

CITY FEATHERS AT ANY PRICE

Out of Pittsburgh's Ninety Four Aldermen Only Six Are Found Spotless

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Out of this city's ninety-four aldermen there are only six who could not be bought at auction and bring prices ranging from a cheap suit of clothes to several thousand dollars, according to the testimony brought out in the trial of the five councilmen and two bankers, who were examined by Magistrate Brady yesterday, and held for criminal trial in jail from \$5,000 to \$30,000 each. A detective employed by the reform forces told the court how he had bored holes in the doors in the Fort Pitt hotel and had seen and overheard deals which went on in the adjoining room.

Councilmen Are Nervous

When the hearing was called in the police court yesterday morning all the alleged grafting councilmen were present, as well as former President W. W. Ramsey of the German National bank of Pittsburgh and former Cashier A. A. Vilsack of the same bank. An enterprising newspaper photographer took a flashlight photo of the "gang." The nervous councilmen clung to each other in terror.

Paid to Get City Deposit

Banker Ramsey and Vilsack were called first, and their hearts beat as short. Bank Examiner Herbert Nesbit told how he had found a suspicious looking notation in the books of the German National bank and had demanded an explanation. Vilsack admitted that \$17,500 had been paid to councilmen to get a city deposit. Klein was the councilman who had collected, Vilsack said.

Robbery Refuse to Renew Funds

Robert Wilson of Scranton, who did the heavy detective work and laid all the traps, took the stand and presented an array of facts and figures which made the accused councilmen turn pale and friends who still believe them innocent moan.

Regular Melodrama Is Enacted in Rivalry of Two Engraving Firms

Here is a story that illustrates how modern capitalism debases business men. A pretty stenographer, a revengeful ex-employee, and plenty of Lincoln J. Carter detectives figure in a story of "modern business intrigues" which led yesterday to the issuance of warrants against Adolph Jahn, president of the Jahn & Ollier Engraving company, and several of the sleuths.

PASS \$400,000 SPURIOUS NOTES

New York, Dec. 24.—A wholesale swindle in spurious foreign notes has been discovered here. By it, local bankers declare, spurious 1,000 franc notes of the National Bank of Belgium have been sold to the extent of \$400,000 to money brokers in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and many other cities.

WIFE FLEES WITH CHILDREN; HUSBAND BLAMES POVERTY

Search is being made for Mrs. Heckbert Burkert, who disappeared on Dec. 18 from her residence, 153 South Wood street, leaving a note to her husband telling him that she would never return. Mrs. Burkert was accompanied in her flight by her two daughters, Rose, 7 year old, and Grace, 5. Burkert thinks his wife probably has gone to Memphis, Tenn. Their former place of residence.

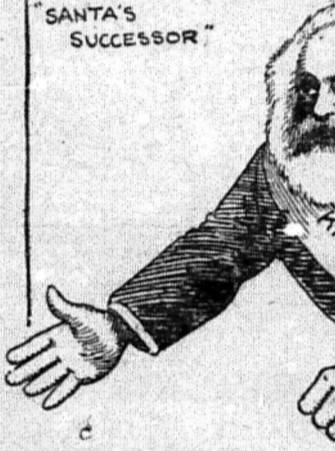
EXTRA! XMAS NEWS EXTRA!

SANTA CLAUS IS TO RESIGN

Patron Saint Will Give Up Job as Gift Distributor

NAMES SUCCESSOR

(SPECIAL BY WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.) Santa Claus Headquarters, North Pole, Dec. 24.—Before starting out on his worldwide tour Santa Claus, alias St. Nick, alias Kris Kringle, etc., to-



USE SLEUTHS IN WAR FOR RICHES

Magistrate Brady announced that he would hold the two former bankers for court and each renewed his \$5,000 bail. The cases of Councilmen Brand, Klein, Ferguson, Wasson, Atkinson, Stoffel and Melaney then were called.

Heroic Mysterious Character

Mystery was added to the story by the watch kept on the stenographer's identity, although in the official reports of her detective admirer she is said to figure as "Miss K." Naturally she proves the heroine of the story.

Man Unexplainable Solicitor

"He used to hang round my desk, writing down names and addresses, and also got all he could from the employees," said Wendt. "Then he would snoop around in the back room, and finally I asked him where he was snoop- ing. He could name only one firm, so I told him to go."

OLYMPIAS NEWS EXTRA!



night gave out a startling statement. He is going to resign his position. "I'm getting tired of my job," said Santa to your correspondent, "and I'm getting old. Besides some people don't believe I really exist, and when a fellow's getting along in years, like I am, and has to scoot out every year and deliver presents all over the world and get back before the milkman comes. It's no joke to have people say you are an old fake and non-existent."

