

MODERN SLAVES TO ASK FREEDM

To Use Lincoln's Birthday for Protesting Against Wright Decision

A monster protest meeting against Judge Wright's decision against Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison will be held in Chicago on Lincoln's birthday. This was decided upon at the meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor yesterday afternoon.

Wright's Decision Criticized Two resolutions bearing upon the subject were introduced and passed. The report of the executive board was confined to the decision. While the resolutions inclined to denounce Justice Wright, the delegates seemed favorable to the opinion that the decision was something to be thankful for, some suggesting that all labor would soon find out, without any doubt, where it really stood in the eyes of the employing class, which, they argued, would result in the working class standing closer together.

"I feel like taking my hat off to Judge Wright and blessing him," said Delegate Quinn of the Actors' union. "Every Christian is indebted to Pontius Pilate, for the crucifixion of Christ that opened up the way for Christianity. The decision of Judge Wright will do more to wipe out industrial slavery than any event that has happened in years."

Delegates Macy of the Stereotypers' union said: "We should now be able to define the term 'laboring man.' It is not right to denounce our judges. Thank God that there is such a man as Judge Wright."

Delegates Olander of the Seamen's union objected to remarks made by Delegate Koop of the Printers' union, a Socialist, concerning property rights, and this subject took up a good part of the discussion. Koop was the first speaker.

Destruction of Property Rights "It is true that we are trying to destroy property rights," said Koop. "The abolition of the profit system is the only solution of the whole matter."

He also referred to the last campaign, when there were many union men shouting for Bryan.

"What does Bryan say now?" asked Koop. "He says that he doesn't care to criticize the courts. Yet you are criticizing the courts."

"I want to deny emphatically the statement of Delegate Koop that the boycott injures the workers," said John D. Rockefeller. "It is time we put a stop to such statements on this floor from men who have never studied the injunction question. Neither the defendants in this case or other union men destroyed a stove or the factory. They probably injured the sale of the stoves, but we deny that is a property right and that is where we protest against the ruling of the court."

Definition of Term "It is assumed that a boycott to injure the sale of a product is a property right, then we assume that the manufacturer has a property right in a customer or in the laborer who works for him."

Olander declared that a man who believed as Koop does should not be allowed to represent a local union on the floor of the Chicago Federation of Labor. Other delegates thought that it was unfortunate that politics and the last campaign should have been dragged into the discussion.

Delegate Myers of the Metal Polishers' union said that the trouble originated when Van Cleave reduced the wages of ten metal polishers in St. Louis and violated an agreement with the National Foundry and Machine Workers' association and the union. "He was fined \$5,000 by the association," said Myers, "but he does not tell that in the injunction suit. He is now trying to shoulder the blame on to the employees. That's the secret of the whole thing."

The meeting was the largest held for some time. There were at least 300 delegates, besides many visitors, present.

How Injunctions Hurt Workmen Resolution No. 1 reads as follows: Whereas, The Supreme court of the District of Columbia has rendered a decision in the case of the Book Store Range company against the American Federation of Labor, whereby President Gompers and Secretary Morrison of the A. F. of L. and John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America have been declared in contempt of court and have been sentenced to prison for violation of an injunction which prohibited them from exercising their lawful rights as citizens; and Whereas, The injunction rendered by and the decision of the court in the contempt proceedings are a deprivation of the rights of free speech and free press, and are contrary to the constitution of the United States; and Whereas, Such injunctions and decisions, which are at present being used only against organized workmen struggling to improve their conditions, forbid workmen from telling each other of the wrongs under which they are suffering, and thus prevent the publishing of the fact that they are engaged in a struggle against an unfair employer; and

Rights of Trial by Jury Whereas, Injunctions have been repeatedly issued that forbid the normal and lawful activities of labor unions, prohibiting workmen from organizing, holding meetings, forbidding union men from talking to non-members or communicating with them, forbidding the right to strike, i. e., denying the right of free speech, the right of free assembly, the right of free holding that labor, which is inseparable from the laborer, is the property of the employer, thus depriving the laborer of his freedom, of his equality with other citizens before the courts, and taking from them their constitutional rights as human beings; and

Whereas, Such injunctions are steadily becoming more drastic and frequent, and if continued will result in depriving not only organized workers, but all people of our country, of the rights of free speech, free press and free assembly, rights without which no nation can progress, to real liberty and freedom exist; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we compliment Brother Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison upon the splendid struggle they are making in behalf of the American people, and that we hereby pledge our support as we are able to give to the end that all possibility of the issuance of such injurious injunctions and decisions shall be abolished and freedom be restored.

