

GRIM OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS

Financial Authorities See Signs of Ease-Up in Trade Depression

BY MAY WOOD-SIMONS
Latest reports of exports show that there has been a considerable decrease in exports for the month of November below those of October. The fall or rise in exports is considered one of the best indications of the condition of industry.

Views of Labor Papers Clear
There are numerous indications that the labor papers are taking a clear view of the cause of the present depression and see in it more than a "mere financial flurry."

Earnings Indicated Poor Year
From the standpoint of earnings 1908 was a very poor year for the various iron and steel companies.

No Improvement in Sight
That the steel situation remains very unsatisfactory without any promise of improvement during the coming year, is the opinion of leading experts.

Copper Not Selling Well
The copper situation has for weeks been considered a danger, and it has quickly turned out such. A trade paper says that the market is in a state of depression.

Mining Conditions Negative
Large stocks, low prices, a waiting attitude on the part of the operators, a sluggish market, and a general feeling of depression, sum up the coal situation at the close of the year.

Great Fall in Our Building
The thirty-five car building companies in the United States and Canada completed during the year 1908 cars according to recent statistics furnished by the Railroad Age Gazette.

Engine Trade Also Suffers
Returns from eleven locomotive builders in the United States and Canada show a relative falling off in the car built. Of the 138 built in the United States, 128 were for domestic use and 10 for export.

Tombs Police Station Is Robbed; Policeman Loses
New York, Jan. 2.—The police station connected with the Tombs police court, and the Court of Special Sessions in the Criminal Court building have been robbed. Fifty policemen's lockers have been "humped" and ransacked.

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TODAY'S "PROSPERITY" OF THE AVERAGE CITIZEN



AT TWENTY-THREE, MARRIED ON 12 PER. WORKING OVERTIME FOR THE BOSS. EXTRA PAY? NOT! HARD TIMES, YOU KNOW. SAMUEL G. WAIN T.

PLAY SERVANTS JUST FOR FUN

Lake Forest Society Turns Out as 'Maids' and 'Butlers' for One Night
The life of a "K. M."—i. e., a kitchen mechanic, otherwise called a servant, and sometimes a slave—is fine for one night providing you are wealthy.

Fun for One Evening
Just what would have happened if by some freak of fate the zingy roles had been performed, continued from that night henceforth through the New Year?

Declares She Is a "K. M."
Marcella also was present. She was nursing a trained nurse, but exactly corrected the statement with "Well, I should say not—in a K. M."

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He had been in a weakened state of health during the last few months. He passed Thursday at the desk at his office, and was feeling especially cheerful in anticipation of "ending New Year's day at home."

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MINE PROMOTER FAILS FOR \$104,000; HAS ONLY \$233 CASH

Danville, Ill., Jan. 2.—J. W. McCoy, prominent Danville mine promoter, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court here yesterday afternoon, in which he places his liabilities at \$104,000.

200 CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY ARE STARTED ON THEIR WAY

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 2.—John T. Gallmeyer, Chicago board of trade operator, gave 200 poor children here savings bank accounts yesterday with a \$1 credit to each. The gift was intended as an object lesson on the importance of saving.

BOSSSES' ARBITER PASSES AWAY

Herman Justi, Commissioner for the Illinois Coal Operators Is Dead
The savagery of the coal, in place of abating, is distinctly on the increase, as is shown by the death roll of the year.

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SIBERIA GAINS 42,347 'FELONS'

Russia Made 1908 Memorable by Record Number of Political Prisoners
Twelve strikers were condemned to Siberia for life, and 45 others to penal servitude in the mines for varying periods of time.

Largest Death Roll in Years
This brings December's executions up to 37, by far the largest death roll of any month of 1908. The total for the year is 2,302 condemned to death and shot or hanged, 17,347 condemned to penal servitude in Siberia and Sarghalen penal colonies for life, and 25,000 to shorter sentences.

Socialists Demand Investigation
The Socialists are further demanding an investigation of the methods by which the inquiry of prisoners is carried on. Sworn document after sworn document is presented to show that torture and brutality of the most horrible sort are being used on defenseless witnesses.

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SHOW CANADA IN LUMBER SCHEME

Buying It of U. S. and Letting Its Forests Grow for Future Profit

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST)
Minneapolis, Jan. 2.—An alarming feature of the American tariff system has just been made clear by the receipt at the headquarters of the National Forest Conservation League in this city of a communication from Senator Edwards of the Canadian parliament.

Sepator Grills Standpatters
The letter of the Canadian statesman grills the American standpatters as few communications received at the national headquarters of the league have done.

Bill Defeated by Cooley
The bill has the additional feature of having been drafted under the guidance of Edwin G. Cooley and A. F. Nightingale, and gives the opportunity for the formation of a huge political machine which will be operated through the school system under the control of one head.

Board Vested with Power
In general terms the bill seeks to vest the proposed state board with power to make general rules for the supervision of the public schools of the state, to distribute school funds, to provide suggestive courses of study for rural, elementary, and high school, to prepare and distribute plans and specifications for the construction and equipment of schools, to fix the time for state and county examinations, to make all regulations necessary to carry into effect the certification of school teachers.

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BUSSE WILL NOT PUNISH THE NEW YEAR'S REVELERS

Detectives of the Chicago Law and Order League gathered evidence, they say, against the revelers, and cases which kept open after 1 o'clock yesterday morning, but will ask permission of Mayor Busse to file information against them. "But unless charges of unusual disorder are made the mayor will take no notice of the report."

STATE, TOO, GETS A SCHOOL CZAR
The state superintendent of education is to be made an autocrat with like power to that now used by Superintendent of Schools Cooley. The new educational bill which proposes the placing of the control of the Illinois schools in the hands of a commission of eight, also provides that the state superintendent shall have sweeping powers over text books and the pay and disciplining of teachers.

Bill Drafted by Cooley Gives Sumptuary Powers to Illinois Official
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NEW TIDAL WAVE KILLS IN ITALY

Warships Will Bombard Messina in Order to Bury Bodies of Dead

Naples, Jan. 2.—It is reported here that another tidal wave has swept through the Strait of Messina. Two steamers laden with refugees and injured persons that were expected in here today have not yet been sighted and fears are entertained for their safety. The vessels may, however, have sought shelter at some one of the island along the coast, but the efforts to locate them have failed.

Canon to Bury Dead
Messina, Jan. 2.—Within three days, when all hope of saving the wounded will have disappeared, warships will bombard Messina to bury the bodies under the ruins and prevent an epidemic. This decision was reached today aboard the battle ship Regina Elena by General Mazza. By this terrible act that scene of heinous and human activity which bore the name of Messina will have forever ceased to exist.

At Least 200,000 DEAD
Rome, Jan. 2.—The figures telegraphed two days ago of the catastrophe in Sicily and Calabria which made the number of victims 200,000, are now confirmed to the Agency Stefani and Italian News Agency by Professor Riccio, director of the observatory at Mount Aetna. It is clear from reports sent by Ministers Bertolini and Orlando to Prime Minister Giolitti that half the population perished.

Relief Work Systematized
Rome, Jan. 2.—Although graphic stories are coming into Rome of the horrors in southern Italy and Sicily, these are but repetitions of individual tragedies already recorded. What chiefly concerns the government and the people is the progress made toward the relief of those who have suffered by the dreadful visitation. Considerable advance in this respect has been made at Messina, where, according to official reports received here, the supply service is beginning to work satisfactorily.

Body of Nine for State to Be Elected by Popular Vote
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 31.—The control of the schools within the state is to be given to a board of nine members, to be elected by popular vote, who shall have the power to regulate courses of study, to control the examinations for teachers, to regulate the distribution of the general educational fund and cooperate with the board of health in imposing sanitary regulations. All this is to be done if the bill drafted by the state educational commission passes the legislature. The bill provides that the first board shall be chosen at the November election of 1910 and shall be composed as follows:

Will Serve Six Years
The state superintendent of public instruction is chairman ex-officio, and the other eight will be chosen to serve four years, three for two years, and the other three for six years. Thereafter each one chosen will serve six years.

Board of Officers Elected
The following officers of the association were elected: President, C. N. Stone; Peoria county, vice president, Henry Jacobs, Cass county; secretary, Leona F. Baubach, Mason county; treasurer, C. F. Esterle, Fayette county. Executive committee: D. P. Nichols, Logan county; Edgar Spruitt, Sangamon county, and Charles McIntosh, Platt county.

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KING VICTOR EMMANUEL III



QUEEN ELENA

The king and queen of Italy started for the scene of the earthquake immediately, and have been working hard among the ruins, giving aid to the victims.

Still Rescuing Victims
The appalling extent of the disaster renders anything like a systematic search of the ruins impossible, but persons are being dragged out all day long and are quickly transported to the relief ships as soon as their wounds have received attention.

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announcement was made that the L-... islands, which were reported to have disappeared with their population...

A large number of soldiers have been landed from various steamers arriving at Messina and other stricken places...