"The worst part of it," continued Santa, "is that there's so many children nowadays I can't reach 'em all." "Yes, it is true," he answered in reply to a question, "that I do reach all the rich folks' children every Christmas, but then there's so few of them and so many poor children that I can't reach all of those whose parents have to work for a living." "This grieves me very much," continued the old man, "but it will not be forever this way. In a few more years I will step out of the position and let some one step in who is more competent and can reach all the children and grown-ups, too."

OUTLAW SHOT AND KILLED WHILE RESISTING ARREST

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Arden, W. Va., Dec. 24.—A local outlaw and all around tough, known as Deb Moore, was shot here by three officers and killed while resisting arrest in his own yard.

U. S. RECOGNIZES GOMEZ AS RULER

Long Standing Trouble Between America and Venezuela Seems Settled

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The United States has resumed diplomatic relations with Venezuela. William I. Buchanan has left on the cruiser North Carolina to investigate the situation, and should he report the new government capable to maintain peace and fulfill its treaty pledges Gomez will be recognized as the ruler by this country.

Will Withdraw Dutch Ships

The government of the Netherlands is America's forerunner in this action. The act of the Dutch authorities in ordering the cessation of the naval activities off the Venezuelan coast is practically an acknowledgment that Castro no longer has power and an expression of faith in Gomez's pledge of friendly foreign policies on the part of his government. This followed the suspension of the decree by Venezuela regarding the transshipment of merchandise from Curacao to Venezuelan ports. It is expected that the Dutch warships in Venezuela will be withdrawn.

PEONAGE CASE IS IN ABEYANCE

Grand Jury Probe Ends, but Result Will Not Be Known for Some Time

The federal grand jury probe into the charges of peonage brought against the Patten-Truitt Commissionary company and other responsible corporations and persons at Argo closed yesterday at 3:45 o'clock. The grand jury had heard evidence half a day Thursday, all day Friday, all day Monday and all day yesterday. It had heard about bail food and the restraining of men till they worked out a debt.

Married Men Testify

Two married men who had been victims of the peonage system were brought before the government attorneys, but were not taken before the grand jury. A guard named James C. Meara, who told the government agent that men had come to him and with tears in their eyes had asked him to let them out, was taken before the grand jury. He was held a few minutes.

Chamberlain Letter Read

The Daily Socialist is at liberty to state, however, that among other things which were discovered in the hunt for evidence was a letter over the signature of George E. Chamberlain, and on the stationery of the Corn Products Refining company. This letter stated that the men at work must eat on the premises.

Seventy Give Testimony

The share of these companies in the illegal act charged seems clear. The evidence presented to the jury was carefully culled from among seventy witnesses. It included only such points as were in the judgment of the government attorneys german to the case. There is something about the Lake Construction company which the Daily Socialist will publish at a later date.

Root Goes to Europe

Secretary Root was pleased yesterday when he announced it was President Gomez's wish to settle satisfactorily all international questions. He has felt all along that the situation in Venezuela would work itself out if the Venezuelans were left to themselves.

MASS MEETING FOR RUDOWITZ

Big Demonstration for Refugee at Colonial Theater Sunday Afternoon

A monster mass meeting for the defense of Christian Ansoff Rudowitz, to be held at the Colonial theater next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, has been arranged for by the citizens' committee acting in co-operation with the Political Refugee Defense league.

100 COMMUNITIES ORGANIZED

Rudowitz Petitions Received from Each by Central Committee The Political Refugee Defense league took great strides forward last night in the defense of Christian Ansoff Rudowitz and Jan Janoff Pouden.

GOMPERS IS SENT TO JAIL IN FEDERAL BOYCOTT CASE

Leader Gets 12 Months, Mitchell 9 and Morrison 6, for Contempt

"UNFAIR LIST" INVOLVED

Organized Labor and Socialists to Offer Solid Opposition to Outrage

UNFAIR!

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The famous contempt case of the Buck's Stove and Range company against President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor was decided today by Justice Wright of the Supreme court of the District of Columbia adversely to the federation officials.

Gompers was sentenced to twelve months in jail, Vice President Mitchell to nine months and Secretary Morrison to six months. "Unfair List" Is Cause

The case grew out of the alleged boycott of the Buck's company's products and the putting of that company on the unfair list, and the federation's alleged violation of Judge Gould's recent mandamus has attracted wide attention.

Prosecution of the case against the officials of the federation began in August, 1907. The original action was a test case, wherein it was sought to enjoin the labor unions from using the "unfair" and "We don't patronize" lists in their fight against firms and individuals.

Justice Gould of the Supreme court of the District of Columbia issued an injunction, which later was made permanent, forbidding the publication of the company's name in these lists. Gompers Defies Order

President Gompers in an editorial in the Federationist of January last made known his intention not to obey the court's order, contending that the injunction issued was in derogation of the rights of labor and an abuse of the injunction power of the courts.

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison subsequently were cited for contempt, and this phase of the case has been before the court for many months, the proceedings taking the form of a hearing of testimony before an examiner and many arguments.