Blow at Free Speech Resolution No. 2 reads: Whereas, The Supreme court of the District of Columbia has rendered a decision in the case of the Book Store Range company against the American Federation of Labor, whereby President Gompers and Secretary Morrison of the A. F. of L. and John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America have been declared in contempt of court and have been sentenced to prison for violation of an injunction which prohibited them from exercising their lawful rights as citizens; and

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THE AUTOCRAT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD



JOHN D. WRITES LINES FOR PLAY

Standard Oil Magnate Indites Speech to Be Used in "The Battle"

New York, Jan. 4.—Touched to the quick by the appeal to modern business pride which appears in Cleveland Moffett's "The Battle," when John Haggleton, oil magnate and capitalist, shows that the blowing up of oil wells is a righteous thing and helps to save the money of innocent stockholders, John D. Rockefeller has penned some lines for the play.

The recent dramatic scene in court when John D. Rockefeller unburdened himself of the open secrets of Standard Oil apparently had a striking effect on the oil king's mind, for now that the New York Socialists have had their turn at "The Battle," Rockefeller has given out some choice gems on modern business.

Lackaye Speaks Oily Words These additions to the play are to be delivered by Wilton Lackaye in his presentation of John Haggleton, the magnate who wishes to reclaim his son from Socialism to the higher business life which a New York magnate once called "a survival of the fittest," adding "and he who fits hardest survives the most." Haggleton maintains that this is a glorious thing which is to be perpetuated. Here are the speeches which Rockefeller wrote:

"It is not merely capital and plants. It is not merely the strictly material things which make up a business, but the character of the men behind them, their personalities and their abilities."

"The men of this generation are entering into a heritage which makes their fathers' lives look poverty stricken by comparison."

"I will remember a bright man from Boston who had much to say about rebates and drawbacks. He was an old and respected merchant and looked after his affairs with a watchful eye. He feared that some of his competitors were doing better than himself in the bargaining for rates and he said, 'I am opposed to this system of rebate and drawbacks—unless I get my share.'"

Better Than "Visionary" Socialism This dog eat dog plan is taken by the audience to be a far better thing than "visionary" Socialism which is propounded nightly by some strong representative of the Socialist party. The play is running at the Savoy. Gaylord Wilshire and others have taken a rap at some of the clever things which Moffett has put into the mouth of John Haggleton.

CASTRO'S HEALTH GROWS WORSE

London, Jan. 4.—The Daily Mail's Berlin correspondent says that Senor Castro, former president of Venezuela, has grown suddenly worse and returned to Dr. Lerae's hospital, where he will undergo an operation in a few days for some disease in the region of the kidneys.

Not Unanimous; Declines Job St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 4.—John W. O'Leary, state superintendent of public instruction, last week elected dean of the State Normal school at St. Cloud, has announced that he will not accept the position because he was not unanimously elected by the board of trustees.

PORCH CLIMBERS GET \$4,000 LOOT FROM H. B. CLOW HOME

Harry B. Clow, president of the Rand-McNally company, is the latest victim of a long series of Saturday night porch climbing jobs on the north side. While the family was at dinner Saturday night thieves entered the second story window of the Clow residence, 334 North Park avenue, and secured jewelry valued at \$4,000 and "escaped." The police indulged in secrecy until last night.

The robbery was reported to Assistant Chief Schuetter personally by Mr. Clow fifteen minutes after a housemate had seen a well dressed man in the act at the side of the residence. From this it is believed that the porch climber worked while two companions watched members of the family and passersby.