Workmen's Generous Spirit A touching feature of the material aid offered by all classes of people in Rome is the donation of clothing and bedding...

Princess Yolande, the 7-year-old daughter of the king, having had the reason for her parents' absence explained to her...

Big Steamers Kept Busy Vessels loaded with refugees continue to steam into Naples and Palermo...

STARVATION IN WAKE OF QUAKE Horror of Hunger and Pestilence Adds to Woes of Italian Catastrophe

Rome, Italy, Jan. 2.—To the terrifying spectacle of death caused by Monday's earthquake has now been added the horror of starvation and the fear of a spread of pestilence...

Words are inadequate to express the horror of the ruin and desolation that has overwhelmed Calabria and Sicily...

Nearly 14,000 Dead in Palmi In many cases entire buildings have been swept out to sea...

Ionian shore and they are converging on Reggio. The troops are distributing rations to the starving people...

Fight Like Beasts for Food Messina, Italy, Jan. 2.—A frightful scene occurred here today amid the ruins of the custom house...

Reggio in Ghostly Desolation The first of the survivors of Reggio to reach Catanzaro were so broken down by the shock of their experiences...

Burning Bodies of the Dead Reggio, Calabria, Jan. 2.—As a precautionary measure against an outbreak...

BEARING IMAGES THROUGH STREETS AFTER QUAKE

Messina, the second commercial town in Sicily, has experienced more devastation through earthquakes, plague and war than any other place in history...

been utterly destroyed, while the survivors lack food, water and medical supplies.

The visit of the king and queen of Italy to Messina and Reggio has aroused widespread enthusiasm.

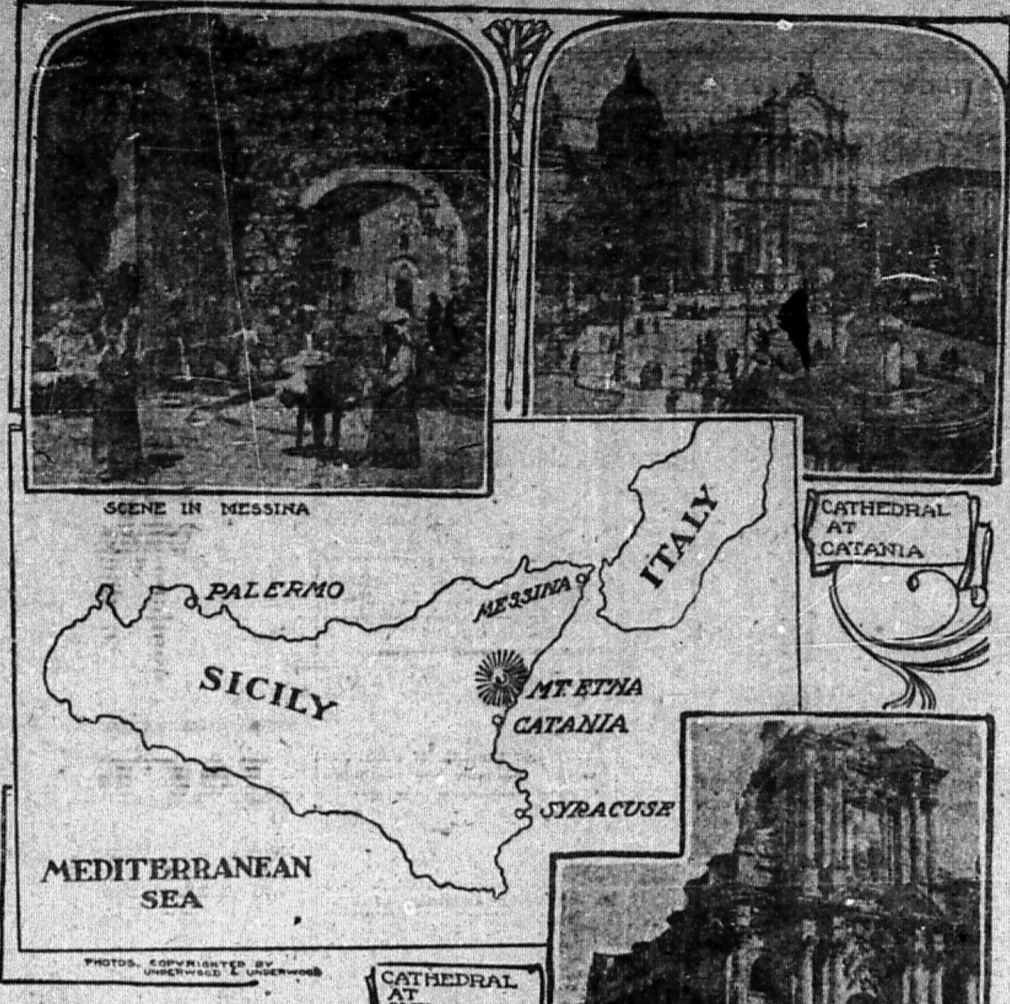
King Prizes the Soldiers. In spite of the universal mourning and distress the sovereigns were saluted when they disembarked by the firing of guns...

WORSE THAN ITALY'S WARS Cabinet Minister Writes of Horror of the Sicilian Disaster

Rome, Italy, Jan. 2.—The minister of war, in dispatching orders to the military authorities, who have practically taken over the absolute power...

Troops Distributing Rations Gen. Marsani has divided the military forces working in Calabria province into two bodies...

SCENES IN SICILY AND MAP OF SECTION VISITED BY THE EARTHQUAKE



The estimated loss of life in the earthquake and tidal wave in Sicily is appalling. Nearly the whole of the ancient city of Messina, which had a population of 90,000, was destroyed...

all the historic edifices throughout the island. At the cathedral in Catania Archbishop Nava exhorted the people to be quiet, promising that the relics of St. Agatha should be carried around in procession...

eastern Sicily have been left in many cases 48 hours without assistance. "Even when rescued it is impossible to house them, every available building having been filled by the dead...

INSURANCE COMPANIES NOT HIT Earthquake Clause Protects Those That Had Italian Business

New York, Jan. 2.—Despite the great extent of the Italian disaster prominent insurance men in this city are inclined to think that none of the big companies will suffer seriously as a result...

EVEN FRUIT VENDERS HELP Signs on Carts of Italians Have Bearing on Earthquake

"Please help the earthquake," I give half of profit. "Please help survivors and pay twice for earthquake stuff."

RAILROAD NEWS CENSORED Government Trying to Hide Incapacity of Relief Measures

London, Jan. 2.—Between the drastic censorship of telegrams which the Italian government has exerted since yesterday and the incredible incapacity of the Italian telegraph service...

Italy Smothers Truth The Italian government has taken this action to smother the truth, to hide its failure to agree on and put in motion adequate relief measures...

King Was Infuriated "The king was infuriated, too, by the lack of discipline shown by the Italian military and naval forces on the scene...

CITY'S LIGHTING

Marvelous Cost Cleveland Expert Gives Highest Praise to Sanitary Canal System

Chicago's municipal electric lighting plant, instead of being the failure that the newspapers and private corporations have declared it, is a complete success...

Newspapers Misrepresented Reports He declares that the newspapers and press reporters have misrepresented the reports of Blod J. Arnold, the electrical engineer...

Figures Given from Report The report does indeed show that the average cost of city lighting during the years 1903-7, including all proper allowance for taxes, depreciation, city water, insurance, etc., was \$31.46 per arc lamp...

The cause of the reduction in the rapid substitution now being made of current from the sanitary district at about one-half cent per kilowatt hour instead of the much higher price hitherto required to generate the electricity in the city's own stations...

New Plant Expenses Less "The newest of the four manufacturing stations, the H. N. May plant, had operating costs in 1907 of \$25.56 less than the average of the other three...

TESTED MILK IS NOW THE LAW The erection of a mammoth gas tank by the People's Gas Light and Coke company in the vicinity of Forty-fifth avenue and Twelfth street has so increased the property owners in the Thirty-fourth ward...

Tank Violates an Ordinance It was in the early part of last August that the building of the tank was begun. The property owners had that night immediately entered suit against the company through Hugh O'Neil, an attorney...

Improvement Club Permanent The Thirty-fourth ward West End Improvement club is a permanent organization, with a constitution and bylaws. Members are admitted free, but 10 cents monthly dues are charged...

ARREST SON-IN-LAW AS SLAYER, BECAUSE OF KNIFE Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 2.—Arthur Davis, son-in-law of C. P. Enick, the Woodmen, was arrested yesterday morning in bed last Tuesday...

ERIE HAS FIRE IN A THEATER Erie, Pa., Jan. 2.—"Keep the show going for God's sake," called Abraham Houch, manager of the Park Opera house, to the performers on the stage at 10:45 o'clock last night...

LEWIS' LECTURE IS ILLUSTRATED The Garrick audience will have an illustrated lecture on tomorrow evening for the first time "The Evolution of Man" will be illustrated by large drawings painted for the occasion by Charles Reux...

