried his four horses down the mountain to death, burying the man under six feet of snow. A Newfoundland dog rode the slide and then rescued his master.

They set out again for the mine, but a third slide engulfed them, and the dog dug him out by digging his master by digging him from under the avalanche.

MILK DEALERS CALLED ROBBERS Equity Farm Journal Says They Steal From the Producers and Consumers

The milk law of Illinois and some other states, while it prevents the milk dealer—the middleman—from stealing all of the butter fat or cream in milk, gives him the right to steal eight-tenths of one per cent, which he does, according to C. W. Brown, editor of the Equity Farm Journal, the official organ of the farmers' union.

Dealer Gets 50 Per Cent This, he declares, will give an added profit of \$300 a year to each wagon, which in that time handles 87,000 quarts of milk. Less this "stealage," he figures that each wagon nets the dealer a profit of \$1,731 on a total outlay for the year of \$2,555.

The dealers, he says, refuse to take from the producers any milk containing less than 3 1/2 per cent butter fat, but the law allows them to sell a 3 per cent article to the consumer, or eight-tenths of one per cent below the average milk produced on the farm. He says that the dealers run this milk through a separator and hold the butter fat down to law.

He also declared himself as follows: "The dealers are just common grafters. They rob both the producer and the consumer, and are entitled to no credit for anything. The fact is they adulterate much of the milk and run most of it through the separator, taking out a large per cent of the cream, which they sell to ice cream factories."

Papers Suppress the Facts The consumer is robbed of what he pays for and the babes are partly starved by the process. The papers will not publish the facts in regard to the matter, because the paper do not demand it, and the milk men are ready to pay for keeping them from the public.

Editor Brown further says that one of the things the American Society of Equity intends to do is to thoroughly organize the milk producers and try to get at least four cents a quart; and if the consumers want any benefit, they get it by helping the farmers to start equity exchanges.

He guarantees that this will bring the price down at least a cent and raise the grade of milk.

WAR RULES FOR NAVAL POWERS London, Dec. 21.—America, Great Britain and Japan will support practically the same ideas for the code of law for the international maritime court governing the conduct of warfare on the high seas, especially as to non-combatant vessels. Sea powers will be represented at the congress which is to be held in Geneva, and their enforcement will be done by the court to be appointed by The Hague tribunal.

The American views include the following suggestions: A neutral ship within the limits of a belligerent power's coast, discovered only for warlike purposes, but the property must be interned.

In cases where the enemy has not observed the laws of war, and other vessels are captured, there may be recourse to reprisals, but always in accordance with the dictates of humanity.

The reprisals should not exceed in severity the offense committed and should not be repeated after reparation has been made for the original offense.

All ships in the public service of the enemy are subject to capture, except those employed in purely charitable or scientific work, vessels of mercy and hospital ships.

DETECTIVES IN A NEW PROFESSION

lured to Renew Corporation Franchises by Fostering Public Sentiment

At least the cat is out of the bag. It is not a "government by injunction," no never-not, at all. It is a "government by detective."

The passage of pet franchises, the influencing of public opinion or its denigrating, the persuasion of working men that they are not being starved or mistreated, the strengthening of political fences and the general operation of the means whereby government is made, that is the field now occupied by the detective agencies, according to a pamphlet just issued by the National Secret Service agency, with main offices at 79 North High street, Columbus Ohio, and with a newly established Chicago branch.

Operatives Furnish Information Just listen to this delicious bit culled from the advertising pamphlet which the National Agency is sending, not to the working men or the general public, you may be sure, but to the franchise grabbers.

"In the last few years has seen a rapid growth in sentiment adverse to granting or extending franchises to corporations. Many agitators have come to the front who wish to ride into office on the backs of the members. Where a corporation wishes to renew its franchise, and agitators are causing trouble, we detail operatives who can and do overcome the difficulties and aid in securing a new franchise. And that great thing which is called information, leaving the organization to the corporation; or we can detail others who will organize the field, mold public sentiment, and remain on the ground until the new franchise is secured."

Franchises Delivered to Order There you are in solid type. Franchises delivered to order by the suave, intelligent, well-informed detective. No longer will it be necessary for the big corporations desiring to rob the people to chase the elusive "mole" and "graze his helm" to get his robbery franchise through. All that will be necessary will be to salt the intelligent detective sufficiently. He will apportion the salt necessary to adornment. And that great thing which is called public opinion cannot exist for one moment before the power of the sleuth-hounds of the little Columbus agency. Public opinion nullified to order—that is the program. The only way to come out of the American institutions. We have the word of the little pamphlet for it.

Seriously, this brazen advertisement that detectives can be used by the corporation for any purpose stated is indubitable proof that they are so used, and that a corps of highly trained men undoubtedly permeate every grade of society for the purposes stated in the pamphlet is a patent fact.

Politicians Offered Service Under the caption "Political" the pamphlet prints the following: "If you are a candidate for office, wish to know what a certain local politician, or his friends, or a society or club in which he is a moving spirit, will do to support his candidacy. Franchise, support, or propose, but the candidate's support is to their sincerity. To send a known friend to investigate may injure the case and it is not likely to clear up the uncertainty."

Divorce Cases Excluded About the only decent paragraph in the entire document is one in which the company declares that it will not take up divorce cases.

After reading the entire document through one would imagine that America was like a mass of rotting corruption.

What the document does prove beyond any shadow of a doubt, however, is that the entire country is just one big nest of evil of every character, and that they are operating in a way which would bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of the man who murdered a blind man for his pennies or burned a man for an orphan asylum.

That they should not be permitted their shame, their absolute lack of principle, and their duplicity, then boast of it, and that these men are void to be highly educated and highly trained, is a gross contradiction of the character of the American people.

Detectives as Strize Breakers It has long been known that detectives were employed to break up strikes, but this is the first instance where the subject has been so openly advertised by the agencies.

Details of the subject of the work, which is the best way to help employ hands here, the pamphlet says: "Where a strike is pending we give aid in adjusting any difficulty existing between the employer and employee, particularly when the employer is getting fair treatment and would be satisfied were it not for some outsider. And it is the employee who is either in a bad way or who is willing to give up his position and strike. In many shops where we have detailed operatives conditions have been such that the honest employee was not permitted to perform his day's work, being told that the employer would kill the same, and were he to do more than someone else he would 'kill' the job."

"Pacemakers" to Gangs Work "We detail operatives to the pacemakers, and through them the employer can easily show what constitutes a fair day's work. And last but not least we prove to the manufacturer—when such is the case—that his 'well' knowledge which oft-times enables him to bid for future work with confidence and on a closer margin than he would otherwise be able to bring."

"As in all other cases the operatives detailed for this class of work are particularly adapted to it, they have a great amount of personality which enables them to not only integrate themselves with the other employees, but to show them the fallacy of taking the grievances of discharged or disgruntled ones upon their own shoulders."

PRINCE HENRY AND GERMAN FLEET COMING TO AMERICA Berlin, Dec. 21.—A squadron consisting of two battleships, now under construction, two armored cruisers, and several smaller vessels, will visit the United States next spring. The squadron will be commanded by Prince Henry, brother of the Kaiser. A fleet of torpedo boats, which will accompany the squadron, will be commanded by Prince Adalbert, the third of the emperor.

BILL BOY HIDES UNDER BED TO ROB AGED GUEST

William Burton, 19 years old, employed as a bell boy in the Revere house, North Clark and Michigan streets, was caught at 11 p. m. today hiding under the bed of William S. LeCompt, a guest, dragged from his hiding place at the point of a revolver and before he was turned over to the police amazed his captor by revealing to him a carefully laid plot to rob him of his money and jewels. In his confession Burton claimed to be the dupe of John Hillman, an elevator boy, 20 years old, who, he said, first approached him on the subject of "kettling some easy money."

As a result of Burton's confession, Hillman was taken prisoner by the Chicago avenue police and locked up with the bell boy. According to the account told by the police and the victim, Burton had been hiding under Compt's bed for almost four hours, when he was caught.