For three days previous to the robbery a beggar had appeared at the door of the Clow residence soliciting alms. He was noticed studying the surroundings of the house Friday morning, and was seen again in the neighborhood late in the evening.

FOUR REPUBLICS AT WAR'S VERGE

Central American Nations Once More Ready for General Mixup

New Orleans, La., Jan. 4.—The Times-Democrat publishes a story based on reports received from Central America, which are to this effect: "Nicaragua is marching troops from the frontier into the vicinity of Chinlaca, Honduras, to overthrow the government of Miguel Davila, president of Honduras. It is reported that the Nicaraguan Dr. Arrias, recently received almost \$100,000 in army supplies, medicines, etc., shipped by secret agents of Zelaya in this city and that all preparations are being made for a long campaign."

Four Countries at War? The informants of the Times-Democrat stated that the revolution was a four cornered affair with the Honduran malcontents attacking the Zelaya forces, backed by supplies and men from Salvador. It also is alleged that the Guatemalan government has supplied men and arms.

The consular representatives in New Orleans of the governments concerned deny any knowledge of the movement.

Washington Sends Ship On Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Reports of expeditionary movements in Central America have led to a close watch of the situation by the Washington government, and, acting under orders from the navy department, at the request of Secretary Root, the gunboat Duquesne yesterday sailed from Havana for Bluefields.

The Duquesne will touch at Key West for supplies. Its presence in the neighborhood of Nicaraguan territory will have a reassuring effect in the event any trouble occurs in that section.

John Molsant Is Busy Reports connecting John Molsant of Salvador with a revolutionary organization claimed to be fitting out in Nicaragua against Salvador attracted some attention here and it was recalled that Molsant is one of two men claiming to be naturalized American citizens who were imprisoned in Salvador and whose lives barely were saved through the intervention of this government.

Bogota to Make Denatured Alcohol Washington, Jan. 4.—Colombia has granted permission to distillers for manufacture of denatured alcohol in the District of Bogota, to be used in the manufacture of dynamite. The new enterprise is granted under all laws.

WOMEN DRILLING TO BE SOLDIERS

Army of Amazons in Montenegro Prepare to Fight in Austrian War

An army of amazons trained to wage war on the Austrian empire is the newest body to take up the profession of arms, according to Dr. Spiro Sargentich, commissioner of health of Tacoma, Wash., who stopped in Chicago yesterday en route from Montenegro, where he went to offer his services to his former ruler and watched the women of Montenegro training for a possible war with Austria.

"When we read in the 'Iliad' of the women who helped in the siege of Troy we were positive that we would not encounter a similar condition in our everyday life," declared the western health commissioner.

"In our little country of Montenegro, where the dangers of Austria become more and more glaring as the days go by, our women are preparing for a possible fray. Daily they drill and practice with their rifles and revolvers, and when trouble does come they will fight side by side with the 70,000 men who comprise our fighting force."

Montenegro Still "His Country" The man who is health commissioner of an American city, a lieutenant in his state militia, and a graduate of the University of California still refers to Montenegro as "his country," for he has served in the Montenegrans and Austrian armies and wears the Order of Prince Danilo I. conferred on him by Prince Nicholas, ruler of the little protectorate, a month ago.

At the Stratford hotel, where he has been stopping for two days, Dr. Sargentich talked of the war cloud that long has been hovering over the Balkans and the peace conditions under which the inhabitants of that part of southern Europe embrace Montenegro, Servia, Bosnia, and Herzegovina live.

"Austria is the cause of the trouble in the Balkans," he declared. "Austria were less greedy and satisfied to keep the great it has aimed there would be no trouble and the little empires about it would be happy."

"When the Turks invaded the empire, forced their way into the country and took away the capital the soldiers of Montenegro and Servia did the most valiant fighting. They were largely responsible for the retreat of the Turks to their own domain."

Tells of Treaty of 1878 "The atrocities perpetrated by the Turkish soldiers on the inhabitants of Bosnia and Herzegovina left the inhabitants of these territories in such a condition of helplessness that the powers, including England, Russia, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, and Turkey, signed a treaty of Berlin in 1878 by the terms of which Austria was to retain the control of the territories for twenty years, and the territories were to exist under the government of a protectorate.