The customers of the stove company, the court said, had been intimidated, browbeaten and coerced out of their business relations with their customers "by direct intimidation with and boycott of their (the customers') trade relations with their own customers and the public generally."

Are "Guilty of Crime"

The ultimate purpose of this defendant, the court said in this connection, was unlawful, their concerted project was against the law and, if added, they were guilty of crime.

DECISION WILL MAKE SOCIALISTS

This will be result of Gompers Case, Says Raymond Robins The decision means the death of organization propaganda for the labor unions if the United States Supreme court upholds it, is the belief of Raymond Robins. He blames Gompers.

A Challenge to Labor

When the Supreme court of the District of Columbia sentenced Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell to jail for daring to inform their fellow workers of the names of their enemies it sounded a challenge to labor that cannot and will not be ignored.

If that decision is allowed to stand and these men undergo imprisonment without the united support and protest of the entire working class of America, then organized labor is outlawed and discredited in the United States.

This attack upon the right of organization is but another step in the general movement against free speech, free press, the right of assemblage, trial by jury and the right of asylum that is now being made by the ruling class of this country. Capitalism has become desperate, and, ceasing to progress, is taking refuge in reaction.

This reactionary movement can be met and defeated only by a united working class. United, militant labor can and will turn this attack into a victory for organized labor.

Organized labor must do this or become outlawed and helpless. There is one certain way to stop this attack. "You cannot indict an entire nation," said Burke.

Neither can you put an entire working class in jail. Let every union publication, every organ of labor, every paper that claims to have the interest of the workers at heart, publish the fact—the plain, simple fact—that the Buck's Stove and Range company of St. Louis refuses to employ union men.

Let great mass meetings be held in every city and town in the United States at which the name of this firm and of the other firms that are standing at the forefront of this war upon the union movement shall be made known as widely as possible.

Let every union prepare thousands of stickers that shall place this same information on every dead wall until the very stones shall cry out the message of solidarity.

The boycott is an American institution. To it more than to the force of arms was due the success of the American revolution. Our histories boast of this fact today. The histories of the future will boast of the fact that the same weapon was used today to win the emancipation of labor.

Let the workers accept the challenge that has been hurled at them and let them hurl that challenge back in the face of those who sent it.

LABOR LEADERS ON VERDICT

Consensus of Opinion Is That Unions Will Continue to Fight The news of the Washington decision against President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and Vice-President Mitchell took the Chicago leaders in organized labor circles unawares, but none of them seemed surprised that such a verdict should have been rendered.

It is too early to forecast the action that will be taken locally, but it is the hearty expression of all that organized labor stands exactly as it always did. Whether or not there will be protest meetings held at an early date no one would venture to say.

Nothing but Judge-Made Laws

"What else could you expect?" asked Secretary Nockels of the Chicago Federation of Labor, when told what the verdict was. "There is nothing in this country for the working man except judge-made laws. It's no surprise to me. It is too early for me to talk further on the matter."

Editor George Hodge of the Union

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NO SNOW FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

The "black Christmas," forerunner of the fat graveyard, according to the backward prophets who believe in signs, is upon us. The weather man declares that there is no snow in sight. There is not even a hint of cold weather to make the traditional Christmas. It will very nearly resemble a Christmas in New Orleans, rather than the usual Chicago holiday, according to the forecast of the weather man.

LEWIS' LECTURE AT THE GARRICK

DOORS OPEN 10:15; MEETING 10:45--108 EAST RANDOLPH STREET

It is all very well to say "I believe in Evolution," but suppose somebody asks you, what is evolution and can you prove it? Think a moment; would you be able to give reasons for the faith that is in you? At the Garrick next Sunday morning you will have a chance to make a solid addition to your intellectual equipment. Miss Ruby Malloy will give a recitation.

"The Workers' University" has for its object the spread of the most valuable knowledge that has been accumulated in the course of the centuries among men and women who have had no chance to attend University lectures. Again, all questions, whether they be of science, history or philosophy, are approached and dealt with from the point of view of the class which is exploited and who have had the great gates of the temple of science closed in their faces.

EVIDENCES OF EVOLUTION; A STUDY IN BIOLOGY

The Battle Royal

Last Sunday's debate is universally voted the finest clash of arms that has been witnessed in Chicago. The old, musty objections to Socialism were not in evidence, and Barnard made as clever a set of arguments as could be produced. His wide knowledge of Socialist as well as scientific and philosophical literature was always in evidence, and had he been contending with an unskillful opponent he would have wrought great havoc.

This debate will be published by Kerr & Co. in a 50-cent cloth-bound book and will at once take its place as a permanent contribution to the literature of Socialism. It will be uniform in size, style and price with "Evolution, Social and Organic," and "Ten Blind Leaders of the Blind," by the Garrick lecturer, and, like them, will be on sale at the theater as soon as it is ready.