MAYOR AFTER GRAFTERS

Mayor George W. Guthrie of Pittsburgh is said to be pushing the investigation of the wholesale bribery in the city council with great vigor...

Aggressive Journal of Education, with the second article of "Pragmatism," by Prof. Dewey, will be on sale in the foyer at 5 cents...

A new \$2,000,000 vaudeville theater structure to be erected and opened by the first of next November is the latest addition to numerous theater schemes for Chicago...

William Morris, president of the company, who is traveling with Harry Lauder, the Scotch entertainer, gave out the news yesterday...

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CHECKS FLEECE MEXICAN LABOR

Companies Get the Best of Workmen by Paying Off in Trade Orders

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 31.—“The people of this district do not understand what they are up against in competing with the ore of Mexico,” said Henry Sigman. He has been mining for years in Mexico as foreman, superintendent and mine owner. He is visiting his sister here for a short time. “Instead of the cheap labor costing the companies 50 cents and 70 cents a day, the corporations figure that their Mexican labor costs them about 18 cents a day.

Trade Checks Help Companies
“This is possible through the system of trade checks issued by the companies in lieu of money. The companies own the stores and saloons and they make it a business to keep the laborer in debt so that they will not want to be shipped back home, as is usually the case with contract labor. The trade checks are discounted 10 per cent upon presentation and the companies make anywhere from 400 to 600 per cent on the goods sold to the miners. It is foolish to talk about 10-cent labor, because it is 15-cent labor.

Mexican Shovelers Cheap Workers
“The Mexican shovelers at their rate of compensation can do the work about 40 per cent cheaper than American labor. They are paid for work done on this basis, and to the benefit of the companies to keep their men in debt and they use every device possible to do so. At one mine on the west coast, where I had charge of about 1,000 pesos, I was forced to leave for several weeks. I told the foreman to keep the men in debt if possible, as we did not want to send them back to their destinations as was stipulated in the contract. However, when I returned about twenty of them had money saved ahead and wanted to go back home. I tried to persuade them to stay, but they would not do so. If they left it was serious business for I would have to close the mine until I could import others.

Started Paying Monte Game
“I am not discussing the morals of the proposition, but the situation was desperate. So I planked about a thousand dollars down on a blanket and with good grace told them that we would celebrate before they left. I paid them off and a three-card monte game started with fluid trimmings on the side. Well, in the morning each man was in debt to the company from \$20 to \$75. They seemed satisfied and returned to work to pay off their debts without a murmur.

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BYRON'S POEM AGAIN SAVES SLAYER FROM PRISON TERM

For the second time in a single term of court Byron's famous poem, “Don Juan,” has saved Martin Schleyer from a long term in prison. Schleyer walked out of the court room in Kenosha a free man just before 11 p. m. Thursday, after a jury had decided he was insane when he shot Herman Koehler, alleged to be the slayer of his wife.

A similar verdict freed Schleyer when he was tried recently on the charge of shooting his wife, Martha Schleyer. At both trials his attorney read to the jury parts of Byron's “Don Juan,” and on both occasions the verses so stirred the jury that it brought verdicts favorable to the accused man.

C. P. TAFT WITHDRAWS FROM OHIO SENATORIAL FIGHT

Columbus, O., Jan. 2.—The definite announcement was made here today that Charles P. Taft had withdrawn as a candidate for senator and would support Congressman Burton for the place, which assures the election of the latter to succeed Senator Foraker.

RICH MERCHANT IS A DOG THIEF

Brussels Millionaire Arrested for Appropriating Canines of Wealthy

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)
Brussels, Jan. 2.—Brussels has developed a new kind of kleptomaniac. This time the kleptomaniac has taken the form of stealing dogs, good dogs, bad dogs and dogs of all shades of “indifference.” The man afflicted with the mania for appropriating canines is one Arthur Bienvueue, a retired carpet merchant, who is a reputed millionaire (in francs).

For some time the authorities have been worried by reports of a number of thefts of dogs belonging to wealthy citizens. These dogs being of blue birth and long pedigrees.
Butchers Blamed for Thiefs
At the same time rumors began to float around among the poor but proud possessors of canines of doubtful lineage that the inevitable yellow dogs which share the sad fate of the poorest of the poor had begun to disappear in appreciable numbers.

These rumors blamed the agents of the sausage factories for the declination of the dog population, but it has turned out that in this they did the sausage men a grave and almost irreparable injustice.
The thefts continued until finally a beautiful collie, value at 1,500 francs, disappeared from the house of a wealthy merchant on the Avenue Tervuren.

The complaint made in this case was so strenuous that the gendarmes set energetically to work to ferret out the mystery, with the result that the spacious premises of M. Bienvueue, situated in the exact center of the city, were raided and some ninety dogs of all sorts, sizes, colors, kinds and previous condition of servitude, were found in a lot set apart for their use.

Parades Collie on Street
The raid was only made, however, after the kleptomaniac, becoming bold by long immunity, actually dared to parade the collie with the valuable collie.
M. Bienvueue was immediately arrested, and the owners of missing dogs invited to his premises to identify their property. Incidentally the sausage-makers were vindicated.

TWO-YEAR ‘JAGS’ CAUSE DIVORCES

Three men were sued for divorce in the circuit court today, the complaints alleging in each case that the men had been on a two-year “jag” during the last year of their marriage. Just to show that there is to be slackening in the sale of liquor on account of the advance in prohibition, a woman was also charged with what practically amounts to a six-month “jag” by her husband. The woman in the case was Emma Mayhew.

Maria Hinsen, in suing Henry Hinsen for divorce, declares that she married him Aug. 31, 1901. She declares that shortly after their marriage he became addicted to drink and that for the past two years he had been in the “continuous state” cited above.
The same “continuous state” is alleged by Louis Koch, Ida Dettmann contents herself with a “habitual state of drunkenness.”

CITY ‘BOOMING’ CAUSES JERLESS TO SEEK ‘JAIL HOME’

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)
Grand Junction, Colo., Jan. 2.—In trying to create a boom for Grand Junction and vicinity on the strength of the prospect of a new street car line and two triggation canals, the real estate dealers have succeeded by their advertisements in swelling the number of unemployed. There is no prospect for work.

At present there is one soup house, but many of the unemployed insisted on “breaking into jail” in preference to being in the soup house charges. To stop this the Democratic city council decided to cut the prison fare down to one meal a day.

PLAN OF THE DAILY SOCIALIST LIST PUBLISHERS’ LEAGUE IN A NUT-SHELL

You patronize us and we will patronize you. In other words, you, the merchant, advertise in our paper, and we, the readers, will buy of you.

SEE PLEDGE ON ANOTHER PAGE.

BRIDAL PAIR AND PRIEST STONED

Young Husband Attacked by Women of Parish; Call Him Wife Murderer

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)
St. Vivien, Belgium, Jan. 2.—A remarkable marriage, which came near ending in bloodshed and at which the women of the parish stoned both the bridegroom and the priest who performed the ceremony, has just taken place at Grayan, a small village near here.

The bridegroom was Andre Hosteln and the bride Mlle. Gabrielle Forster. This is Hosteln's third marriage, though he is only 24 years old.
Wife Mysteriously Disappears
On the 15th of last June his second wife, a woman named Charge, disappeared under mysterious circumstances. She was about to become a mother at the time of her disappearance, and the last person seen alone with her was her husband. The police have made every effort to find her, but to no avail.

This was all known to the populace, and when Hosteln and his bride left the church practically the entire commune had assembled to charivari them.
A huge effigy of Hosteln with cow's horns at each side of the head and the word “vache” (cow) suspended from the neck on a placard, was carried before the couple, who were greeted with hisses and a shower of stones, the women leading the attack. Octavie Charge, sister of Hosteln's second wife, rushed on Hosteln and bit and scratched him until he bled profusely, crying, all the time, “Give me back my sister, murderer.”

Women Stone the Priest
The priest, who was an uncle of Hosteln's, on attempting to pass from the church to the rectory, was set upon and stoned. He was seriously injured and was compelled to seek back into the church for protection. The angry women remained around the church for hours, threatening to kill the priest when he came out.

The gendarmes finally managed to disperse the crowd which attacked the bride pair, and later they escorted the priest to the hospital, where his wounds were dressed.

GRIM OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS

(Continued from Page One.)
The dividend and interest disbursement for January, 1909, will exceed \$20,000,000. Up to the present time the dividends declared upon the stock of the New York city banks and trust companies, the various streets, industrial, miscellaneous and street railway corporations in the United States will aggregate \$75,738,000, which compares with \$73,836,000 declared in January, 1908.

Treasury Has a Deficit
The treasury statement of revenue and expenditures shows a deficit for the first twenty-one days of December of \$7,352,213. This indicates that the deficit for the whole month will not fall much below \$10,000,000, which is just one-third of the recent issue of Panama canal bonds. The revenues for the month so far are only \$77,000 more than for the corresponding time in 1907 and that was a period of very light revenue.