"Recently Austria has given evidence of an intention to annex Bosnia and Herzegovina and thereby violate the terms of the treaty."

"The coming to pass of such an annexation would mean the dismemberment of the Balkan peninsula and the loss of territory of the same race as those of Montenegro and Servia, and the latter two countries have been looking forward to the time when they would be united in a country, able to take their stand with other powers of Europe."

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Premier's Dismissal Causes Consternation; Considered Affront to Powers

Peking, Jan. 4.—Following the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai, grand councillor and commander in chief of the forces, and the appointment of Na Tung as grand councillor, an edict was issued yesterday appointing Lang-Tun-Yen, customs tsoat, to the position thus made vacant on the foreign board.

The British and American ministers at a conference at the British legation reached an agreement that the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai should not pass unnoticed.

The American, British, German, and Japanese ministers met again at the American legation yesterday morning, Sir John N. Jordan, the British minister, joining Mr. Rockwell, the American minister, in submitting an outline of representations which should be made to the foreign board.

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The dissenting ministers are of the opinion that unless other serious events occur interference would not be justified. Japan concurs in the opinion that the dismissal is certain to result in international injury, but thinks representations to China would be difficult. There is a marked lack of unanimity among the diplomats in the present situation.

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QUAKE VICTIMS EAT OWN ARMS

Dead Bodies of Pinioned Men Bear Mute Testimony of Tortures

Messina, Italy, Jan. 4.—This devastated city is now thoroughly occupied by troops. Each quarter has its body of them, divided so that no point in the town is without protection. A cord of soldiers also surrounds the entire town, which is almost deserted. Only soldiers and sailors are to be seen there.

The suffering of persons still buried in the ruins of fallen buildings here, who are slowly dying from hunger, is awful to contemplate.

Awful Tortures Endured Dead bodies have been found which bear mute testimony of the torture endured before death relieved their sufferings. Several of these persons have died gnawing at their arms and hands, evidently delirious from pain and hunger. Other bodies brought from the ruins had portions of shawls and particles of clothing in the mouths and one woman had her teeth firmly fixed in the leg of a dead baby.

The archbishop of Messina has been found still living in the ruins of his palace.

Gunboat to Aid Americans Rome, Italy, Jan. 4.—The American gunboat Scorpion will arrive at Messina Monday, when her commander will place his vessel at the disposal of the American embassy officials and the con-

stant authorities for the assistance of Americans and the protection of their interests in Sicily. The Scorpion, like other foreign ships, also will transport refugees from the affected districts, carrying messages and co-operate in all possible ways with the authorities in the alleviation of distress.

In the meantime if the bodies of Consul Chesney and his wife are found the

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Scorpion may transport them to Naples, whence they will be shipped to the United States.

King Reports Relief Work

Returning from a visit to the Calabria coast, north of Reggio, King Victor Emmanuel sent the following telegram to Premier Crispien...

In compliance with the order of the king, the royal yacht Caserta and Naples by placed at the disposal of the wounded, 100 injured persons from Messina already are occupying a portion of the San Ferdinando palace...

Train Overwhelmed by Wave

It is stated here that a train which left Reggio early on the morning of the earthquake carrying passengers of which nothing has been heard since, was overwhelmed by the tidal wave following the earthquake.

Almost all of the people of Reggio and Messina, it is said, are making up their minds to abandon their native cities. One man who lived at Messina said: "It is not without tears that one abandons the place where he and his ancestral were born and where many of his loved ones lie at rest in the cemetery; but I have decided to stay woody for ever to my native land. It is the cruel necessity of defense against cruel nature."

Railway Operated Again

As an indication of the progress that is being made in bringing order out of chaos the railway line from Reggio to Cantanzaro was again put in operation last night. There is a break in the line, however, of 650 feet, over which passengers and freight must be transferred by hand to another train.

The distribution of food also is being made more regularly in the affected districts and many of the starving, therefore, have been relieved temporarily. Many of the points on the coasts of Calabria and Sicily paddle out in canoes to the large steamers passing through the straits and request and receive food from them.