The Garrick Ball

Don't make any other engagement for the afternoon and evening of the first Sunday in February (February 7), as you will want to attend the Garrick Concert and Ball. It will be in the Drill Hall, Masonic Temple, from 2 in the afternoon until midnight. Don't forget now; keep that date free for this great event.



ARTHUR M. LEWIS, 3312 Wabash Ave.

Lewis' Health

Dear Comrades: The shoals of letters which are coming to me through the mails show how great is the army of friends I have made through the Garrick lectures. I cannot, of course, reply to them all at present, but they are carefully filed away and when I am able you will hear from me. Many of these letters, besides asking after my health, discuss the change of policy on the Garrick platform with regard to religion. I shall talk this matter over with the audience from time to time, and if it is found that the new policy does not permit a full discussion of the great achievements of modern thought the Garrick lectures will be placed on an independent platform outside the Socialist party. This, however, will only be in the last resort, and much will depend on whether our religious friends think I am "attacking religion" when I am doing nothing of the kind. Next Sunday's lecture will probably be a test in this regard. I shall honestly and thoroughly consider the feelings of religious members of the party, but I shall not, when discussing science, try to talk through my nose, nor when relating history shall I endure a gag. If we cannot have truth and toleration in the Socialist party where shall we look for it? ARTHUR M. LEWIS.

GAIN VICTORY IN NUREMBERG

Social-Democrats Secure 9 Seats Against 8 for the Liberals

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Nuremberg, Dec. 24.—The Social Democrats have just gained a good victory in the local elections here, having secured nine seats as against eight for the liberals and three for the center parties together. The battle at the polls was hotly fought and every effort was made by the opposition to the Social Democrats to concentrate on the liberals and thus sweep the Socialists off their feet with a "free-thinker" campaign. Liberalism of the bourgeois type was loudly proclaimed by the opposition in the streets and halls. Greatest Victory for Nuremberg. Even members of the center declared that they felt the beginning of radical tendencies themselves. The white line of battle was drawn between pseudo-radicalism and Socialism and Socialism won the victory—probably the greatest in the history of the party in Nuremberg. Under the plural voting system the vote ran as follows: Nine thousand Social Democratic voters with 270,000 votes, 6,440 "free-thinker" liberals with 192,860 votes; people's party, 770 voters with 23,250 votes; center party, 1,260 voters with 37,010 votes. All Germany Watches Battle. The battle was watched with the greatest interest throughout Germany on account of the open alliance of the imperialists with the liberals and radicals to defeat the Social Democrats. In all other parts of the empire the whole power of the throne has been thrown against the radical elements, and this is the first general compromise with that element. The smashing character of the Social Democratic victory may be understood when it is noted that at the last election the Social Democratic vote was only 5,600 as against 8,100 for their opponents. This year it is 9,000 against their opponents, a 44% increase. The Social Democrats are celebrating the victory throughout Bavaria in fitting style. Elected in Brussels. (SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Brussels, Dec. 24.—Socialists have just been elected to the municipal council of Brussels by a handsome majority.

VACATIONS FROM THURSDAY UNTIL MONDAY MORNING

Many department stores and business houses will give their employees a vacation from Thursday evening until Monday morning. In some instances it is declared that this is done because Saturday's wages will be deducted from the salaries of the employees and that there would not be enough business Saturday to pay for keeping open. Many smaller houses as well as the larger ones are giving this vacation. The following was the notice posted in the gent's furnishing store of Burns & Grasi, on Dearborn street: In recognition of the services of our employees this store will be closed from Thursday evening till Monday morning.

FORTY MEN GET LAY-OFF AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) San Jose, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Southern Pacific railroad has given its employees in this city a Christmas present in the shape of an indefinite lay-off. The repair yards here were given a severe blow by the panic list year and have continued work with only a small force. Just before the election many of the idle men were taken back, but now forty of them have been laid off.

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 postoffice address to the Chicago Daily Socialist at once, as the management is unable to reach them with information they should have: Tony Pina, H. Johnson, J. J. Orshel, W. N. Patterson, S. B. Walker, E. R. Walker, E. R. Walker, A. V. Wisp, J. List, L. J. Paga, H. J. Michaelson, H. H. Blair, J. G. Brady, E. W. Geln, C. Knighton, F. D. Curtis, Amelia Smook, Fannie Smook, D. Alberti, A. F. De L. Walker, J. A. Walker, J. L. Pitts, J. A. Walker, Peter McCanniff, Sam H. Eya, A. J. Bantro, Chris. Bauer, John J. Moran, John J. Moran.