CRIPPLE IN SEA TO SEA DRIVE WITH GOAT TEAM

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 2.—From San Diego to New York in a diminutive buggy drawn by a four-in-hand team of Angora goats constitutes the unusual transcontinental journey, already more than half accomplished, by Capt. Vivian Edwards, who reached Kansas City yesterday.

Capt. Edwards, or “Santa Claus,” as the children have dubbed him along the route on account of his horned team, is a cripple having completely lost the use of his lower limbs from paralysis. He is accompanied by J. R. Johnson, a globe trotter with a traveling record that embraces every corner of the known earth except Australia and New Zealand, and Cecil Fiegener, a 14 year old New Mexican, who has ambitions to visit all of the countries seen by his older mate. Both companions of the goat driver are on foot.

Edwards is a great goat driver. He is making this long journey to further familiarize himself with the fidelity, endurance, magnanimity, and mental endowments of the creature. Then he is going to write a book on “Some Goats I Have Met.”

“WRONGS OF CAPITALISM” IS THEME IN NEW MAGAZINE

The Progressive Journal of Education for January, which is now off the press, contains the first of what promises to be a notable series of articles on economics by Professor Dight of the University of Minnesota. The first of the series is an indictment of the present industrial system and is entitled “The Economic Wrongs of Capitalism.” Katherine E. Dupp of the University of Chicago has an article on “The New Education,” and William Headford writes of “The New Movement in Spain.” Professor Dewey has another article on “The Bearings of Pragmatism on Education,” and A. M. Simons continues his sketches of American history with a chapter on “Why the Colons Came to America.”

Val Ormond has a powerful poem, G. O. Mudge treats of “The Esthetic Side of Education.” Thomas J. Lloyd has an article on “School Discipline and Symptom of Failure.” The lessons in Lingue International are continued.

FEAR TROOPS; FEUDISTS OF BREATHITT COUNTY IN TRUCE

Jackson Ky., Jan. 2.—Fearing that the governor would send troops to Breathitt county to preserve order, the Callahan and Denton factions yesterday agreed to a truce and disbanded. Both bands left Jackson late yesterday.

The compromise was the result of the dismissal of the warrants against former Sheriff Callahan and seven of his adherents, who are charged with the shooting of Rash Sebastian, and those against Gowen Smith and two of the Denton faction for confederating and for shooting up the Callahan home shortly after the shooting.

Judge Tanbee's action in dismissing the warrants, it is said, was taken on the recommendation of some of the most prominent citizens and leaders of the law and order movement.

ERROR MADE IN ANNOUNCING SOCIALIST NOMINATIONS

Through an error which occurred in the Dec. 19 issue of the Daily Socialist a number of party members were reported as having declined nomination for members of the national executive committee. This is a mistake, for the report ought to read that they declined nomination for national secretary. The members embodied in the erroneous report are as follows:
J. O. Bentall, Chicago, Ill.; A. H. Floaten, Denver, Colo.; Dan Hogan, Huntington, Ark.; Algernon Lee, New York; John W. Slayton, Pittsburg, Pa.; Carl D. Thompson, Milwaukee, Wis.; John M. Work, Des Moines, Ia.; Clyde J. Wright, Chicago, Ill.

STEAL \$5,000 FROM BANK AS CITIZENS, POWERLESS, WATCH

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 2.—Five robbers dynamited the bank at Muskogee, Okla., east of here, early yesterday, and after exchanging many shots with the citizens escaped with \$5,000. No one was hurt.
The robbers, heavily armed, rode into Wellston after midnight. They erected a barred wire barricade around the bank and while some members of the gang went to work on the bank safe, others stood guard. The citizens were soon up in arms and a lively exchange of shots with the robbers followed. The robbers, however, were well armed, and for two hours they stood the citizens off while their comrades worked on the bank's vault.

FORT DEARBORN IS REPRODUCED

Historic Frontier Post Received at the Seattle Fair in Original Style

Chicago will be represented at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition by a reproduction of Fort Dearborn, representative without the frontier post of seventy-five years ago and within of the metropolitan city of today.

Action determining the construction of the Chicago exhibit at the Seattle fair was taken by the special committee of the Chicago association of commerce in charge of the project. Enthusiastic support of the undertaking has been received from the business interests of the city.

Chicago to Cost \$65,000
The Chicago building will occupy an advantageous site in the fair grounds midway between the government building, one of the finest in the inclosure, the California and the Washington buildings. It will stand on a pentagonal area of approximately 20,000 square feet. The cost will be \$65,000.

In appearance the old fortress is to be faithfully reproduced with its stockade, its block houses, its barracks and officers' quarters. The only liberties to be taken with the old powder-house, which is to become the show building of the group.

Building to Be Ready by June 1
Plans are being rushed for the construction of the exhibit, expedition being necessary to complete it by June 1, when the exposition opens. Unlike other world's fairs, the management of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition have made provisions deemed adequate to insure a completed exposition on the opening day. All the larger buildings are practically finished at the present time.

Fort Dearborn will be the only showing that Illinois will make at Seattle. The state legislature refused an appropriation for the purpose. This unique exhibit of the Great Central Market hall is a worthy companion of the other structures. It will stand on the grounds of the University of Washington, where the exposition is being built. The fair itself represents a cost of \$10,000,000, and exhibits to the value of \$25,000,000 are expected.

Thousands of Electric Lights
In spite of the close observation of the form of the ancient outpost at the extremity of Lake Michigan, some of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exhibitors felt the shock of frontier warfare will be dispelled by rustic decorations and the presence of plenty of lounging places and rest-inspiring settings. At night the illusion will be further deepened by the presence of thousands of electric lights, twinkling from every ridge pole and lineament.

The old barracks at the entrance, with its adjoining block houses, is to be converted into a reception building, where all visitors will be welcomed.

WANTS GOMPERS TO PAY COSTS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—Seeking to have the court compel Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell, officials of the American Federation of Labor, pay court costs amounting to nearly \$1,500 incurred in the famous contempt case, J. J. Darlington, of counsel for the Buck's Stove and Range company, on whose petition the labor men were originally cited, has filed a motion in the Supreme court of the District of Columbia asking that Justice Wright's decree sentencing Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell to prison be so amended as to affix costs on the respondents.

THE VALUE OF A VOTE

cannot be adequately estimated in dollars any more than you can place a value on a vote for life, liberty, happiness, education, etc., although the ballot does have a great intrinsic value (estimated at \$1,000 to \$10,000 annually) when a majority of them shall be directed by the right kind of intelligence. This intelligence “VITAL ISSUES” will supply what is a book of 65 large pages, comprehensively written and compactly printed, covering thirty-six of the living problems of citizenship clearly, logically and scientifically presented. The book also contains an analysis of the platform of all seven parties, and some single features are so worth the price. “A great book” is the general verdict.

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MILLIONS' BLOOD ON 1908 SCYTHE

Old Year Hands to New an Implement Dripping With Human Gore

(From Thursday's Last Edition.)
It is a bloody scythe which the old year will hand to the infant year at midnight tonight, a scythe dripping with the blood of millions. Never through the New Year's portal in time of peace has such a book of record been passed as the baby Time will receive this night.
The dread pall of death hangs over the earth, spreading from the cone to Aetna. The dead under the shadow of that cone are on the pages of the book. But the black shadow which the old year casts is not all from Aetna's blackened top.

Russia Has Dread Harvest
Through Russia, sword and fire, famine, execution, murder and sudden death mark every day of the record which the old year passes on to the new. In Siberia the tale of pestilence runs through the land, the pestilence that spares neither beast nor man.

The splashes on Germany's page are black with the records of the miners buried alive, the dead underground at Hamm and Radbod.

There is a red smear across the record of France, the massacre of Dravel. Any in England the shivering gray shadow of Hunger has signed page after page of the record, day by day, since the old year was young. In Persia bloodshed, riot, rebellion. In India, open and secret revolts in China the stirrings of the protoplasm of the newer age; and England's ally has felt the dread hand of England's foe in the industrial depression of Japan.

Revolution Written in Blood
From Africa, from the Congo, new tales of horror perpetrated by a lecherous king decorate the record of the year, and even to the south in Mexico, Revolution has written its name in blood at the foot of the page.

Nor is the record of our own land free from the black and the red spots. In Alabama, labor forced to toil at the point of the bayonet; in Colorado the hired thugs of capitalism set free from prison by the tools of capitalism; in Illinois the black shame of the czar's bloody hand reaching across the seas.

As no other year since 1548 has it written the record of the world's unrest. The year of the “Storm and Stress,” however, recorded the throes of a nation, 1908 records the stirring unrest of all the peoples, the stirring of the depths, the hoarse growling of the wronged on the road toward the sword belts of the powerful. In history 1908 will go down as the year when the masses of earth began to realize their power and to act upon that knowledge.