It is said that the Italian king, King Victor Emmanuel his errand of mercy more than does Pope Pius, who always has felt that his place was with the stricken earthquake sufferers. Having been prevented from going there his officials have tried to keep in touch with the prevailing conditions as much as possible and has offered the bishops of the affected zone all that he could give. His latest gift has been another \$100,000. The king has never so much regretted the loss of the liberty he enjoyed as patriarch of Venice. Now is the time that he would like again to be free to pawn his pectoral for the benefit of suffering mankind.

Statistics Hard to Obtain

Exact statistics of the dead and the surviving still are impossible to obtain, because all the dead bodies buried under the ruins have not been excavated. It is equally impossible to make an accurate count of the survivors, for they are today scattered from one end of the country to the other. The only figures that can be given are those by localizing the total population before the disaster and subtracting therefrom the numbers that are supposed to have survived. The result is of course approximate. On the basis of the estimate that about 25,000 people have left Messina and the Messina commune, as the total population of the city and commune was about 155,000, and as about 120,000 are believed to have perished, the dead probably will reach 115,000. The victims are increasing daily, not only through the dying of the injured, but also by the many succumbing to the disease of typhoid fever whose minds have given way under their terrible experiences.

200,000 DEAD, SAYS FIGARO

Paris Paper Declares Disaster Grows in Its Immediacy

Paris, France, Jan. 4.—The Figaro to-day publishes the following dispatch from Rome: "As each day goes by the disaster appears more horrible, terrifying and immense. It is without precedent in the history of the world. In my earlier dispatch I spoke of over 100,000 dead. This number, doubtless, will be exceeded, for now it is conservatively estimated that 200,000 persons perished miserably in this staggering catastrophe, and that the number of survivors whose minds have given way under the tremblings of the earth continue with sinister rumblings and at times jets of boiling water surge from the crevices. The number of streams are poisoned with putrid matter. The spasms of herculean efforts the succor still is insufficient. In the more remote regions the unhappy injured are being starved by the lack of food, and treatment. Dope and wine, enraged by hunger, spring upon the wounded and devour them. Insupportable fire and uncontrolled famine will inexorably claim their victims."

ALTON ADOPTS MOTOR SERVICE

The Chicago and Alton and Clover Leaf railroads have decided to adopt the use of the gasoline motor car for service on branch lines and in localities where the traffic is not sufficient to justify the running of more than a train or two a day. After a series of tests the motor car service built by the Strang Gas Electric car company of New York, an order has been placed for a number of the cars and four are now under construction. The first will be placed in service today on the line between Bloomington and Dwight, Ill., and will make two trips a day between the two cities. A party of railroad officials and representatives of the car company and the daily and night train service made a special trip in the car yesterday, leaving the Union station at 9 a. m. and returning from Bloomington by Alton Limited in the afternoon. The car which had been claimed for purchase as a result of the test run, was found to be a smooth running. The first car which has been built by the Strang company, and which has been used for two years on an interurban line out of Kansas City and in test runs elsewhere. After having spent in experimenting a million dollars in experimenting, it is believed he has perfected a car which will do the work of the railroads at a branch service in sparsely settled country. The Alton and Clover Leaf are the first roads to adopt it.

Boys Two Women; Is Caught

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 4.—A youth living in Kansas City, held up his home at the residence of Mrs. F. W. Wyatt, dressmaker, the point of a pistol and stole a few dollars. The youth was seen by a policeman and was captured. He was taken over to the local police.

WOMEN IN CLEVER SCHEME TO BLACKMAIL HOTEL GUESTS

A scheme for blackmailing prominent out-of-town brokers and business men who register at Chicago hotels has been unearthed, according to Elias Thompson, 112 Clark street, who represents one of the victims. The scheme is being worked by two women and several men, who present themselves as "lawyers."

Good Shows Held Over

Elias Janis enters the new year with "The Pair Co-ed" in the Studabaker with her managers confident she can continue there all season if she likes. Sam Bernard has a fortnight to fill out in the Garrick with "Nearby a Hero." Ed Walker, Harriet, Florence, Kockwell, Minnetta Barrett and Marie Taylor.