Le Compt is an elderly man and carries in addition to a gold watch and chain and charm a diamond medal, which attracted the attention of the "kettling" burglar. The burglar frequently displayed money. He was picked out by Hillman, the police say, as an easy victim.

CONSTITUTION IS CALLED OBSOLETE

Cincinnati Socialists Pass Resolutions to That Effect; Saloon Question Talk

(DAILY SOCIALIST CORRESPONDENCE) Cincinnati, O., Dec. 19.—The annual convention of the Cincinnati Socialist locals was called to order last Sunday. Matters of vital interest to Socialists were taken up and discussed fully.

The convention opened with 125 voting delegates present. From the standpoint of numbers and the enthusiasm displayed it was the most important Socialist convention ever held in Cincinnati.

U. S. Constitution Obsolete A resolution offered by A. B. Groat, expressing the sentiment that the United States constitution is obsolete and should be entirely revised was passed. The action taken by the charter convention in St. Louis last week was practically indorsed.

A committee of three, to be known as the "Political Liberty League," whose duty it shall be to protest against the deportation of all political refugees and co-operate with similar organizations in other cities was elected. This consists of V. Vormohr, A. B. Groat and M. Ginberg.

The convention went on record as favoring neither local option nor prohibition, favoring the individual member to act as he pleased concerning his desire to drink or let drink alone. This matter was brought up by Julius Zorn, editor of the United Brewery Workers' Journal.

Saloon "Regulation," Not Suppression "We Socialists know," he said, "that the liquor question is a serious problem, but we know that the eradication of the drink evil is not in the suppression of the saloons, but in their proper regulation. The idea that the Socialists are in favor of prohibition has undoubtedly been started to wean from the party the support of hundreds of members."

A committee was appointed to meet committees from the outlying townships to formulate a plan of consolidation and organize on a county instead of a municipal basis.

The main officers were elected: Recording secretary, Samuel Pierce; corresponding secretary, L. F. Schwickhart; financial secretary, E. Linsman; treasurer, Julius Zorn; literature agent, Lotta Burke.

BABIES SAVED BY "PASTEUR" MILK

New York, Dec. 21.—Record breaking attentances continue to mark the sessions of the International Tuberculosis exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History.

A feature of yesterday's meeting was a address by Nathan Straus, who declared that in the fight against the great milk plague, two definite barriers, so strong, that they cannot be circumvented, must be erected. These, he declared, were a ban on the importation of diseased cattle and the prohibition of the use of the designation "pasteurized" on milk that has not been pasteurized, but merely been preserved.

Expert examination, Straus said, would indicate that of the 1,500,000 gallons of dairy products of this state, 483,000 are tuberculous, and are regularly supplying diseased milk to the people.

Note Holders, Attention! All persons holding notes against the Workers Publishing Society (the Chicago Daily Socialist) who are willing to exchange them for bonds are requested to send them in at once authorizing the exchange.

IS YOUR NAME HERE? The following persons holding notes against the "Workers Publishing Society" are requested to send their present portfolios of notes to the Chicago Daily Socialist at once, as the management is unable to reach them with information they should have:

CHRISTMAS TIPS FOR SHOPPERS

Daily Socialist Gives Some Good Advice to Buyers of Holiday Goods

An impetus of business liveliness has been added to the pages of the Daily Socialist lately by the acquisition of a number of pushing new advertisers. These new advertisers, like the old ones, have thoroughly standard and reliable goods at prices that cannot possibly be bettered by the merchants in similar lines advertising solely in the capitalist dailies. It shows the breadth of mind and liberal judgment of these merchants to look for the substantial business to be found among the readers of a Socialist paper.

The stock of furniture of the Humboldt, 709-711 West North avenue, embraces the widest variety of beautiful and standard household pieces. In no downtown store can a better or higher grade line be found, and the prices speak for themselves. The liberal terms, too, give the householder an opportunity of buying practically at his own terms.

Place to Buy Jewelry If you are looking for anything in jewelry for Christmas gifts, two new advertisers, the Lande Jewelry Co., 452 and West Madison street, and Kracker & Kosinski, 675 Milwaukee avenue, offer collections which for beauty and richness are not to be excelled.

In places an unusual offer is being made by Louis Loventhal, 127 West Madison street. You may buy a high grade, standard piano there at terms of one dollar a week, and music lessons are given with it gratis.

Nowhere are the most order furniture line is a better or more liberal offer being made than by the Empire Furniture Co. The stock carried by this concern is large and comprehensive, and their method of doing business could not be more liberal. The head of the firm, Harry Michaels, is a liberal minded man and his principles are reflected in the firm's method of doing business.

When ordering tailored clothes readers should remember J. M. Flanagan, 171 Washington street and 703 Stony Island avenue, who puts the union label in every garment he makes. His work is high class in every respect, and the range of prices certainly cannot be equaled for reasonableness.

Get Your Picture "Took" The B. Harris Studio, 181 West Madison street, produces pictures of the highest order, and those once patronizing this place invariably go back again, owing to the splendid character of the work. The prices—well, they are certainly low enough compared to what others charge.

Daily Socialist advertisers should have the patronage of every Socialist. They appreciate it more than any other—they are giving a newspaper business and to trade with them it is an obligation which you, as Socialists, owe them.

NIGHT RIDER SAYS DEATH WAS PENALTY FOR BETRAYAL Union City, Tenn., Dec. 21.—At the end of the first day's testimony in the night rider trial the state had made material progress. It had introduced testimony covering the murder of Capt. Ranken, and supporting an identification of two of the prisoners as members of the masked band.

The prisoners, unkempt, scowling, and silent, paid little attention to the proceedings. Only once did they betray emotion. One witness, sworn into the band against his will, testified that the only part of the oath he remembered was the part that provided they were to give up their lives for the cause of the highest authorities in the universities and schools.

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Do not be misled by retailers who say: "This shoe does not bear the stamp, but is made under Union Conditions." This is false—No shoe is union made unless it bears the Union Stamp.

BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS' UNION 246 Summer St., Boston, Mass. JOHN F. TOBIN, Pres. CHAS. L. RAINE, Sec.-Treas.

Ashland avenue. When near Twenty-seventh street he drew a revolver and shot himself in the left shoulder.

He was quickly surrounded by a crowd. The conductor of a passing car learned what was the trouble and notified the police of the Brighton police station. When the policemen found the young man he was unconscious, but regained his senses while being taken to St. Anthony's hospital. He said he was tired of living in this country; that he was poor and wished to die.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 21.—"If you recall such stories as that you are an incontinent liar," was the charge hurled by ex-Senator Wellington in court yesterday, at Thomas C. Weeks, attorney for Dr. Pierce Wilson, Jr., who is suing his wife for divorce. Wilson alleges that Wellington, who is named as correspondent, had taken advantage of Mrs. Wilson's impoverished condition before her marriage.

As the doctor's lawyer made his charge, Wellington continued to shout all of his denials at the top of his voice. He said all the testimony connecting his name with that of Mrs. Wilson was false. He used the phrase "infamous liar" so often that Attorney Weeks asked him if he was acquainted with President Roosevelt.

"Yes," Wellington replied, "but what has that to do with this case?" A \$50,000 damage suit begun by Dr. Wilson against Rector Coupland of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension is said to have no connection with the doctor's divorce suit.

Beautiful Christmas Gifts You find here just what will appeal most in Beautiful Rings, Lockets, Brooches, Chains, Bracelets, Stick Pins, Earrings, Watches, Etc.

AT PRICES SO LOW THEY WILL SURPRISE YOU. Kracker & Kosinski 675 Milwaukee Avenue

TONS OF CANDY and Chocolates, absolutely pure, put up in beautiful boxes suitable for presents at 20c, 25c, 40c & 60c lb. Clubs, organizations, schools, etc., at reduced prices at Gunther's Confectionery, 212 State Street.

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FREE PIANO LESSONS With every piano purchased this month, we will give, entirely free, a full course of piano lessons by a thoroughly competent instructor.

Every Piano is of standard quality, possesses beauty and perfect tone, and is a high-class instrument in every way.