BREAD HIGHER; LABOR CHEAPER

Tentons Find "Staff of Life" Is Growing Dearer in Their Native Land

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Berlin, Dec. 24.—The price of bread in Germany is going up as the price of labor goes down, and the laboring men find themselves without employment. The price of bread has mounted from 40 pennings the loaf in 1902 to 52 pennings this month. The men who control the bread supply have just given Germany a Christmas present in the shape of a three pennig rise in the price of bread. Other Foods Also Affected. The rise in prices affects both the black and the white bread supplies to the workmen of Germany. The white bread has advanced 12 pennings during the past few years and the black bread, the "pumpernickel" of the lower classes, has risen from 22 to 30 pennings in price. Bread is not the only food which has been advanced in price while wages are going down, shops are being demoralized, and thousands of men thrown out of work, so that the count in Berlin numbers fully ten thousand more unemployed than at any time in the city's history. Potatoes have also been advanced so that now they have practically become luxuries for the working class of the large cities. Meats have almost become an unknown food on the tables of the Berlin poor, and the "oleo"-week meat has become the rule and not the exception on the tables of most workmen. Germany seems to have come down to a diet of black bread and beans on which to build up the future races of the Teutonic blood. Crime Wave to Result. Of course it is sedition to say here that the increase in the price of bread, potatoes and meat may, by making the very food necessary to sustain the body a luxury fit only for the rich, in the end contribute to a carnival of crime and that the hungry will take that with which they may fill their stomachs, but such seditious practices seem to be well under way in this city, thanks to the fact that even black bread is being placed beyond the reach of the poor.

EVANSVILLE (IND.) GIVES UP HARDWOOD LUMBER STRUGGLE

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Evansville, Ind., Dec. 24.—The hardwood lumber industry in this city has about given up the struggle. But 62 cars have been shipped during 1908, according to a foreman of one of the largest mills in the city. His figures are: In 1904 there were shipped 423 cars; 1907, 297 cars; 1908, 62 cars. The mills are running good time just now, but it is for the purpose of keeping the logs from sinking. The yards are piled high with lumber and the mill men are not buying any logs for future use. All industries in the city are running on short time, most of them not more than a half time. Most of them are closing down and will not reopen until after January 1 at the earliest.

SUN WORSHIPPERS TO GATHER IN A BIG PEACE FESTIVAL

Under the leadership of Ottoman Zardusti Han, the faithful will gather at Madisonan temple, 2013-2015 Lake Park avenue, from December 28 to January 5, and do homage to the sun. The gathering has an oriental tinge, "Gahanbar," which the program states is a peace festival. Fasting, prayer and elaborate ceremonies will mark the gathering. Men and women from all parts of the United States will attend. While Mazdezman is declared to be a thing of the spirit there are many health foods and like things which are dispensed for a proper sum of cold coin and which are said to be a great aid to the spiritual life.

MARKETS

WINTER WHEAT.—Up 1/2c. Sales, 10,000 bu. No. 1 red, car lots, from 75c to 80c; No. 2 red, 70c to 75c; No. 3 red, 65c to 70c; No. 4 red, 60c to 65c. SPRING WHEAT.—Down 1/2c. Sales, 10,000 bu. No. 1 northern, car lots, from 75c to 80c; No. 2 northern, 70c to 75c; No. 3 northern, 65c to 70c; No. 4 northern, 60c to 65c. CORN.—Up 1/2c. Sales, 10,000 bu. No. 1 yellow, car lots, from 75c to 80c; No. 2 yellow, 70c to 75c; No. 3 yellow, 65c to 70c; No. 4 yellow, 60c to 65c. HAY.—Up 1/2c. Sales, 10,000 tons. No. 1 timothy, car lots, from 75c to 80c; No. 2 timothy, 70c to 75c; No. 3 timothy, 65c to 70c; No. 4 timothy, 60c to 65c. BUTTER.—Up 1/2c. Sales, 10,000 lbs. No. 1 cream, car lots, from 75c to 80c; No. 2 cream, 70c to 75c; No. 3 cream, 65c to 70c; No. 4 cream, 60c to 65c. EGGS.—Up 1/2c. Sales, 10,000 doz. No. 1 white, car lots, from 75c to 80c; No. 2 white, 70c to 75c; No. 3 white, 65c to 70c; No. 4 white, 60c to 65c. CHICKENS.—Up 1/2c. Sales, 10,000 doz. No. 1 broiler, car lots, from 75c to 80c; No. 2 broiler, 70c to 75c; No. 3 broiler, 65c to 70c; No. 4 broiler, 60c to 65c.