At the Vaudeville Houses

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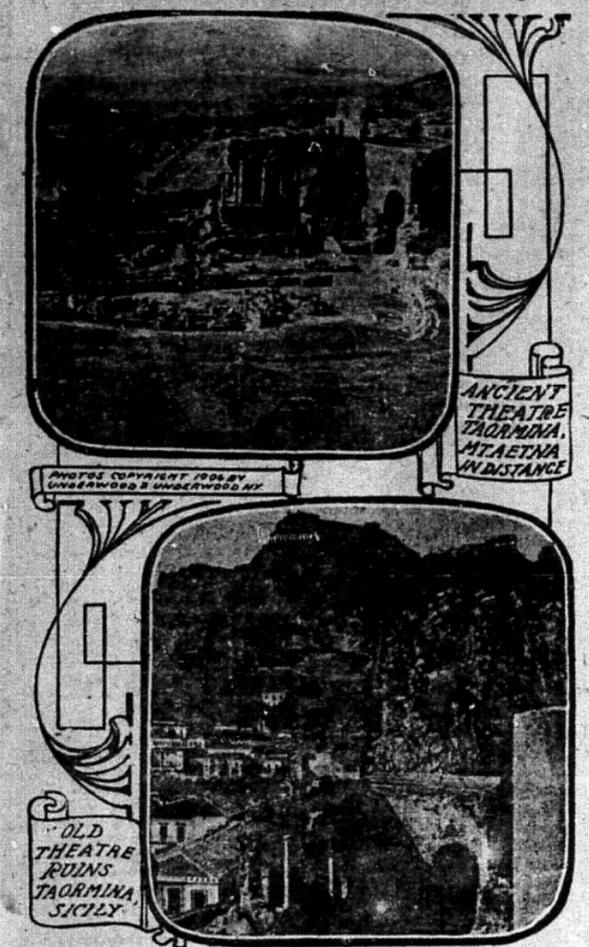
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DESTRUCTION OF REMNANTS OF ANTIQUITY



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ROUGE, TINSEL AND BLOOD MONEY

BY ELIZABETH D. TROWBRIDGE

There was only the wild, woman's instinct to protect the man she loved, only a blind horror of revolt against this pitfall of her own making.

Taught Him a Lesson "I don't agree with corporal punishment at all," said the visitor to the head master.

A Law-like Account Jinks the tailor was very indignant over a long and extortionate bill that a lawyer had sent him some trifling service.

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OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

SEVEN PRISON DAYS

A Woman's View of the Men in Stripes BY ETHEL DUFFY TURNER

(Continued from Saturday.) This morning was beautiful. I looked out over the bay, shimmering in the sun, a wonder-sheet of sapphire and diamond lights.

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Mrs. Mary Woodbey, the wife of Geo. W. Woodbey, is an active Socialist worker among women.

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The Naked Day

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Paris Pattern No. 2622



Girls' Dress

Developed in steel-gray serge, this is a very stylish and suitable little school frock.

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"Gracious, man!" exclaimed the doctor. "What have you been doing?"

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BY KATHARINE KERR



Today, being in a hopeful state of mind, and wishing to convert the teachers and principal in school to my way of thinking.

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The Race Problem

The question of the social and personal relations of different races will always remain to be settled by likes and dislikes, in the same manner as individual relations of the same character.

The only "problem" that is up for consideration, the only one that can be solved is the economic relations of the races. At the present time the vast majority of the negroes, even more than the whites, are members of the working class.

So long as this condition exists it is impossible to consider any phase of the relation of the races without meeting this economic problem. Socialism will solve this "race problem."

When this is done, when economic servitude is abolished, when there is no powerful ruling class interested in the maintenance of any particular phase of the race question, then it will be possible to meet and solve the other phases of that question.

Today the interests of the members of the working class are identical without regard to color. The welfare of all depends upon the ending of class rule and class exploitation.