Pianos are sent on free trial; no charges whatever; if you like it, pay us \$1 A WEEK

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THIS LABEL is the only guarantee that BREAD and other BAKERS' GOODS are made in UNION SANITARY BAKERIES. No one else. Patronize only such places where you find this label on all bakery goods. Demand the Baker's Union Label.

Senator Gaylord Lectures-- MAKE DATES NOW. Address 781 42d St., Milwaukee, Wis.

LOOK OUT! You are losing your chance to get a little stock in the SEABOARD OIL CO.—big sales to readers of this paper last week—and more promised. One party who has a barber shop is interesting the whole town. If you don't write us soon you'll get left, and then when we announce—as we will intend to do—right here—that the stock has advanced and the company is paying big dividends, there'll be weeping and gnashing, etc.

PERHAPS you have got it fixed in your mind we are fakirs or that the SEABOARD is a fraud, just because there have been some of that breed before, but you ought not to condemn or form an opinion of you have investigated, should you be fair with us—and you will find we always play fair with our customers. We can't play fair we'll go out of business, that's our idea of right-setting.

SAY-- we have a dandy Idaho proposition to offer you cheap; came to us from one of the editors of this paper, who is to be superintendent and in charge of some of the work. A similar business near by has yielded 5,000 per cent—that's a fact—fifty times the original investment. Don't say Fate is hard with you so long as such chances are around with you ignoring them—It's up to you. Write at once and find out about Seaboard and "Idaho" and BE FAIR TO GIVE YOURSELF A BOOST for a change.

COMRADE STOCK AGENCY, 841 N. 53d Avenue, Chicago. CLASSIFIED HELP WANTED Male MEN AND WOMEN AGENTS—YOU CAN MAKE MONEY SELLING FAMILY MEDICAL WORK. Large profits. See the best of your kind in the House. Call or write Dr. J. H. Green, 31 Dearborn St., Chicago.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE HERE IS THE PLACE YOU ARE LOOKING FOR: Six-room house, all modern, 17 years old; one block from car line; lot 12,500; \$1,500; balance to suit. CHIEF'S BROS., 125 Milwaukee ave.

SEE US BEFORE BUYING ANY IMMEDIATE land, Frank E. Wirtz & Co., 121 LaSalle st.

BUSINESS PERSONALS WHIST PLAYERS, ATTENTION—I HAVE a whist board that will keep perfect for 4 players; also individual score into thousands for all. Price \$1. H. A. Hedden, 34 5th st., Milwaukee, Wis.

SMITH'S RHEUMATIC LINIMENT Has no equal for the relief of rheumatism, neuralgia, swellings and sprains. R. H. SMITH & CO., office room 18, Dearborn St., Chicago. Liberal terms to agents.

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PIANOS FRER & PATE' TRIPLE 500 PIANO, GUARANTEED for ten years, \$100; very nice terms; also number of slightly used pianos at from \$50 and upward. Reppert, 40 Meyer Place, Co. 31 floor, 12 E. Van Buren st.

TEN NEW PIANOS, REGULAR \$50 VALUE, offered special this week at 12 1/2 cents; 100. SAMUEL BLOCK, 125 Wabash st. BUSINESS CHANCES NEW MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY employing 45 men steadily, seeks location in country town near natural gas belt; valuable information, mailed free. Teddy's Laboratory, Wheeling, W. Va. SEWING MACHINES AKAM, 46 JACKSON BLVD., WITH FULLY equipped, \$100; new and second hand; repairs, parts, and repairs by experts; references, mailed free. All machines. Tel. Harrison 1122. INSURANCE LET OUR REPRESENTATIVE CALL TO make a year's business. Make stock against fire. SCHULTZ, 180 N. Halsted st. FREE HOMESTRAYS FREE HOMESTRAYS IN THE WESTERN States. Any person can have one. For full information, send name and address to: Frank Weston Homestrays, 23 La Salle st., Chicago.

BOSNIA TO HAVE A CONSTITUTION?

Austrian Socialists Agitating for It on the Basis of Adult Suffrage

BY J. B. ASKEW (Special European Correspondent.) Stuttgart, Dec. 20.—In the Austrian Reichsrath the Social Democrats, who have recently made additions to their already large number, have decided to call on the government to give information on the general European situation.

Constitution Asked for Bosnia

The Socialists in Austria have also moved that a constitution should be forthwith conferred on Bosnia, and that on the basis of adult suffrage.

Academic Dogmatism Fails

Their policy of academic dogmatism, which brought them the condemnation of a Marx and Engels, seems to be successful at the moment; in reality it is not.

Numerous Socialist Gains

In Solingen—the German Sheffield—the Socialists conquered all of the five seats in the third class section of voters.

Italy is Set Against Austria

Demotiations in City of Rome Bring Out Troops to Prevent Race Riots

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Rome, Dec. 21.—The war mad capitalists have failed so signally to stir up a war in the Balkans by their "declaration of independence" coup in Bulgaria, are now attempting to set Italy against Austria, much in the same manner that they inflamed the Serbs.

Great Victories Chronicled

But now within two months of the most heated congress which the party has ever seen, and in the very town where that congress was held, we are able to chronicle an important victory.

Other Notable Gains

In Steintin the Social Democrats retained five seats and won one. In Göttingen the Socialists won five seats, increasing the number to seven.

Several Branches Arrange Winter Lecture Courses

Several Socialist branches in the city have made arrangements to give a winter lecture course. Among these the Twenty-seventh ward and the Twenty-ninth ward branches rank first.

Dangerous Mine Tolerated

It has been proved over and over again that in an exceptionally dangerous mine there was no water for a long time, and yet Prussian ministers defend or try to excuse as best they can a scandalous state of affairs.

Historical Book Condemned

The German courts have again distinguished themselves by condemning a history of the 1848 revolution in Vienna—a book which has been published and circulated for more than seven years in Vienna itself without any "checking."

KING'S WIVES RICH BELGIUM

Debt of Government Leaps Higher, While Leopold Squanders Millions

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Brussels, Dec. 21.—The debt of Belgium is mounting by leaps and bounds and great uneasiness is felt as to the outcome if new demands are made upon the exchequer.

King Squandering Millions

This enormous increase in the public debt at the time when King Leopold is squandering millions of the public money on the Congo and upon Cleo de Merode and other Parisian actresses and members of the demimonde is arousing public protest from the taxpayers and the workers.

Clamor for Money

Meanwhile King Leopold is clamoring for more money to spend on adventures. He is not content with the impoverished, much-abused old man and he is the laughing stock of other monarchs because he is so poor.

Wrestling Match or Fight? Question Puzzling Shippy

Officials of the Knights of Pythias, Order of the Moose and Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, will be summoned before Police Inspector Lavin today to explain whether the "sparring bout" given in the K. of P. hall, last night, was within the prescribed limitations of police regulation.

Wayman to Look into Cases Stricken Off by Healy

Thirteen murder cases, ten more in which burglary was charged, eight in which the accusation is arson, against women, and fourteen in which robbery is charged, are the first of the 23 cases dismissed at the close of the term of John J. Healy, former state attorney, which are being investigated by Attorney John E. W. Wayman, who is now investigating.

Prison Warden Wants to Abolish Prison Garb

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 21.—Urging that inmates of the state penitentiary should have tailor-made suits, laundered shirts and polished shoes, instead of the present prison garb, Warden J. C. Sanders of the Fort Madison penitentiary created a sensation before the state board of control.

Auto Gang Loots Another Bank; Gets \$3,000 Booty

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19.—Robbers last night raided the State bank of Ceresco, eighteen miles north of this city, overpowered a boy who surprised them at work, demolished the building and carried off \$3,000.

JUDGE FINES EMPLOYER FOR HOLDING BACK BOY'S WAGES

Young Actress Shot; Mystery

Mary Wiswell, 21 years old, an actress, is said to be dying at Mercy hospital as the result of a revolver wound in the breast which she received early today under conditions which have not been satisfactorily explained to the police.