was no criterion of the trade. Most medium to good beef cows brought \$11.50 to \$12.00. HOGS.—Early trade fairly active at 5c advance in prices. Speculators and shippers were principal buyers, while big local packers held off until late in the day. Good heavy-weight hogs held up, while under-weight, choicer, sold lower than early. Few of the 2,000 carried over, however, were left at first hands. One load of 225 lb. shippers sold late in the day at \$2.87 1/2, being 1/2c above Tuesday's top and that much higher than a week ago. Swift's drove of mixed cost \$5.42 and Armour's mediums \$5.60. The Anglo light cost \$5.25. Pigs sold largely at \$4.50 to \$4.80. SHEEP.—There was little change in sheep and lambs. Buyers readily took hold of prime offerings, while other kinds were less active than earlier in the week. Prime native and western lambs reached \$7.75. Other natives landed at \$4.67 1/2, with westerns at \$4.60 to \$4.75. Prime western wethers made 15, with other lots at \$4.60 to \$4.75. Two sold at \$2.10 to \$2.25. Yearlings landed at \$3.75 to \$3.85. Bucks went at \$2.25 to \$2.50. Native ewes ranged at \$2.00 to \$2.25, while westerns sold at \$2.00 to \$2.25 and yearlings went at \$2.00 to \$2.25. Only moderate receipts were wanted early next week, as packers are bearing, and if feeders flood the market with offerings they will give packers a good reason to force prices off with. PRODUCE.—Trade in country was quite active, with prices for live stocks and eggs higher. Other kinds unchanged. Veal was in good demand and firm. Demand good. Receipts, 2,900 cases. Butter met with a fair sale at the late advance. Receipts, 1,240 cases. Prices for fruits and vegetables were a trifle better all around. DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Eggs, fresh gathered, extra, No. 1, 25c; No. 2, 24c; No. 3, 23c; No. 4, 22c. Butter, extra creameries, 24c; No. 1, 23c; No. 2, 22c; No. 3, 21c; No. 4, 20c. Spring chickens, 1 1/2; few, 1 1/4; dark, 1 1/2; No. 2, 1 1/4; No. 3, 1 1/4; No. 4, 1 1/4. METAL MARKETS. New York, Dec. 24.—Tin in London, spot, 2 1/2; 4 1/2; futures, 2 1/2; locally, 2 1/2; 4 1/2. Copper in London—Spot, 85 1/2; 5 1/2; futures, 85 1/2; locally, 85 1/2; 5 1/2. Electrolytic, 85 1/2; 5 1/2; castings, 85 1/2; 5 1/2. Lead in London—Spot, 11 1/2; 11 1/2; 11 1/2; futures, 11 1/2; locally, 11 1/2; 11 1/2. Spelter in London—22 1/2; 22 1/2; locally, 22 1/2; 22 1/2. Iron in London—Cleveland warrants, 46; locally, No. 1 foundry southern quoted at \$17 1/2; No. 2, \$16 1/2; No. 1 northern and No. 2 southern, soft, \$15 1/2 to \$15 3/4. Socialist Books at Cost. Ten Dollars will pay for a share in our \$50,000 Socialist Publishing House. We now publish practically all the Socialist books in the English language that are worth reading, and all but stockholders must pay our retail prices, which are very low considering the quality of the books. Stockholders buy all our books at half price if they pay express, or at a discount of forty per cent if we send books by mail or express prepaid. This applies to all our books, cloth and paper alike, except that on our five-cent books we make stockholders the special price of \$1.50 a hundred postpaid; \$1.00 a hundred or \$7.00 a thousand if the stockholder pays expressage. No special rates to stockholders on the International Socialist Review, nor on books of other publishers. We pay no dividends; if you don't buy books one of our shares is useless to you; if you buy many books it will save you its price over and over. You can pay at the rate of a dollar a month, and can buy books at cost as soon as you have made your first payment. CHARLES H. KERR & COMPANY (Co-operative) 123 Kinzie Street - - - - - Chicago Advertisers get results in The Daily Socialist. Advertise in The Daily Socialist.