But the record is not all black and red. The Socialists of the world have good cause for jubilation, despite the blackness and the pall that hangs over the world. For the Socialists of the world have the right on their side, in strength, in realization of great issues, as never before in the history of the party.

Socialists Brighten the Story
And one great victory, the prevention of at least one great war, and the checking of an attempt to create another cataclysm, are recorded to the credit of the Socialists in the outgoing year which will be handed over to the baby year tonight. Peace in the Balkans, peace in the Vosges, and the sapping of the foundations of nationalism and the creation of the international spirit in concrete form, these are the things on the white side of the ledger. And these are all given the credit mark to the Socialists.

Turkey has taken the first step toward freedom, a short step it is true, but a step. Persia is fighting desperately, and with every chance of victory, to take that same step. The barriers of race and creed and nation are crumbling, and the New Year starts well along on the road toward the recognition of the Brotherhood of Man, the Parliament of the World.

The Chicago Daily Socialist wishes to announce that its book department will be open for business on Sundays hereafter between the hours of 9 and 5.

SOME NEEDS

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MAINTAIN HIS WINNING 39TH ROUND
Barry Breaks His Hands; Wrestling and Clinching Characterizes Bout

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 2.—In a three-some a-battle as has ever been seen here Al Kaufman won from Jim Barry before the Jeffries club, the Chicago man's seconds throwing up the sponge when they considered his case hopeless.

Barry's manager issued a statement saying that both his man's hands were broken and that this contributed to his defeat. In the earlier stages the Chicago man was far the cleverer and his sudden collapse at the end came as a surprise.

Kaufman entered the ring first, then left, but returned shortly. The interval was filled by introducing Packie McFarland and Freddie White and by reading a challenge to the winner from Sam Langford.

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RICHES BESTOWED ON OLD EMPLOYEE BY RICH WOMAN
Marysville, Cal., Jan. 2.—Edward Striker, a scavenger in this city, has been requested by Mrs. L. A. Barry to visit her home in Ash Valley, Modoc county, in California, to receive a check upon his certain property.

Striker left this morning for Modoc. About fifteen years ago, when Mrs. Barry lived in Marysville, owning a small ranch near here, she employed Striker on her ranch. His faithfulness and his watchfulness for her welfare caused her to promise when she left the place to give him a check for \$10,000 upon his certain property.

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THE HUSTLERS' COLUMN BY A. W. MAICE.
What did you resolve to do for your paper during this year? Remember it can only be made a success by each of you doing a little.

Get a few new subscribers. Send in postage and names for sample copies for the Publicity Department. Do this and the Daily Socialist will be crowned with success during the year of 1909.

What more can I say to you? Only wish you all the good that is possible as New Year greetings. HUSTLERS' BULLETIN BOARD

W. Bateman, Seymour, Ia., renews his subscription for a year and says: "I want to see your paper prosper, so I will send three dollars to pay my subscription for another year, and would like to send some new sets, but I am not able to do so around to get subscribers as I am getting old."

D. Whittlock, Strawberry Point, Ia., renews his subscription for six months and says: "I should send a full year's subscription, but I am not able to do so around to get subscribers as I am getting old."

W. L. Baldrige, Dexter, Kan., sends in a subscription to the Daily and says: "You are getting on a grand paper. It ought to have a million circulation."

H. M. Parks, Superior, Wis., sends in \$5 to renew his subscription and gets a "Stylin ink pencil" as a premium.

O. E. Brown, Prescott, Ia., renews his subscription for six months and says: "I have let my subscription lapse and also in not sending some sets out. But I promise to do something right away."

H. Loring, Chicago, Pa., sends in \$2.50 for miscellaneous books from the book department.

George W. Jones, Forest, Wyo., sends in a new subscriber for the Chicago Daily Socialist.

ARGO GUARDS GO ARMED TO KILL
Office Boy of Police Chief Testifies to This Before District Attorney

Important evidence showing that the guards at Argo went armed has been presented to Assistant District Attorney Legg by Stot Smith, who states that he was employed as office boy in the office of Martin Flynn, chief of police at the plant.

Many Arrests Were Made. He states that there were many arrests made at various times, and that there was one guard inside and one guard outside of the main gate, who at night carried bills or clubs and revolvers.

Bedford an Oil Director. The following are the facts concerning the company's president, E. T. Bedford, whose statement was printed in the Daily Socialist yesterday.

"TEDDY" OUT WITH A GUN ON HIS ONLY DAY OF REST
Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—President Roosevelt is enjoying his only rest of the holiday season today at the country estate of Surgeon General Rixey of the navy, near Cherrydale, Va.

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ARE YOU A WISHER OR A DOER? Once there was a man who wished for a great many things. He wished for money and power. He wished for good food, good clothes and a beautiful home.

Do you thoroughly understand the plan of the D. S. P. L.? If not, write for complete information. If you do understand it, give us your co-operation by signing the membership application below and return with optional fee of ten cents.

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LABOR BREATHES MORE FREELY
Welcomes End of the Old Year Which Was Full of Uncertainties

The close of the year 1908 finds organized labor in Chicago still somewhat crippled on account of the industrial depression, still struggling with conditions, but holding its own very satisfactorily.

In direct contrast to this showing of organized labor is the tremendous losses and suffering that have come to the unorganized workers since the panic of October, 1907. These workers have had nothing but absolute charity to fall back upon in cases of unemployment.

One of the most progressive steps that the labor movement has taken in recent years was that which looks favorable for the settling in the near future of the jurisdictional disputes.

Local leaders generally say that though about March and April it looked rather dark for labor during the year they are more than satisfied with the way the year ends.

Local leaders, however, are giving signs of relief as the old year closes, and none will say that they are sorry the old year has ended.

A Railroad Department. At the outset an event will take place in Chicago that bids fair to be of the greatest importance to the labor movement in the future.

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LESS GOLD BEING MINED IN U. S.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—The United States produced \$90,435,700 worth of gold and \$37,299,700 worth of silver in 1907, according to statements obtained from minis, assay offices, smelting establishments and the product of mines.

As compared with the previous year, 1907, this is a decrease of \$4,000,000 in gold and about \$1,000,000 in the silver produced. The rank of principal gold-producing states is as follows:

Colorado, Alaska, California, Nevada, Utah, South Dakota, Montana and Arizona.

Vermont appeared as a gold-producer for the first time in many years. Twenty-seven states and territories contributed the silver.

JOY AT SALARY INCREASE KILLS CIVIL SERVICE CLERK
New York, Jan. 2.—It became known yesterday that the death of Benjamin Deaton of 264 Albany avenue, Brooklyn, on Christmas day, was due to a situation induced by the sudden announcement that he had been promoted from a \$300 place in the civil service to one of \$500.

When the news came Deaton was so overjoyed that he fell over on a couch and died.

Arrange for Lectures. Socialists of San Diego, Cal., have arranged to give weekly lectures at Germania hall. The lectures will be given by Austin Adams, M. P. every Sunday.

Second annual convention of the Clearfield county organization of the Socialist party of Pennsylvania convened in the council room of the Clearfield Hotel, Clearfield, Pa., on Monday evening, December 28.

Weekly Lectures in San Diego. Edward Adams Central, Socialist speaker and lecturer is at present lecturing at the auspices of San Diego, Cal., Socialists on the subject of "The Social Problem."

Long Branch, Cal., Jan. 2.—Petrified remains of huge whales on the high hills overlooking the ocean near San Pedro in the Pacific Ocean.

DEEPLY RELIGIOUS MAN KILLS HIS BROTHER FOR CURSING
Muskegon, Okla., Jan. 2.—For swearing around the house, Lee Marshbanks shot and instantly killed his brother John. The slayer is deeply religious and has always borne a good reputation.

Not 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 notes postpaid address to the Chicago Daily Socialist at once, as the management is unable to reach them with information they should have.

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GEORGIA WOMAN HAS BEEN ASLEEP SINCE CHRISTMAS DAY
Rome, Ga., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Lou Hall, who went to sleep at noon on Christmas day, is still in slumber, repeated efforts of doctors the last six days having failed to awaken her.

She appears to be a person in death, with the exception that a slight regular breathing is noticeable upon close examination. She has had no water or food of any kind since Christmas day.

According to previous similar experiences Mrs. Hall every winter the title in this section of "the sleeping woman." Last year she slept for nine days and nights without awakening.