New Milk Label is Up Before Medical Society

"Trademarked" milk, "copyrighted" milk, or some other uniquely advertised milk may take the place of certified milk in Chicago if the tentative plans of the committee of the Chicago Medical Society are carried out.

Jastro Forbakes Feasts for "Simple Life" Cure

Berlin, Dec. 21.—President Castro has begun to undergo treatment at Dr. Israel's hospital. He went there yesterday accompanied by his wife and sister.

Young Actress Shot; Mystery

Girl Aged 21 Receives Fatal Wound in a South Side Rooming House

Mary Wiswell, 21 years old, an actress, is said to be dying at Mercy hospital as the result of a revolver wound in the breast which she received early today under conditions which have not been satisfactorily explained to the police.

Given Same Old Excuse

Elizabeth L. Jahn, 18 years old, a roommate of the wounded girl, told the police that she and Miss Wiswell were examining their weapons, a 32-caliber and a 38-caliber revolver, early this morning, when a spilt of mischievousness caused the girl to fire a shot into the floor.

Stage Name Peggy Parry

Miss Jahn fainted at the sight of her wounded companion and it was not until after the police of the Cottage Grove avenue station had carried the unconscious girl to the hospital that she was able to give an account of what had happened.

Police Are Investigating

The police at the Cottage Grove avenue station admitted they were at a loss to explain the shooting. There was apparently no motive to bear out the suicide theory, and the police have been unable to ascertain how the shot might have been fired accidentally.

The Daily Socialist Purchasers' League

WHAT ROBERT HUNTER SAYS

Have you been reading those splendid articles in the Daily by Robert Hunter upon the importance of working class papers and the power of the press?

In one of these he says: "We must have a newspaper, a newspaper unlike other newspapers. We must have a newspaper that is not financed by those very interests we are fighting—the trusts, the moneyed interests, the public service corporations and the other great thieves whose hands are in our pockets."

Some things may be doubtful, but this is not doubtful. Again he says: "Have you ever thought of the power of the press? This thing you have in your hands has cost many a precious life. It is one of the rights won by blood and sacrifice."

Comrades, we have that newspaper, that NEW newspaper, that newspaper UNLIKE other newspapers. IT IS THE CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST.

It is not financed by the trusts or moneyed interests. It is financed and supported by YOU the workers of the working class. It is YOUR newspaper, published in YOUR interests and for YOUR cause, the CAUSE OF SOCIALISM.

No longer is it necessary that precious blood should be shed to maintain the freedom of the press, but the battle is not yet won. Not until your newspaper is placed on a solid financial foundation can you afford to relax your vigilance.

Just a little more time; just a little more patience; just a little more sacrifice and the victory will be won.

Each and every one of us can do our part. The Daily Socialist Purchasers' League offers you the best opportunity to win this victory in the shortest time with the least sacrifice.

Study the proposition carefully and then compare the sacrifice necessary with that of those who have fought and died that you might have this paper to read. Then ask yourself if you can afford NOT to make the sacrifice.

All it requires is the little extra time and trouble it will take to fill out the blank below, to consult our advertisements and to make your regular purchases.

Come, attend to this NOW. Fill out the blank and return with optional membership fee of ten cents.

THE DAILY SOCIALIST PURCHASERS' LEAGUE. 160 Washington Street.

I hereby pledge myself and family to purchase from merchants advertising in the Chicago Daily Socialist goods in the following lines, and to approximately the following amounts, provided such stores are satisfactory to me:

Clothing—\$..... per month, or \$..... per year. Hats—\$..... per month, or \$..... per year. Shoes—\$..... per month, or \$..... per year. Men's Furnishings—\$..... per month, or \$..... per year. Furniture—\$..... per month, or \$..... per year. Groceries—\$..... per month. Meats—\$..... per month. Cigars and Tobacco—\$..... per month. Total—\$..... per month.

Early purchase (any line)—\$..... Signed (write plainly)..... Full name..... Address.....

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. Do you inclose Initiation Fee (10 cents)?..... Socialist Party member?..... Of what ward branch or local?..... What merchant do you prefer?..... Are you willing to have your name published in the Daily?.....

Remarks..... Order New CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST, 160 Wash. St. Chicago.

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Empire Leather Couch \$19.85

NO CASH PAYMENT DOWN



50c Weekly

4% Improvement @ Refunding Bonds.

Amount \$50,000.

--Payable, Dec. 1st, 1912--Interest Payable Annually.

The Workers' Publishing Society, publishers of the DAILY SOCIALIST, are about to issue \$50,000 of 4 per cent improvement and refunding bonds.

The proceeds of these bonds are to be used for the purpose of enlarging and improving the Daily Socialist and for paying off the present mortgage indebtedness of the Publishing Society, it being expressly provided by the Trust Deed through which the bonds are to be secured that at all times an amount of bonds at least equal in amount to the outstanding indebtedness secured by prior mortgages shall be reserved exclusively for the redemption of such indebtedness.

The bonds will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$50, \$25 and \$10. It is hoped that as many as possible will purchase bonds of the larger denominations in order that the minor bonds may be left for purchase by those who cannot afford to purchase the large bonds.

The undersigned Board of Directors, recently elected, wish to impress upon those interested in the welfare of the Daily Socialist that a united action resulting in the quick disposal of the whole issue of bonds will be much more effective as an assistance to the Daily Socialist than slow action. By the supply of a few thousand dollars at a time little more can be accomplished than a slow and gradual improvement, at considerable loss. By quick action and an immediate supply of ample funds it will be possible not only to clear off all debts, except current accounts, but to make the paper so attractive and to increase the circulation to such an extent that the monthly deficit will be wiped out, and that profitable progress thenceforward may reasonably be expected.

It should be understood by those who have saved money that by investing a portion of it in Daily Socialist bonds they will NOT put the money beyond their own reach for four years. These bonds are made payable to bearer and can be as readily transferred as money itself, and the management of the Daily Socialist will make it its business to assist those who at any time may desire to sell their bonds in finding a purchaser, by advertising without charge, and by personal efforts.

Now, Comrades, we will not tell you that these bonds are as safe, commercially speaking, as United States bonds or good first mortgages on real estate. But we believe that they offer a REASONABLY SAFE INVESTMENT to put a part of your savings into.

If you will do this, and do it quickly, your money will not only be safer than in many a bank—safer than in many a home bought on the installment plan—safer than in most any small business you might go into—safer than in most any mine or stock venture, but we know, and YOU KNOW, that it will help the cause that is as dear to you as perhaps life itself; that it will help to make life richer, purer and sweeter; that it will help to secure to the Socialist movement of America that which it has been lacking—a really powerful daily paper.

In view of this cause, in view of the demonstrated loyalty of the constituency of this paper, in view of the fact that we can count on the continued support of at least 30,000 determined men and women, an asset more valuable than goods and chattels, a living force greater than many a large financial or commercial institution can count on, with a constantly increasing margin of safety and later on of profit, as the number of subscribers and advertisers increases—in view of all this we feel abundantly justified in recommending to you the investment of a reasonable part of your savings in these bonds, and we promise you that we shall do the best our limited powers will allow, not only to make it pay, but to make it count in the struggle for righteousness and justice, for better manhood, womanhood and childhood, for life, and for life more abundant.

Comrades, we count on you! Act now!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WORKERS' PUBLISHING SOCIETY. J. O. BENTALL, A. M. SIMONS, CARL STROVER, S. A. KNOPFNGEIL, CORINNE BROWN, GEORGE KOOP, B. BERLYN.

TWO BOOKS YOU SHOULD READ

THE SPY The Story of the Superfluous Man By Maxim Gorky. Postpaid, \$1.50

His greatest novel, powerful, realistic, sensational. An exposure of the secret police methods in Russia; a vivid picture of the revolution and its heroic men and women; a marvelous psychological study.

THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF MODERN SOCIALISM By John Spargo. Postpaid, 55c.

Author of "The Bitter Cry of the Children," etc. Socialism from a new viewpoint; a book that will be much discussed. No student of social evolution can afford to miss it.

Order New CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST, 160 Wash. St. Chicago.