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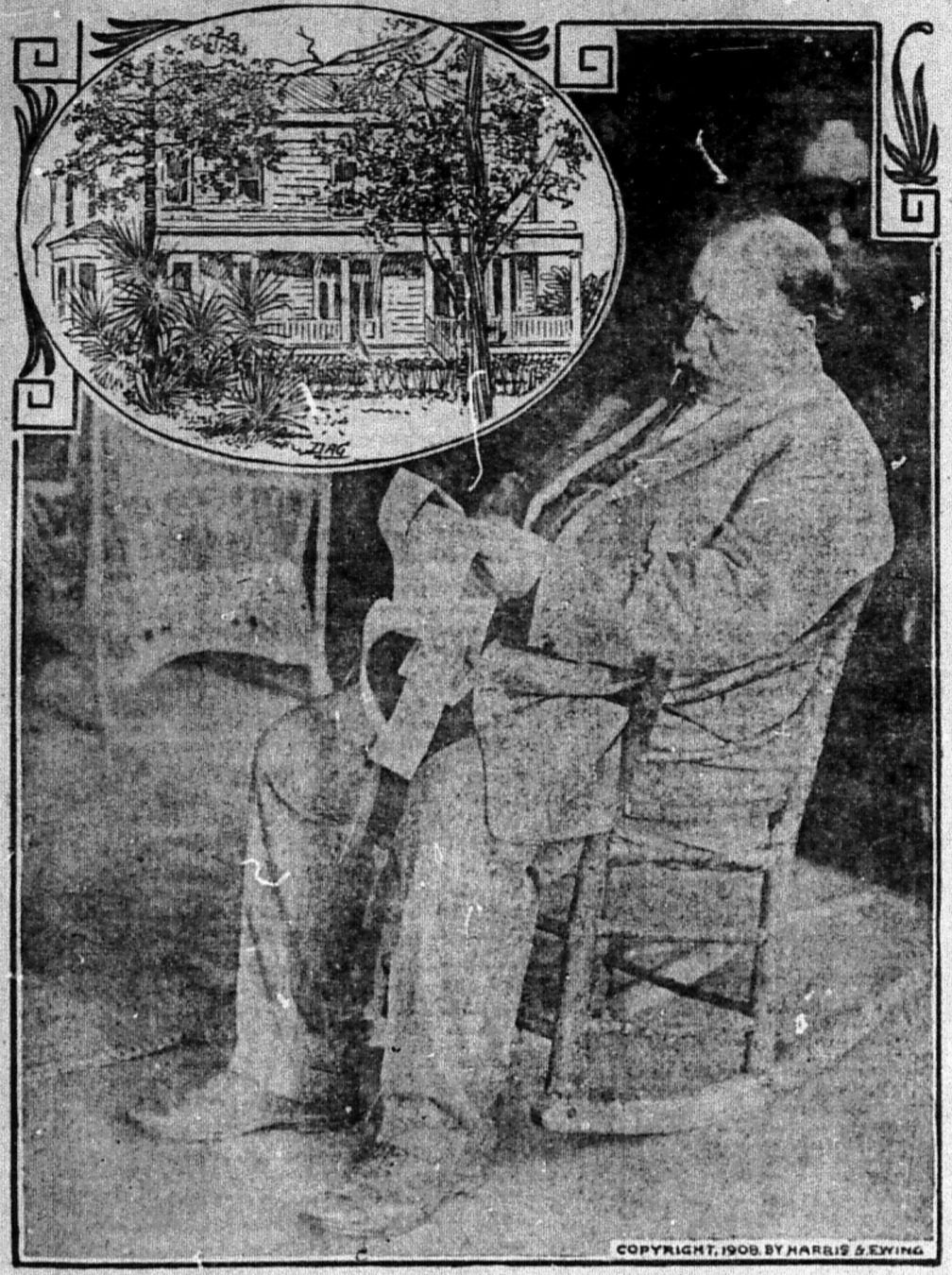
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OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

THE SCHOOLS AND THE TROUBLE

What is the matter with the public schools? We all know now that there are a number of things the matter. In them all one defect in our educational system stands out glaringly.

Queen Liliuokalani Presses Claims

Liliuokalani, ex-queen of the Hawaiian Islands, is in Washington to press her claim for a substantial sum from the United States government as compensation of what she calls the unjust confiscation of the former crown lands.

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Directions for using: Place pattern face downward on the material and press with a hot iron, being careful that the material to be stamped is laid on a smooth surface and is free from all wrinkles.

For Home Dressmakers

Each night I burn the records of the day. At sunrise every soul is born again. Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped.



QUEEN LILIUOKALANI LADIES CORSET COVER Paris Pattern No. 2671

This simple little under-garment is developed in Lonsdale mullin, thin silk, rayon, Persian lawn, muslin or this cambré, according to the taste of the wearer.

THE PHILANTHROPIST

JUST A STEEL MILL STORY BY ROBERT DVORAK

Expectantly the long line of men waited in front of the closed window of the printing plant. The question of the employees of Henry & Henry, steel manufacturers, were to receive their weekly wage.

On account of the tenacity of the business depression, the mill had closed its doors and the city orders had decreased to such an extent that we will be forced to temporarily lessen our pay.

Still Bleeding "I had supposed until yesterday, doctor, that the days of the bleeding patients were past."

Christmas in Each Nation BY MINA B. RISBECK. A child stepped into the circle of light and looked about with timid eyes.

The Real Santa Claus BY KITTIE SPRAGUE HULSE. holly. And I'll tell you a tale of the real Santa Claus.

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cannot be adequately estimated in dollars any more than you can place a proper material price on life, liberty, happiness, education, etc. Although the ballot box has a great intrinsic value (estimated at \$1,000 to \$75,000 annually) when a majority of the people shall be directed by the right kind of intelligence.

THE CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST

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Cultivating Contempt for the Courts

If anything more was needed to create a contempt for the courts of the United States the sentence of the officers of the American Federation of Labor has furnished it.