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ROUGE, TINSEL AND BLOOD MONEY

BY ELIZABETH D. TROWBRIDGE

(Continued from Thursday) "It isn't as if the Liberal party in Mexico wanted anything strange or new, Anita," the boy was saying. "We only ask the rights given us by the constitution of the republic, the rights to freedom of speech and press and public assembly, the right to elect our public officers according to the laws of the country. Think of the years that the tyrant Diaz has ruled, of the thousands of men and women that he has killed. My father was a newspaper man and because of his writings against the dictator, the soldiers of Diaz shot him in the street one night as he was going home from the theater. "My uncle, my mother's brother, was a Yaqui. He was working in the mines near Cananea, Mexico, when the ruffians came—and because he was an Indian, they took him and sold him as a slave to Yucatan. Three years he toiled in the tobacco fields, under the lash, in the blazing sun. Many of his companions died there of abuse or disease—some of the sick were thrown into trenches and staved under before they had died. "It is not only to my family that these things have happened. It is so all over Mexico. The people toil and suffer like dumb beasts and there is no one to help them. The men who would aid them are shot or thrown into prisons like the dogs of San Juan de Ulua, below the level of the sea. Even when they flee to the United States, they are cast into jail and kept long months as are Ricardo Flores Magon and our other brave comrades in Los Angeles. Why should the American officials join with the Mexican to track us down when we have not offended against them? Why should we be hunted like wild animals when all that we ask is the liberty guaranteed to us by law? Is Justice dead?"

Maiposa listened with parted lips, but Anita stirred restlessly. She was tired of all this talk of liberty and justice. What did it matter to her that five million Mexicans toiled in penance? Why should she care if all the Indians of Sonora were sold into slavery in Yucatan? Perhaps she might have thought of them if he had lived, Juan Silvio, that first boy lover of her in the days when she was like Mariposa. He had had ideas like these, but he was dead and she was weary of

life in an adobe house with a group of fugitives. She yearned for the city—for money to spend upon dress and raven and the questionable pleasures that were her idea of pleasure. Why instead of all this rhetoric couldn't the boy tell her something? Give her names of a few of his living heroes in Mexico instead of lamenting those dead in prison? But she answered him smoothly: "Justice is not dead, Rafael. Never fear but she shall conquer in the end." A voice broke in upon the boy's answer. "Mariposa, Mariposa," her mother called. "Where are you going to the house?" The child crept away reluctantly, leaving the other two alone together. In a second Rafael had risen to his feet and was clanking over the woman's shoulder. "Anita, Anita," he whispered, "I know that I have no right to speak to you. Tonight I cross the line to join my comrades in Mexico. What will happen to us—who can tell? I want to slip away without ever saying goodbye but I love you so, querida mia! Will you have nothing to say to me if I return?" Anita caught at his arm with her first natural movement since she had come to El Paso. "Where are you going, Rafael? Tell me about it. Why should you not come back?" They talked for an hour, then Rafael left and Anita went into the house, proudly, exultantly. Her first act was to write a letter and to slip a special letter to mail it with a special delivery stamp upon it. III. Over two weeks passed without a word from Rafael—then the silence was broken. Blanco's whole household, contrary to custom, had been to a little, semi-public dance and had just come home. Hernandez, editor of "La Justicia," was with them. The group stood laughing and talking in the tiny front room when a faint rattle sounded at the door. Blanco stepped back and opened the door, then, as a man glided through the opening, closed the door and dropped the heavy bolt. The newcomer swayed unsteadily for a second. He was a middle-aged man in just-covered clothes like a peon's, and his face was gray with fatigue. "Speak, Tomas," begged Blanco. "You have bad news. For God's sake tell us!" Tomas caught his breath, then began

had been distracted from her to the unconscious Mariposa. IV. From that night, the small group of Liberals treated Anita with peculiar tenderness and consideration—it was as though the dead man's love had fallen upon her. All were eager to please and comfort her—that is, all but Mariposa. The sweet light-hearted child was sadly changed. Her rippling laughter, her little soft catches of song brightened the old house no more. For hours, she would sit silently as though in a stupor. Nothing seemed to arouse her, and Anita was glad when Refugio sent the child to visit relatives in a distant part of the city. The English little creature's big eyes and solemn face really made her aunt nervous. The extra attention which Anita received also annoyed her. Continual posing as the chief mourner of a man for whom she had cared nothing, tired her. She had no remorse regarding Rafael. If a man had revolutionary sympathies, he must expect to die for them. Somebody was bound to betray him and she might as well have the reward of anybody else. But it was hard that with plenty of money in her purse, her part should require mourning clothes instead of the flaring red hat with white ostrich plumes which she coveted. Rafael's reverent love had touched her not at all; the finer emotions played little part in her life. Although a woman of strong passions which she was willing to indulge, she was not a romantic glamour around them. At heart, she was cold. The only real affection that she had ever known for man or woman was that girlish adoration for Juan Silvio, the thought of whom she had carried nothing, tired her. Fundamentally calculating and unscrupulous, even her one ambition—to succeed in her profession—was subordinated to a greed for money that would purchase for her the life of luxury and pleasure that she craved. To gain that, she would have sold her soul. The spring wore on until June was nearly at hand. And now, the little colony began to hestitate; every face was slight, every heart beat high, for day after day, reports kept pouring in—something was planning in Mexico!

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Advertisement for Business Directory. Includes sections for Lawyers (Stedman & Soelke, Carl Strover), Opticians (Scandia Optical Co.), Typewriters (Typewriter Exchange), Gentlemen's Furnishings (H. G. Adair), Physicians (Natural Healing Office), Printing (H. G. Adair), Painting and Paperhanging (P. J. Page), Stationers (E. J. Horner), Dentists (Victor Collins), Buffet (Ask for Berly's Cigars), Laundry (Price Main Laundry), Physicists and Surgeons (J. H. Greer), Pure Foods (Brooks' Pure Food), Cigars and Tobaccos (C. W. Hatfield), Hats (Our Hats are Retailed), Badges and Buttons (Geraghty & Co.), Banks (Loans made on improved city real estate), Watch Repairing (Fine watch repairing a specialty), Nursery (Robert Knox Winnetka, Ill.), First Lesson Free (Study course in Socialism), Collectivism and Industrial Evolution (By Emile Vanderveelde), Chicago Daily Socialist (180 E. Washington St.), The Encyclopedia of Social Reform (If you cannot afford to buy one book in your library this is THE BOOK), J. H. Flanagan (Tailor), Curney Hat Co. (Guaranteed), Note to New Socialists (Read Socialist Books), Willsboro Book Company (200 William St., New York, N.Y.), This Label (The only guarantee that BERAD and other Bakery Goods are made in the United States), and Razors Sharpened.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Advertisement for 'Seven Prison Days' by Ethel Duffy Turner. A woman's view of the men in stripes. Includes a small illustration of a man in a striped shirt.

Advertisement for 'For Home Dressmakers' by Thomas J. Morgan. Includes an illustration of a woman in a dress and text describing the book's content.

Advertisement for 'Three Dreams in a Desert' by Olive Schreiner. Includes text of the first dream and a small illustration of a desert landscape.

Advertisement for 'The Encyclopedia of Social Reform' by Charles H. Kerr. Includes text describing the book's scope and availability.

Advertisement for 'The Chicago Daily Socialist' and 'The Encyclopedia of Social Reform'. Includes contact information for the Chicago Daily Socialist and details about the encyclopedia.

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The Year That Is Past

The twelve months of 1908, like every twelve months for nearly half a century, have seen long strides along two closely connected roads. There has been great progress in man's triumph over nature. There has been a steady increase in the solidarity and intelligent revolt of the wage-workers.

The almost countless reviews which will be made of the events of the past year during these days will nearly all seek to determine THE CHARACTERISTIC STEP IN THE WORLD'S PROGRESS WHICH MUST BE CREDITED TO THESE MONTHS.

We believe that most of these will agree that one of the greatest of these, as future centuries will see it, was the long step taken toward the conquest of the air. The entrance of mankind into the third dimension of space, the conquest of a new division of the universe, equal in extent to earth and sea combined, and mightily increasing the dominion of man over both land and water, must be looked upon as a marvelous epoch-marking achievement.

Enough has been accomplished in this direction to make certain that aerial navigation is now an accomplished fact. A multitude of experimenters must now work out the details and develop the means by which the triumphs gained during the past year may be realized.

All over the world the lines of battle between the exploited workers and the ruling class of exploiters have been drawn closer. Germany, France, England and the Scandinavian countries all tell of progress in the organization of labor, of a growth in intelligence and class-consciousness and solidarity.

In the United States Socialism has grown as never before. This is not shown so much in the absolute numbers cast for the Socialist party ticket, as in the fact that the entire political energies of capitalism were directed against the Socialist movement. In platforms, candidates, tactics and general policies the fear of Socialism was ever the guiding principle of action. That in the face of such an attack the Socialist party vote was not reduced far below the inflated numbers of four years ago speaks volumes for the actual increase in Social strength.

The open and avowed entrance of organized labor into the political field must also be looked upon as a step forward. It makes little difference that the step was faltering and in a wrong direction. THE GIANT MOVED AND SHOWED A CONSCIOUSNESS OF HIS STRENGTH. It only remains for him to learn how best to use that strength.

The last month of the year saw another event that bids fair to turn the political feet of labor into the proper path. The sentence of the officers of the American Federation of Labor to prison has added just that dramatic element to the attack of the Manufacturers' association which was needed to sound a rallying cry to the hosts of labor.