TERRIBLE TURK BESTS AMERICUS

Throws Him in Two Straight Falls; \$10,000 Bount Is Involved

Yuseff Mahmoud, the terrible Turk, defeated Gus Schonnlein, known as Americus, last night in two straight falls at the new Seventh Regiment armory.

Second Fall Quick as Flash

The second fall was a flash in the pan, as Mahmoud grappled Americus with a grapevine hold and pushed him to the mat in less than two minutes.

Americus in Bad Trap

Mahmoud got Americus in a bad trap, after twenty-five minutes' work, with a combined head and hammer lock hold.

\$10,000 Bount Offered Conditionally

When the men entered the ring for the second bout, Dick Fleming, an agent, announced that arrangements had been completed with Frank Gotch for a match with Yuseff Mahmoud.

Club Management is Censured

Copies of the national baseball commission's decision in the world's series ticket scalping case were received last night at American League headquarters.

Shot in Self Defense

Lumsden would say only that he had shot in self defense. He lives at 213 West Fifty-seventh street, this city.

TO MOVE MILLIONS THROUGH THE STREETS OF NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 21.—Cash and securities totaling half a billion dollars will move through the streets of New York and Brooklyn, respectively today and tomorrow.

'PACKEY' MAKES INFANCY PLEA

Patrick McFarland, 1335 Grove avenue, a candidate for the lightweight championship, entered a plea of infancy in Municipal Judge Crowe's court yesterday in a case in which he is being sued for \$7,500 by the Twentieth Century Press Clipping Bureau.

TEST FIGHT ON RACING BEGINS

Johnny Coulton is to have a workout in Kansas City, New Year's day, when he meets Mike Orrison at 108 pounds. The boys are scheduled for ten rounds and they are to weigh in at 10 pounds the morning of the fight.

SHOE OPERATORS FIGHT FOR UNION

Daily Meetings Held to Increase Membership and Plan for the Strike

The present strike of shoe workers at the factory of Sels, Schwab & Co., it is declared by officials of the Industrial Workers of the World, is the beginning of a campaign to thoroughly organize the 3,000 shoe workers in the city.

FUNCH KILLS YOUNG BOXER

Crowd Flees from Fatal Boxing Match in Philadelphia Ring Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—In one of the tryout boxing bouts for the amateur championship of Pennsylvania, Michael Haney, 19 years old, sank to his face on the Broadway Athletic club yesterday afternoon after receiving a hard punch to the jaw, and died shortly after in a hospital.

INVENTOR DANGEROUSLY HURTS MAN WHO OWED MONEY FOR A PATENT

New York, Dec. 21.—Henry B. Snydam, a mining stock broker, member of the curb stock market and an alderman of Plainfield, N. J., was shot and dangerously wounded in his office, at 23 Broad street, today, by John C. Lumsden, an inventor, who charged that Snydam refused to pay him money for an invention.

PROTEST AGAINST SMOKE LAW

Locomotive firemen and their superior officers met at 145 Randolph street last night to protest against the city smoke ordinance. The firemen object to being punished for the violations, and the officials insist on the necessity of having to punish them.

THE "STYLUS INK PENCIL"

Dr. Percy Clark handed in one paid subscriber every day last week. He has got next to a thousand; he just goes after them.

GET NINE-HOUR DAY IN MINES

London, Dec. 19.—The bill for an eight-hour day in coal mines, which in process of amendment became a nine-hour day for a day of nine hours, was adopted by the house of lords this morning.

ALLEGED INDIANA EMBEZZLER PROSPERS UNDER FALS NAME

Princeton, Ind., Dec. 21.—Henry E. Agar, who disappeared on January 22, 1902, and is alleged to be an embezzler and forger to the extent of \$125,000, has been living a respectable life in Princeton for nearly a year.

RAYNER FOUND IS NAMED FOR 'QUALITY' AT LAST

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 21.—The jury in the Sangamon Circuit court today returned a verdict of guilty of larceny in the case of Abraham Rayner, charged with burglary at the residence of Major Otis Duncaun, Eighth infantry, Illinois national guard, colored, during the riot the night of Aug. 14, and with larceny of Major Duncaun's sword.

DISAPPOINTED IN LOVE, SHE DRESSES AS MAN 50 YEARS

Manhattan, Mont., Dec. 21.—"Sammy" Williams, the woman who masqueraded as a man for nearly half a century in different parts of the west, her secret being discovered only after she was dead, was disappointed in love as a girl and for that reason left her home and donned man's attire.

THE HUSTLERS' COLUMN BY A. W. MANCE.

COMRADES, YOU MUST!

Comrades, you must take up those bonds. There is no other way to keep the six-page paper going for the present. If you will get that \$5,000 in here at once, then we can devote all our energy to getting subscriptions and improving the paper.

OH! FOR SIX HUNDRED!

Enl Kuhn, Cincinnati, O., writes: "Comrade, I have read your plan to finance the Daily. I have found my place and will send you \$1.00 each week from now until the election day in 1912."

HE GOT HERE

A well-known comrade walked up to the Hustler editor's desk Friday and said: "What the — are you sending my wife, Mance?"

THE MEMBERS AND ATTENDANTS AT THE MEETING OF THE Y. P. S. L. LAST SUNDAY

The members and attendants at the meeting of the Y. P. S. L. last Sunday night promised to each get one subscriber a week for four weeks. They are beginning to come in. Now, Y. P. S. L. go after them and show the older heads how to do the trick.

HUSTLERS' BULLETIN BOARD

Fred Freeman, the genial host of Ravenswood Park, Kanokoe county, was a visitor at the Daily's office Thursday.

NEW THOUGHT (SUNDAY) CONVENT SOCIETY

New Thought (Sunday) Convent Society, Theatre Building, 77 East Thirty-third street, meets every Sunday, Dr. W. H. Weston, lecturer. Free admission. Free will contribution. Free will offering.

STATE GIVES UP A MURDERER

Lawrence, Mo., Dec. 21.—Gov. Hanson has honored the requisition of Gov. Johnson of Tennessee for the return of Joseph S. Black to 1907.

WOMAN UNDER SOCIALISM

Measure - Power Gives Him Absolute Power; Has the Governor's Approval

To make Superintendent Cooley absolute czar over Chicago schools and break up all organizations tended to be for the protection of the teachers, it is said, is the intent of those who have drafted a bill to be presented to the next session of the general assembly.

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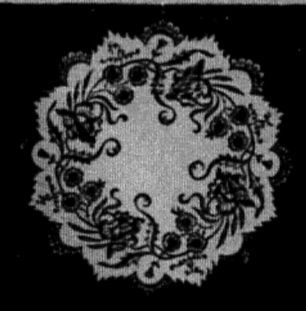
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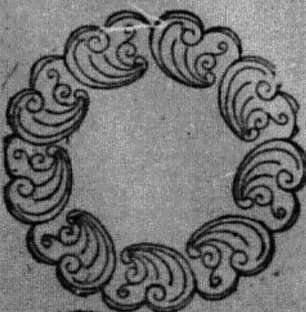
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I Call Upon You

BY JOSEPH A. LABADIE. I call upon you to come out of your mockery, To cease hiding in the sickly shadows of a false life.

I call upon you to come out of your falsehoods, To cease lying to yourself and trying to believe and to make others believe you are truthful.

FEED THE CHILDREN

Newspapers and charitable institutions in all our large cities agree that there are hundreds and thousands of children who go to school unfed or ill-fed, to say nothing of those babies not included in the school census, and yet there seems to be a remarkable impotency in dealing with the question.

Where shall we get it? Wherever it happens to be. How shall we pay for it? Never mind. We'll settle that later. We have all winter for that.