Today, while the blacklist has been legalized, while the great Employers' associations have perfected their system of registration until any man who refuses to surrender his manhood is denied the right to live, the workers are refused the privilege of even notifying each other of the names of their enemies.

This is but the climax of the introduction of government of the working class by the judiciary. Unless this movement is stopped, unless the power of corporation trained and personally appointed judges is restrained, then there is an end of representative government in America.

When the judiciary lends itself openly and flagrantly to the purposes of an exploiting class, when it becomes the mere tool of organized exploitation, then it is entitled to the contempt that it is receiving. Nor will that contempt be cured by imprisonment of those who offend the ukases of the courts.

Up to the present time government by injunction has been tolerated because its flagrancy and injustice has not been brought home to the great mass of the population. This latest decision, while no worse than many that have gone before, is of such a spectacular character that it cannot but focus the attention of the people upon the entire subject.

If the American Federation of Labor will but stand firm at this juncture it has an opportunity to do much for the cause of human liberty. It has the power not only to make similar aggressions of the judiciary in the future impossible, but to forever destroy the tyranny of the courts which has been built up by repeated usurpations.

This decision will bring home to the membership of the unions of this country the necessity of using the power which they possess in an intelligent form then it will have accomplished much for the cause of labor.

The union men of America can, if they will, change the institutions upon which government by injunction rests. They can change it whenever they will use their suffrages intelligently in their own defense.

A Measure of Ignorance

There is a story by Richard Le Gallienne in the Christmas number of Success that speaks volumes for the ignorance of someone. It is called "The Painless Revolution," and purports to be a description of how all the rich were put to sleep and the poor took their places and made a terrible mess of everything.

We know that the readers of this paper are not so ignorant as to be fooled by anything as superlatively silly as this stuff, and we shall not insult them by a refutation of the implied arguments (?).

What we are curious to know is whether the readers of Success are really so ignorant as not to have their intellectual stomachs revolted by this stuff. If they do not revolt then the editors probably did the right thing from a financial point of view to print the stuff.

If this turns out to be true it will be a measure of the ignorance of the reading public of America. If it proves false it will be a measure of the ignorance of the editors of Success in estimating the intelligence of its readers.

So far as the writer is concerned, the less said the better. Richard Le Gallienne has associated with Socialists enough to know that the stuff he has written is foolishly false. But we suppose he received his money for it.



Democracy in the Local... Our Evanston, Ill., local is practicing what its members believe in the furthest extension of the principle of democracy in America.

Cheap Literature... In the Daily News of December 3 Julia Erdelyi asks: "Haven't we had enough cheap literature?"

THE DONKEYS AND THE DOCTORS

BY ROBERT HUNTER... How perilous is the state of that man who has a multitude of doctors. He is like a broth made by too many cooks.

REFLECTIONS OF A CAPITALIST

BY LEWIS G. DE HART... On a corner in the city, where a busy street crosses another busy street, stands a large modern structure, covering a solid block in area.

SHOPPING



"Yes, madam, I paint portraits." "Well, if you'll give me your price list and a few samples I'll talk them over with my husband."—Browning's Magazine.

Hard Times

Obliging and cheerful Mr. Carter, the provision dealer, kept a smiling face even during hard times. Bills were overdue and orders small, but he served his customers with genial alacrity and did not complain.

Big Fish Catch from the Illinois

With the advent of cold weather the height of the fishing season of 1908-09 has passed on the Illinois river, and over 9,000,000 pounds, or to be exact, 4,650 tons of fresh water fish have been contributed to the markets of the United States in the fifteen weeks since September 1.

Le, When We Wade the Tangled Wood

Le, when we wade the tangled wood, In haste and hurry to be there, Nought seem its leaves and blossoms good.

WHAT LABOR DOES.

Toll swings the axe, and forests bow; The seeds break out in radiant bloom, Rich harvests smile behind the plough.

AN ABSENTMINDED REGGAR

The Professor—My dear madam, this is really a very dainty bird. I congratulate you upon it.—Illustrated Bits.

Taking No Risks

A Durham miner, aged seventy-three, visited a Newcastle lawyer—a bachelor—for the purpose of making his will.

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DE NIGHT BEFORE CHRIS'MAS

BY "HOBO POET"... 'Twas de night before Chris'mas, an' out on de pike Not a rattler was stirrin', de 'boes had t' hike;

DREAM I OF THINGS

BY ROSE PASTOR STOKES... Here 'mid the numberless lakes, As I see it now in its setting; Who never may beauty drink That is drawn from the hills at sunset;

No Time for Talk

One of the men employed in a certain Yorkshire stone quarry is a man of few words. Indeed, his popularity with his mates has been attributed to the fact that Dick could never spare enough words to get up a decent quarrel.

Making Himself Secure

After the funeral of an old woman in a remote Yorkshire hamlet, her sons and daughters made a vigorous search for her will, but without success, although they knew that she had prepared one shortly before her death.

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