The struggle to maintain the right of asylum, precipitated by the attempt of Russia to extradite Pouden and Rudowitz, promises to become another of the historic events in the fight for liberty. Before this event is closed, it is probable that the treaty with Russia will be terminated and the world-wide attempt of the czar to abolish the right of asylum be thwarted.

These are some of the landmarks planted during the past year along the onward and upward road to human liberty. The year that is before us will see others located. How great the distance they will measure depends in no small degree upon that ever-growing army of men and women who follow the flag of international Socialism.

X-RAYS

BY JOHN M. WORE

If times are prosperous, nobody ate a charity Christmas dinner. Millions of men, women and children did eat charity Christmas dinners, and many others went hungry. Draw your own conclusion.

A prominent social settlement worker says he has been accused of being like the drunken man who could not help his partner up and therefore sat down beside him saying, "I'm sorry I can't help you up, Jim, but I can sit down in the mud with you, anyhow." This prominent settlement worker denies the accusation, but it comes perilously near being true.

The pity and sympathy which actuate the social settlement workers are admirable, and in so far as they help individuals to a better life they are to be commended.

But their work is utterly hopeless. Every essential feature of the present social system has its dagger out to stab their efforts. The results of their work, good as far as they go, are extremely puny.

It would be too bad to neglect the individuals they are helping, but in addition to that work they should use their first hand knowledge of conditions to scourge the system which produces those conditions.

They ought to directly ally themselves with the Socialist party in order to abolish the system.

The capitalists, who are unable to consume the vast wealth which they wring from the workers, but keep the workers from consuming it just the same, may be fittingly likened to the dog in the manger who could not eat the hay himself but kept the ox from doing so.

It may be well to remind those who do not believe there is any way for the ox to get rid of the dog, that the habit of the dog in the manger has been revised. I have not the revised version handy, but it runs something like this:

A certain vicious dog sat in a manger and barked and growled at the ox and kept him from the hay, although he could not eat it himself. But it so happened that this particular ox had become high in the forehead and wide between the horns, denoting enlarged intellect. So he winked his off eye at himself and said to the dog:

"Don't you know that if you stay in that manger long enough you'll get mangy?"

Now, this coincided with what the dog had previously learned about the germ theory of disease. Besides, the ox accompanied this pleasantry with a menacing twitch of his horn. So the dog silently tucked his tail between his legs and stole away. Whereupon the ox winked his near eye at himself and fell to and began to fill himself with delicious hay.

I am not much of an admirer of Daniel Webster. In his middle and later years he was a trimmer and a compromiser. But in his younger years he said some things worthy to be repeated.

He delivered the oration at the laying of the corner stone of the Bunker Hill monument, on the 17th day of June, 1825. In the audience were a few aged survivors of the revolution, among them being Lafayette, who was at that time making a tour through the United States. Inspired by this occasion and these surroundings, the young orator gave utterance to these words:

"If the spark of religious and civil liberty be kindled, it will burn. Human agency cannot extinguish it. Like the earth's central fire, it may be smothered for a time, the ocean may overwhelm it, mountains may press it down, but its inherent and unconquerable force will hover both the ocean and the land, and at some time or other, in some place or other the volcano will break out and flame up to heaven."

PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYED

(Following editorial on the problem of the unemployed has just appeared in Vorwarts.)

Every time a crisis occurs in the economic world which results in throwing out of work a great number of persons, there always arises the question as to how to combat this evil.

Every laborer knows that such are but the inevitable results of the capitalist system and that under that system they cannot be avoided as long as production is carried on for profit and not for use.

The ruling classes, one would expect, even if they are able to avoid, would at least take measures to lessen the periodical recurrence of unemployment.

Whoever looks at the question not as a philistine, but as a member of the social economic body, will not indulge in such air-castles.

However the working class have been accustomed to regard the lack of employment, the bourgeoisie have always called it merely a "gutting" of the labor market.

When such a condition arises the ruling classes, so far from considering this an evil, regard it very much the other way. They regard it as one of the foundations of the social order and in itself inevitable. How in the world can capitalism exist without cheap labor?

If there were not too many applicants for each job how could cheap labor be maintained? In case there were no reserve of unemployed men how could labor be forced to answer to the call of the employing class? Immediately labor would take advantage of this situation in order to better its miserable conditions of existence.

There would be no more strike breakers. The employing class would have to submit. The reserve of the army of the unemployed serves to hinder this progress of the working class and the advancement of wages.

The weight of misery draws the whole proletariat down, and prevents it from climbing up the hill of economic freedom.

Therefore it is impossible that the bourgeoisie should look upon employment as a thing evil in itself and an economic danger.

The representatives, however, cannot publicly say "we consider unemployment a benefit to society." Such sarcasm would awaken too much of a revolt in all ranks of society. On the other hand, they cannot bring themselves to oppose it in any effective way.

This feeling is shown in the statements of the representatives of the ruling class on this question, and their oft-repeated declaration that it is not so bad for our society as it is in other lands and countries.

The crisis will soon pass away of itself and the evil will be forgotten then. The ruling classes need not deceive themselves with any such ideas. If the unemployed class becomes so great a menace and the unemployed cannot hide themselves and if once they get into their mind that they are the victims of the present economical system and start to demonstrate publicly, then at least a part of the bourgeoisie will wake up and acknowledge the necessity that something must be done and some of the worst evils of the capitalist system must come to an end.

The misery of the working class as a whole does not bother them very much. As long as they do not too persistently offend their aesthetic nature. Also the politicians, sociologists, professors will have to busy themselves with the question of the unemployed and find some remedy or at least some palliation. Long treatises and very learned documents are written on the question of the unemployed. The only gain which has so far resulted from this, which can be taken as any serious advance, is the Ghent system. This system embraces the providing of means of subsistence during periods of unemployment. There is no fund for this, unfortunately, at present. The working class also lack the political power to change laws in their favor, by shortening hours of labor, establishing securities against unemployment and by this means doing away with the worst consequences of the crisis.

They know that under the present regime they have no better outlook than recurring crises such as the one now upon us.

They know that the only thing to do is to adopt temporary measures to prevent the unemployed from sinking to the depths of everlasting misery and slavery. For this reason the organizations of workmen are used for the establishment of mutual insurance against unemployment.

Out of the dues collected from the labor organizations in times of prosperity the unemployed members are

sustained. This sustenance is not of any great proportions, but in consequence of the enlargement of the misery of the masses it rests like a heavy weight on all labor unions.

Just here the Ghent system enters the field. Under this system help from the state enables working men's organizations to increase their benefits to the working men, the misery of the working classes is in a measure alleviated and the general tone of the workers' condition immensely improved.

So far this system of state help has obtained only in municipalities. It is rapidly spreading over Germany and it is to be hoped that the system will eventually become part and parcel of every municipal budget at least throughout the empire. This is the first step toward state aid of the working class.

But this only makes clearer the fact that all the bourgeoisie know how to do is to follow the lead of the proletariat. That is to say, the ruling classes have no ideas of their own for the relief of intolerable conditions which these classes have brought about; they are compelled to trail along behind the workmen and adopt the workmen's own methods of relief.

And the insult to the working class is that even under the Ghent system the aid given by the municipalities is given as a gift of the bourgeoisie and not as a contribution to the actual needs of society, as a real tax upon the commonwealth.

And in order to develop even this pitiful system it is necessary that crises of the unemployed should arise which make it an absolute necessity. The inability of the bourgeoisie to understand even the political basis of the unemployed movement and its relief could not be better illustrated than in this fact that they have been compelled to follow the lead of the proletariat in dealing with this question. What right have the ruling classes to talk of politics when they are compelled to follow the working classes for even the simplest economic ideas?

The thing for the working class to do is to make the ruling class follow their lead still further and get to the root of the evil of unemployment, to force them to strike at the very roots of the system which creates unemployment.

(To be continued next week.)

THE "GREAT WHITE PLAGUE"

BY MORRIS KAPLAN

The tuberculosis exhibit has come and gone. For a few days, due to the newspaper reports, and also to the prominence of the speakers that the exhibit brought out, the people, some of them, were awakened and compelled to see, yes, and to admit the glaring dangers which we here in Duluth, as in all large United States communities, are facing.

"Something must be done," said many of the awakened ones. Not many days have gone by and already it is forgotten.

Soberly have long ago recognized the basic cause for the spread of the tuberculosis germs and disease. Dr. Halpern, a member of the Socialist party, struck at the root of the evil when in his address at the tuberculosis convention at Washington, he said the cause was economic, that poverty was the root of the evil.

If we revert back to the reports of every physician who has had under his care "white plague" cases, all of them agree that the essential antidotes are: "Cleanliness, sunlight, fresh air." Also the following advice is given to all—both the healthy, as well as to the diseased:

"Don't live in rooms where there is no fresh air."

"Don't work in rooms where there is no fresh air."

"Don't sleep in rooms where there is no fresh air."