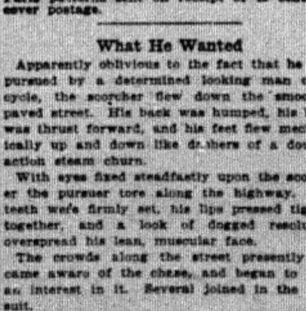
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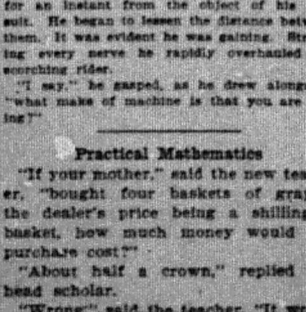
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THE ALAMEDA CITIZEN

Over the bay from San Francisco lies the city of Alameda. It is one of the bedrooms of the metropolis of the Pacific, where an army of San Francisco toilers of the clerk class go from their daily work for refreshment and sleep.

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SANTA CLAUS

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Advertisement for Business Directory listing various services like lawyers, doctors, and stationery.

Out-of-Town Business Directory

Advertisement for Out-of-Town Business Directory listing services in other cities.

Do You Want Socialism?

Advertisement for 'The New Ethics' book by J. Howard Moore, published by Chicago Daily Socialist.

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Where Are the Old Friends?

Several times since the Daily Socialist started we have been inclined to complain of indifference by Chicago Socialists in the matter of pushing the circulation. To be sure, there were exceptional difficulties in the road, some of which were almost staggering, and, after all, the great bulk of the money for the paper has come from Chicago.

On the calls for subscribers, however, it has been the outside friends who have responded most readily. They have sometimes complained that they were doing most of the work. If so, they received most of the glory and the benefit.

But today, for the first time since the start of the paper, the Chicago Socialists are responding with greater vigor than those outside. This is fine. It is what we have been looking for since the paper started. It ultimately means a profitable paper. But just now it means an added expense rather than an income.

Nearly all Socialist papers are losing in circulation just now. This is natural at this time of the year, and is easily explained by the interest in the holiday preparations.

BUT EXPLANATIONS WILL NOT KEEP A PAPER GOING.

There must be a quick increase in receipts or the Daily Socialist will be confronted with one of the worst crises in its history. The impression seems to have become general that the paper is now firmly established and no further efforts are needed. THIS IS BY NO MEANS TRUE.

While the deficit to-day is smaller than a year ago with a four-page paper, because of economies which make the expenses actually less for the enlarged and improved paper, yet that deficit WILL KILL THE PAPER IF IT IS NOT MET JUST AS SURELY AS THE LARGER ONE.

There would be no deficit today if the OLD GUARD OF WORKERS WERE SENDING IN THEIR USUAL NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS.

There is not a single one of these old workers who would not be doing this if they REALIZED WHAT THEIR NEGLECT MEANS.

We know it is a hard time to ask for extra assistance. But in making up the list of Christmas presents just include the child of your efforts, the hope of your future and the future of your children, the defender of your interests—YOUR PAPER. If all do this Christmas, the Daily Socialist staff will be transformed for a time from desperate worry to one of rejoicing.

WILL YOU BE ONE TO DO THIS?

Reputable Witnesses

The only objection that has been offered to the testimony produced by the Daily Socialist concerning the Corn Products company has been that the witnesses are "bums." It is said that they are residents of the cheap lodging houses and frequenters of free lunches.

This terrible charge must be admitted. It must be granted that very few of those who shared the magnificent bounty of the Argo institution, with all its benevolent features as described by the Daily News, had the good taste to reside at the Auditorium or to take lunch at Rector's. It showed bad taste on their part, perhaps, but most of them confined their lodgings to "nickel flops" and their meals to free lunches. Because of that fact, we are told, their testimony must be disregarded.

Such a claim could be dismissed with the sneer that it deserves were it not so frequently offered in one form or another and especially were there not a tendency on the part of a large portion of the public, and even of some juries, to accept this point of view.

Moreover, this attitude is old enough to have a certain historic value. For ages it has been the custom of the ruling class to revise the maxim about "giving a dog a bad name and then killing" to read, "exploit a man unto death and then give him a bad name to excuse the exploitation." The defenders of the "divine right of kings" always claimed that the people were incompetent to rule themselves. The defenders of capitalism always allege that the workers are dissolute and debased.

We are now told that the miserable victims of the slave pen at Argo are not to be believed because of the poverty which resulted from their exploitation in that plant.

We are told that these witnesses are less reliable than those who enticed them to their fate with lying promises and kept them there by force and deceit. We are told men drunk with champagne are to be believed while those who imbibe beer are unreliable.

We are asked to believe that those who rose to affluence in the MANUFACTURE OF ADULTERANTS through the lying, deceit and treachery which brings success in a competitive world are rather to be believed than those who remained in poverty because they produced wealth.

Nearly a Catastrophe

Angela invited her young man to the evening meal. Everything passed off harmoniously until Angela's seven-year-old brother broke the blissful silence by exclaiming: "Oh, ma, your daughter sees Mr. Lighted the other night when he called to take Angela to the dance. He looked so nice, like a little angel, he had his arms—"

Absolutely Indispensable

"I'm the president of the Progressive Women's League," said the spare female with sharp features, as she grabbed the bus conductor by the sleeve and made him register over again one of the fares he had just collected. "I can't help that, madam," replied the conductor in a rather short tone. "Nobody asked you to," she went on. "I'm gathering statistics, and I spent two pence just to get on this bus to interview you. The statement has been made in some of the newspapers, in an attempt to prove that our sex is incapable of handling the reins of government, that one woman gives more trouble in a public conveyance than a dozen men."

X-RAYS

BY JOHN M. WORK

Now that the industrial conditions are ripe for Socialism, it has been noticed everywhere that other things being equal, the results at election time are almost in exact proportion to the amount of efficient effort put forth by the party membership. There are lots of good ways of making Socialists. The systematic house to house distribution of literature is one of the best methods of propaganda yet devised. In places where these distributions have been made regularly it has been discovered that the people get so they look for it. They get so they miss it when for any reason it does not come. The results on election day show its good work. It also makes it easier to get subscribers for Socialist papers. And let me tell you that the day when we Socialists carry the United States will be the day when there is a Socialist paper going into a goodly majority of the alleged homes in the United States. These literature distributions should be made at regular intervals. The city or town should be districted and each

district assigned to a comrade, to be covered by him or her with letter carrier precision at each distribution. A single distribution will do some good, but not much. It is the follow-up system that counts. Every successful advertiser will tell you that it is persistent advertising that brings results. The same idea applies here. The distributions should be made at regular intervals. Then they will reach the spot. At each distribution the literature should be placed in every house or apartment in town. Don't toss it upon the lawn. That would be a waste of time, money and effort. Put it in the mail box, or behind the screen, or under the door, or in any place where it will be sure to be found and where the wind will not carry it away. The literature should be carefully selected. It may consist of papers, leaflets or pamphlets. These can be secured in large quantities at very low rates. When there is a local occurrence on which a good Socialist broadside can be written, it should be utilized if possible, either in leaflet form

or as an article in a Socialist paper, and the leaflet or paper used for the next distribution. Give them something that will take hold. Give them something that will speak in. Give them something that will whet their appetites and cause them to want to make a more extended investigation of the subject. Each piece of literature should, in addition to the other matter, have stamped upon it a notice of the time and place of the regular meetings of the local or branch. If possible it should also contain an advertisement of Socialist papers and books, with addresses and prices. When leaflets are locally prepared it is also a good idea to include a list of the Socialist books in the public library, if the place sports such an institution, together with the numbers by which they are designated. It would be difficult to overestimate the importance of these distributions. They accomplish two very desirable results. They make new Socialists. They put old Socialists to work.

THE COMING OF THE SHIP

BY E. JEROME BEYER

I am the American Spirit. I stand on Plymouth Rock and I look eastward over seas, and, lo! I see a ship, a new-old ship, and upon the ship is set a standard, And I know the ship for the new-old ship of tyranny. And I know the standard for the standard of blood; And above the new-old ship fly black shapes with crowned heads, And over the gunwales of the new-old ship hang chains, And the chains are not rusted, for upon them are clots of human flesh and fresh patches of human skin; And the chains drip blood. And the Great Fear comes to me, for I know the chains are for me. When first I looked it was most at the Standard. And the bloody Standard mocked me and laughed an evil leering laugh. And the double-headed black eagles on the standard flapped their blood-soiled wings and they whetted their claws. And the Standard cried, and the eagles with the blood-soiled wings screamed: AT LAST! AT LAST! And the black-crowned shapes above laughed as the fiends laugh when they flay the damned. And the black-crowned shapes mocked the four free winds of the heavens and shouted: AT LAST! AT LAST! And a double-headed black eagle with blood-soiled wings shook his claw, and as red drops fell from it I said to myself, "Poland." And the other eagle shook his claw, and I saw the heart's blood of Kosciusko fall into the sea; And the Standard laughed and flapped his folds, and I saw that it was Hungary's life-blood. And a sea-ghost came up from beneath the sea and called to the four free winds the crowned heads had mocked; And the sea-ghost shouted, "What aileth the free winds that they do not hasten! For freedom's blood is strangling the free seas." And I heard the four free winds whispering, "Hasten seaward, brother," said the southwind. "Seek out the ghost of the Mayflower. I go for the Huguenots to the South." And the westwind, the hope-wind of the oppressed, spoke to his brother: "Whisper it in the Place de La Concorde. Rouse Danton from the headless dead and Father Murphy from beneath the green sod. Whisper it in the ear of Garibaldi on the Janiculum. Tell Emmet they are coming. Shake the soul of France and make the Fatherland remember '48." And when I heard the whispering of the four free winds I was content. For the dead were coming and they are more powerful than the living. And the four free winds of the heavens fly searchingly when the battle is on. But as I sighed relief a double-headed black eagle opened his wing, and under the pinions I saw a word; And my heart sank, for that word is written on my heart, And the word was France. And the bloody standard flapped its folds and croaked America at last; and once and for all time France. And I was sore afraid, and I wept. But, lo! a ghost rose from the sea between the new-old ship and the bloody standard and the double-headed black eagles and the black-crowned shapes which flew above. And I saw that it was a ship, a ship of olden days, and I made out her name, "Mayflower." And I felt an icy breath upon my cheek as the northwind whistled and roared to the new-old ship, "Pass that if you dare!" And me seemed there was a drooping of the bloody standard. And the free southwind whispered softly in my ear as a new shape arose between me and the new-old ship and the standard. And the shape was the shape of a man of the seas, an admiral; And the shape loomed large between the rock and the ship and shouted with a great voice: "I am that Coligny who died overseas for liberty. I sent men to these shores to be free. Pass me, if you dare!" And I saw that the black-crowned heads above the new-old ship turned inward, whispering. And again a sea-ghost rose by Plymouth Rock and called out to me: "Do you hear it, the patter of the rain upon the manes of the white sea stallions!" "He is coming, the Eastwind, and with him those who died that the seas and the winds and the earth might be free." And beside the ghost of the ship and the ghost of the man of ships I saw strange shapes dropping from the wings of the Eastwind. It was the dead coming to the battle. And one stood forth in stole and cassock, with a wound as of a cannon ball in his breast. And I knew him for Michael Murphy, who fell for liberty before Arklow town. "By the wounds in this breast, I conjure back to hell the black shapes of hell and the bloody servants of hell on earth!" And the black-crowned heads withdrew into the blackness of the sea-night as devils flee when a saint commands. And beside the priest, dim and gray and big, rose the hater of priests. And me seemed that Danton clasped hands with the priest as he hurled defiance at the new-old ship as he had hurled defiance at death. And a new shape was young and leaped upon a mighty sword. And I knew him for that Koerner who sang and died for the Fatherland. And there came one looking as a lion of the people. And I knew him for Garibaldi, as he shouted, "Liberta o Morte!" And one was a youth in green, a noble youth of high countenance. And he cried, "Judges could not destroy my character. You shall not destroy a nation's character." And Emmet stood between the bloody standard, the double-headed black eagles and the new-old ship and the rock. And there was a sound as of wings in the heavy air about the rock as the million unknown dead who had died for liberty over seas gathered between the ship and the rock; And all the ghosts cried aloud to the ship and to the standard: "Pass us if you dare." And I bethought the Hope-wind, my mind, and I called to him, "Why tarriest thou?" And the Eastwind shouted, "I am come, brother. Bring thy dead." And soft from the gentle hills and mountains that nestle in my breast he came; And he whispered to me, "I have a multitude. I have the dead of the glorious years ere the sordidness came; And they are led by three." And the three took shape beside Danton and the priest. And one was in buff and blue, and he had the air of a warrior; And one carried a roll in his hand; And one was long and lean, with sunken face and eyes that burned. And my heart yearned to them, for I knew my children as they led my million dead to the rescue. I knew by the gleams of the glorious days ere the sordidness came, ere my later sons ate out their heart's blood in greed; I knew them for Washington, for Jefferson, for Lincoln; And I cried aloud in my might to the dread standard and to the double-headed black eagles and to the new-old ship: "Pass those, if you dare!" Come hither to me, O ye living; come hither to help me and my dead. Come, and come quickly, O ye living who have not forgotten the glorious days, ere the sordidness came. Come to me here by the rock, O ye living who are my true sons. Come, my true sons, and come quickly, for the new-old ship is very near, and the Great Fear is upon me.

THE BREAD LINE BUMS

BY ROBERT HUNTER

United States Commissioner of Immigration Terence V. Powderly recently gave to the press his observations on the bread line. "I make it a practice whenever in New York city," he says, "to take my place in the bread line and converse with the unfortunates I find there. In the main he is a bum, slovenly, indolent, shiftless and ambitious. Such men should not be fed by charity. Let them feed themselves on a farm provided by the state. Not only should he be taught how to work, but how to breathe, sleep, eat and drink." Perhaps you do not know who Powderly is. Well, Powderly was once a very important man. As grand master workman of the Knights of Labor he was for many years the foremost man in the labor movement. In the early days of that great labor organization, which promised to be one of the big influences in American life, Powderly was a power. He is a man of talent, of capacity and of ability, and his experience in the labor movement ought to have taught him what bums are made of. I wonder if Terence were out of a job in that great heartless city of New York, hanging around day after day on park benches and sleeping over the warm gratings of office buildings, hungry, ragged and forlorn. I wonder if even Terence would not be indolent, shiftless and ambitious. And I wonder if he were such a one and had the memory of wife and children in some other town whom he had left hopeless, starving and in despair because work was not to be found there, and I wonder if now in this ter-

rible city there was no chance of his ever getting on his feet again, or of returning to his home to take his wife and children into his arms again, if that would be likely to make him indolent and shiftless and ambitious. Terence ought to know that in this recent panic several million workers have been unemployed. Hundreds of thousands of them—good, clean, capable workmen—have left their families and started on the tramp to look for work. Hundreds of thousands of these good workmen are now bums, slovenly, indolent, shiftless and ambitious. Some of them have drunk themselves into insensibility, trying to forget themselves and their dear ones. Others have shot themselves. But some of them have just gone down, down, down, become more weakened and worthless and shiftless, until now their only interest in the long, long day is that place of bread which they get at 12 o'clock at night in the bread line. Many of them would be too indolent even to visit the bread line if they had a place to sleep on these cold, wintry nights; but the police won't even permit them to cast their weary bones on a bench or grating until after midnight. I'd like to see a state farm provided for these poor wretches. That would be infinitely better than the treatment now accorded them. I think even one of the "Russians" forced vagrant colonies or convict camps of the south might be more merciful. But don't talk, Terence, of teaching these men how to work. Nine-tenths of them knew once how to work, how to do a day's work which would have broken your very respectable back.