"Don't worry. Take plenty of rest."

"Don't drink beer, whisky or other alcoholics."

"All of this advice is very good advice, but can we act upon it? Some, perhaps, yes, but how many? The poorer quarters of every large city are generally the worst in appearance. Streets, buildings, alleyways, interior of build-

ings, almost anything and everything one comes in contact with reeks of filth and grime and dust. Who is responsible for such a state of affairs?

The landlord cares nothing about the health of his tenants. All he is after is rents. Better care of his buildings would cost money. He is not a landlord from love for the tenant. He is landlord for the profits that he can make out of the rentals that he gets.

Of course he is ever careful that his own home is in good repair and healthful condition, also that the streets in his neighborhood are kept clean, else he makes a very determined kick to the street commissioner, standing upon his rights as a taxpayer in the community. It is not at all surprising that, in the residential districts where the wealthier classes make their homes, the streets are better paved, better lighted and more frequently cleaned.

The surprise of it all is that there are not more diseased persons than scoldscapes. But, then, we are getting there reasonably fast. Doctors, however, are now in greater evidence than ever before, so we at least have the consolation of knowing that one element of the professional class will find their services in greater demand than ever before, else they would be forced to apply for jobs as clerks, etc., and thus directly come into competition with a set of men of which there are already a surplus.

How apt and appropriate the saying, "Tis an ill wind that blows nobody good." The pity of it lies in the fact that today one element of the community must necessarily seek their existence by living upon the sufferings of others. What a wonderful civilization we have evolved; don't you think so?

THE VILLAGE INN



"Why don't you supply toothpicks after lunch?"

"I used to, sir, but people used to take 'em away w' 'em!"—London Weekly Telegraph.

Queer Californian Traders

The queerest "traders" in all vast California are the "odd little animals" known as "trade rats."

They never steal, but give miscellaneous articles in exchange for what they take.

A paste-pot left over night in an assay office was found in the morning filled with the oddest collection of rubbish.

This was the work of trade rats. They had stolen the paste, and left in exchange a piece of stick, a length of rope, some odds and ends of wire and an unbroken glass flask.

SAW "SNAKES" RIGHT ENOUGH

A member of a certain club near Cape Town makes a hobby of catching snakes, scorpions, etc. After a weary tramp over the "flats," he generally calls at the club for a "refresher."

One morning he arrived with his little son, of six years, and a companion, who immediately devoted himself to "bridge" in an adjoining room, repeatedly declining to "come home to dinner."

The patience of the snake catcher became exhausted. Taking a lively three-foot snake from his box, he handed it to his little son, and told him to enter the room, calling out, "come home, Jack."

The snake twisted and twirled round the lad's arms, and he did as he was bid. Immediately he entered, cards were dropped, chairs and tables upset, and players and onlookers competed in a race out of the room.

Jack went home to dinner all right.

KEPT HIM GUESSING



Mr. Mouse—Well, I wonder what sort of a newfangled rat trap that is. I've been all over the thing, and I can't find a bit of cheese.

RIGHT HE WAS



"Why, uncle, I thought the doctor ordered you not to go out of the door this weather!"

"Well, I didn't. I climbed out of the window."—New York World.

Amazing a Mayor

The worthy mayor of Mumpsville, who had taken it upon himself to run down and examine the Mumpsville Seminary for Maidens in Geography, was also owner of the principal Mumpsville drapery establishment. At the conclusion of the visit he gave the girls a little lecture on the importance of Mumpsville in the world's history, and the necessity of patriotism in Mumpsvillians.

"Before I go," he concluded, "has any one a question to ask?"

Slowly and timidly one little girl raised her hand.

"What is the question, Sally? Don't be afraid. Speak out."

The Daily Socialist This Year

The daily paper that we have fought so hard to establish enters upon the new year in the midst of one of those hard, desperate fights for life that come because of the neglect of those who brought it into life and whose defender it is in the great class fight.

It would take more than this editorial column to merely enumerate the battles in which the Daily Socialist has taken part. It was the only paper that dared to stand against the conspiratory attempt to send the officials of the striking teamsters to jail and turned such a flood of light upon that situation that the men were freed. It stood alone, and does still stand alone, against the attempt of the "business interests" of Chicago to transform the public schools of this city into "educational factories," where teachers shall be exploited to the subsistence point and children trained to be subservient wage slaves.

It was the only paper that dared to stand with the telegraphers in their battle for better conditions and that has stood with them ever since in their effort to organize that branch of labor. It is the only daily paper in Chicago that has always stood for better conditions for those who do the work of the world, and has bitterly fought every attack of the exploiting class. It is the only daily paper that now dares to oppose the attempt to imprison the officers of the American Federation of Labor for having exercised the right of free speech and a free press.

Had there been no Daily Socialist Rudowitz would long ago have been in Russia, for no other paper dared to raise its voice until his cause had become popular. Of the work of the Daily Socialist in the fight against the Chicago charter, in the Averch case, the Corn Products exposure and a host of other battles there is no time to tell. Of its work for the Socialist party, of education and agitation, bringing every section of the country into daily communication, we cannot even speak.

Just because the Daily Socialist does these things, because it does fight the battles of the working class, it is hated and feared and fought by those in power and debared from those sources of income most profitable to such papers as bow the knee to mammon that profit may follow.

Yet in spite of these facts much, very much, has been accomplished. For more than six months there has been no such heart-breaking crisis as confronts us now. During that time debts were reduced, not increased, and the plant added to, the paper greatly improved, and this in spite of the fact that only for one month was there any real surplus.

Then came the election and the enthusiasm of the campaign disappeared, and the workers ceased to give help to their paper. The same is true of all Socialist papers. Then came the Christmas holidays, always a time of hard struggle for Socialist papers, since the funds and the minds of the workers are directed elsewhere.

In spite of all this the deficit is less than it was a year ago with only a four-page paper. The deficit is smaller and the outstanding debts smaller. But there is, and there cannot be until a much better condition is reached, any funds with which to tide over a period of depression.

We warned of the coming crisis. But overconfidence both of the favorable report at the close of the campaign, indifference due to relaxation from the work of the weeks before election, and carelessness bred to preoccupation with holiday festivities, all combined to bring the paper to a condition where it will require every energy that can be rallied to bring it once more to safety.

The Chicago Socialist went to work almost frantically last week and raised enough to keep it going through this week. They felt that if they did this that others in the city and outside would lend a hand when the real urgency of the situation was made known to them.

This week will tell whether their faith was justified. The paper is here. As in every other crisis, less is required to secure safety, and the prospects better when that safety is attained than ever before. We shall never say again that any crisis is the last one, because such indifference as has characterized the last few weeks would be fatal to a Socialist paper at any time if long continued.

But there must be at least two thousand dollars raised during the next week. That means that twenty persons must purchase a hundred-dollar bond each, or forty a fifty-dollar bond, or eighty one for twenty-five dollars, or two hundred must take ten dollars each. Most probably it must be a combination of all with smaller sums from hundreds of others who will take one or more subscription cards, donate a few dollars or cents, and thus make possible the establishment of a daily paper for the workers in the greatest industrial city in America.

The sum is a trifle beside what has been done in the past, and all we have done will be lost if we fall now. It will be no crushing burden on anyone.

But IT MUST BE DONE. The statement that death threatened has never been made until the last minute has arrived, when further delay would make the perpetuation of the paper impossible. In every case the simple truth has been told. In every case the paper would have disappeared forever had there not been a response. In every case there was a response. We believe there will be one this week. Thousands of others believe the same. Each will do what he can in the knowledge that he is tugging at a load that would crush him as nothing were he alone, but which with the added efforts of a mighty army of comrades becomes an easy task.

THE PIGEONS AND THE WORKERS

BY H. G. CREEL

I'm in a little middle west town—never mind where—looking out my window at a huge pigeon cote. I've been watching it all day. Great clouds of pigeons go swirling back and forth, rising and falling, this way and that, seemingly without number.

Except for its size it is just an ordinary pigeon cote. You've seen many like it. But there's a story goes with this one. I learned it this morning.

"That's the reason I can't take my eyes or my thoughts off the pigeons."

"Who owns those birds?" I asked a boy this morning.

"Them!" he responded, nodding toward the flock. "Them's owned by Blank & Blank, the produce merchants."

"They do quite a business in pigeons," he continued, "and it don't cost 'em a cent."

"How's that?" I inquired.

"Easy," he replied. "They just put up that building to store stuff in. Then one day they cut them holes, fixed boxes inside, spread out a little grain at first and attracted the pigeons. They've been breeding 'em for years. Feed themselves, now. And whenever the company gets an order they just trap what they want."

"Good scheme," said I.

"Yep," he answered. "Only one day written by Norman I. Burnett."

A CORRECTION

Through an oversight the article, "How Tom Hughes Became a Socialist," which appeared in Thursday's Daily Socialist, was unsigned. It was written by Norman I. Burnett.