And they don't need to be taught how to sleep. I think some of them who walk the streets weak in and weak out might, if they had a bed, sleep for a solid month. They are tired all through—ages tired, every fiber in them tired, wearied, worn and sick. Great God! how they could sleep if bed were only theirs. And eat, Terence? They're hungry, hungry day in and day out, hungry with the hunger of the famished. And how they could eat if there were only things to eat! But even to sleep and to eat, a man must have heart, and for these poor bums there is never again to be anything that will give them that. They have been beaten, broken, crushed. They are alone, lonely beyond all loneliness. All they cared for, all they worked for, all they lived for has gone from them; and slovenly, indolently, shiftlessly, they shuffle through the remnant of their miserable existence. These men, these bread line bums, are those whom civilization has crucified. Perhaps, Terence, you remember the words of Lowell, in which he tells of Christ coming back to the earth, and He looked about to find his own. He couldn't find them among the rich. He couldn't find them in the palaces, in the churches, in the counting houses or in the employ of the government, and finally "He sought out an artisan, A low-browed, stunted, haggard man, And a motherless girl, whose fingers this Pushed from her faintly want and sin. These set He in the midst of them, And as they drew back their garment hem, For fear of defilement, 'Lo, here,' said He, 'The images ye have made of me!'

EXTRADITION

TO RUDOWITZ, POUREN AND JURAW.

BY GEORGE E. BOWEN

"Be it ever so Russian, there's no place like home."—Nicholas. When Freedom flung her banners far Across the western sky, First said: "No other thing shall mar Their splendor, heaven-high. Secure their joy from venomous breath Of tyranny afield; Secure from foul assassin death, Of Hessian hate revealed. But Freedom's simple heart was blind To an "enlightened" fate, Knew not the joy of bonds to bind About a crippled state. She was but honey, brave and fair, With all the faith of youth; And so she set her standard there To guard her precious truth. The Dollar is a deadly drug. Of potency perverse; Old Satan stops to sadly shrug Before its ancient curse. Yet here beneath the western sky The Dollar seeds, far sown, Brought forth, and Freedom to deny, Strength greater than her own. Until its distillations sweet, In many and subtle ways, Had purchased Freedom's full receipt— And volumes of her praise, Until the much befuddled pride Her independence knew Outstretched weak arms, that they be tied Before the whole world's view.

White not a guardian of her pride, With plea or protest came, To have the tyrant thongs united And buried with their shame. While for her truth no loyal voice In judgment freely spoke, While for a cruel Cossack's choice Her virtue seemed a joke. Betrayed, bedraggled, bruised and bound Within her own estate, Thus, shamefully has Freedom found A long invited fate— The fate of confidence and trust. When wolves are called to feed, When vigilance succumbs to rust, When manhood fears to breed. When dollars drive the sons of toil, When dollars hold high court, While courts of "honor" swiftly spoil As pawns of royal sport, When men are but machines of trade, When woman's flesh is sold; When public conscience is afraid And madness cries for "gold!" Siberia is not so bad, At least it is sincere, And fogs you with a flendish gad While all its Cossacks cheer. America—Annexed, alas, Deceives you while you pray, "Were better for your souls to pass The shorter Russian way."

PRETTY TOUGH ON ST. PAUL

A man, evidently of an economical turn of mind, appeared at a ticket office in St. Paul and asked for two tickets to a small city in Minnesota. He wanted one ticket for himself and another for a corpse. The agent was pulling two first-class tickets from the rack, when the visitor asked: "Aren't there any cheap rates to St. Cloud now?" "Yes, there are excursion tickets, but what use can you make of an excursion ticket for a corpse?" queried the ticket man in surprise. "Oh, that's all right," was the assurance. "I'm going to take the corpse on an excursion. It's here, and I propose to bury it here, but my friend had lots of friends in St. Cloud, you see, and it would cost a pile of money for them all to come down here and see the body. My idea is to take the corpse to St. Cloud, hold the services there, and bring the body back to St. Paul for interment." This was actually done.

PLAYING WEDDING

A little girl with two little boy companions had just finished making a mud pie when one of them suggested that they play wedding. "All right!" cried the girl. "Edmund, you and I will be bride and bridegroom, and you, Harold, shall be the minister, and we'll pay you the mud pie for marrying us!" This being readily agreed to, the "minister" assumed a dignified attitude before the other two. "Man," said he in his most impressive tones, "do you take this woman as your lawful wife?" "I do!" came the firm answer. "And woman, do you take this man as your lawful husband?" "Ye-e-e!" giggled the bride. "Then, before I go any farther," demanded the bogus minister in the same impressive voice, "hand over that mud pie!" "I do!" came the firm answer. "I am well aware," cried Baron Nicholas Welabarowshedelwalski, "that you married me for my name, but you shall never get my estates!" "Well, Nickie, never mind it! I did," soothed the baroness. "I can subsist on the name alone for the rest of my natural life if I take it a monthful at a time."

Quite Content

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Too Late

Husband—When I am gone, and that will be soon, you must marry again. Wife—No, Edward, no one will marry an old woman like me. You ought to have died ten years ago for that—Aleksanderfiorer Bisnetter.

A Relief

"So, you're a butcher now?" "Yes," exclaimed the former dry goods clerk. "The lady don't try to match spare ribs or steak."—Kansas City Journal.

Very High

"Apples are very high this year. I notice," observed the small boy as he bunched up a longer pie.

SEEDLESS GRAPES

What's become of the "coreless" apple? Twenty years ago it was announced as a discovery or a development calculated to revolutionize the orchard industry. Of late we hear less about it. A little later the "thornless" black-berry appeared on the horizon. It certainly was thornless, but somehow it failed to drive the ferociously armed brambles of the berry gardens into the desert. It is still produced, but the older kinds are yet much more common. Now the "seedless" grape bids for favor. Such a fruit would surely "meet a long felt want." If the quality and flavor of the few thus far grown can be perpetuated and it proves remuneratively productive and capable of "standing up" for shipment there is a big future before it.—From Country Life in America. Fear of the Lord A group of aeronauts were telling balloon stories in the smoking room of a Chicago hotel. Capt. H. E. Honeywell, who with the "Fielding-Antonio" balloon was later to break all long-distance records, laughed and said: "The great Elyot made a balloon ascent from Charleston one hot summer afternoon. A thunder storm came up. Elyot, amid buckets of rain, the roar of thunder and the flash of lightning, was blown about like a thistle-down. On towards midnight he found himself over a plantation and threw out his anchor—a grapnel at the end of a long rope. "It happened that a negro had died in one of the butts of this plantation. The funeral was to take place in the morning. A dozen friends of the dead man sat in the soft summer night before the but, telling ghost stories. "Suddenly, in the darkness above them, they heard strange noises—a flapping, as of great wings, menacing cries. And they saw dimly a formless black shape. "All but one man ran. This one man, as he cowered on his stool, had the ill luck to be seized by the grapnel. "The grapnel, going to a great pace, whirled him up for four or five feet in the air and jerked him along at the rate of fifteen miles or so an hour. "Oh, massa, massa," he yelled, squirming and kicking in that strange fight. "I see, no de one! I see, no de one! Dick's in de house dah!" "In de house dah!"—Washington Star. Hard on the Bunny It was little Dora's first trip on the ocean, and the water kept on going so-so and slip-side, and leave-boat, and all sorts of uncomfortable, disagreeable things; so that little Dora began to get a little giddy, and dazed, and tired, and hazy. Grasping a large doll in her arms, she stood upon the deck by her mother's side. "Mamma!" she suddenly exclaimed, and her face turned to a delicate pale green. "Oh, darling! What's the matter?" "It's nothing, mamma! But I—I don't think the rabbit I had for dinner could have been quite—quite dead!"

TO THE EDITOR

What Shall Be Done With the "Free Lancers." One who is active in the party organization hears much about the "free lancer." It has become a term of reproach. It means a Socialist agitator who "buys in" and arranges his meetings regardless of the party officials. We must have a thorough organization and a systematic plan of propaganda. Therefore the "free lancer" must stop. But are we not moving a little too fast? Are we not insisting on all the great work being done through the party officials? We must have the organization through which they can work. The national executive committee lays aside the application of many good speakers and organizers because they have so many as to permit them to employ. The state committees do the same thing. Does it follow, then, that the one who gets in his agitation by this to be employed must either stop his work or bear the stigma of being a "free lancer?" Take a specific case: During the recent campaign the state executive of Indiana employed so many regular speakers as they could secure and used to give a list of the good speakers to the state so that they could make their dates being done. MAL E. STREIBLAND.