To allow the workers to be divided on race lines is to insure the continued subjection of that class.

An understanding of these simple facts will cast a flood of light upon the "race problem" of today.

A "Liberty Issue"

The Chicago Daily Socialist will commemorate the birthday of Abraham Lincoln with a special edition that, we believe, will exceed in every way anything this paper has been able to accomplish hitherto.

The only compact organized body of men that is today standing for the things for which Lincoln stood in the '60s is the Socialists. The Socialists are standing for much more, but they cannot hope to progress to greater things unless these fundamental rights are maintained.

There will be great celebrations on this date in every city and in thousands of smaller centers of population. Where such celebrations are not already organized it would be a good thing for Socialists to arrange for them.

This is the centennial anniversary of the birth of the great emancipator, and already the fight must be taken up again to secure the things for which he fought. The great mass of the population are ignorant of the inroads that have been made upon these fundamental principles of human liberty.

This great special edition will do more to open the eyes of the ignorant than anything ever attempted by the Socialists of the United States. A million copies must and can be circulated.

Take this matter up in your locality at once and arrange to order as many thousand as you can possibly distribute. They will cost five dollars a thousand. We will tell you more about what is being prepared for this number in a few days.

Saving the Forests

Countless centuries of savagery and barbarism, and feudalism came and went and left the resources of the earth undiminished. In fact, those resources continued to grow through all those ages.

A single century of capitalism has done more to rob the earth of its store of wealth than all those ages that have gone. Before the advancing wave of capitalism forests, minerals, the very soil itself, has disappeared as before some great deep conflagration.

Unless this devastation is stopped capitalism will have literally looted the globe before it passes away.

It is hard for Americans to realize these facts. It has been but a few generations since the forest was looked upon as the great enemy of progress. Every acre cleared was looked upon as so much conquered for civilization. When we are told today that but twenty years more of the present progressive rate of consumption and destruction will be needed to practically denude this country of this source of wealth, the fact seems incapable of belief.

Yet such has been the effect of a few generations of exploitation of the forests for profit.

There is no escape from this robbery of the future save by the destruction of the profit element in the whole care of the forests.

All agree upon this point. Yet it is a question whether while capitalism lasts it will be possible sufficiently to control the profit demon to in any degree safely guard the future.

Russia Still Bleeding

Those who are claiming that the revolution is a thing of the past in Russia would do well to read the record of military executions. Over three hundred Russian citizens were executed during the last month of 1908. When it is remembered that Russia executes only for political offenses, the utter falsity of the claim made in Commissioner Foot's court that the revolution was over is shown.

Already the blood thirst of the czar is reaching out for new victims. This is the meaning of the attempt to invade the right of asylum in America. Shall we help to furnish those victims?

So far has this man hunt gone that even the last and most reactionary of Dumas has revolted. In spite of the fact that this body was selected by the landlords in violation of all the pledges for a constitutional government given by the czar, it is protesting against the brutality with which the revolutionists are being hunted to their death.

When the landlord's Duma protests, shall the American people remain quiescent?

SOCIALIST AGITATION

BY G. W. WOODBEY

The first step toward bringing about Socialism is agitation, which is the only means by which the public can be educated. It may be done through the press, the pulpit, the rostrum and private conversation.



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It has been well said that the co-operative commonwealth, must first be builded in the minds of the people before it can be put into actual practice. This work of building the new commonwealth is now going on night and day in all parts of the world.

The Socialist press throughout the world is now a great power, amounting to many hundred publications, from monthly magazines to great dailies, and these in the languages of all the civilized nations.

of a question at issue to be right rest upon a different ground. In the beginning of the movement many persons were imprisoned and otherwise maltreated in all countries, but

Socialism has steadily grown, until almost all legislative bodies of the world have their Socialist members and the question can no longer be ignored. While in some nations Socialism promises to become dominant at no distant day, the most significant thing in the Socialist movement is to be found in the substantial agreement of Socialists throughout the world.

The first thing the capitalist parties of this country have done is to ignore the movement. But that day has about passed and when they have to meet the Socialist agitation the growth of Socialism will be much more rapid.

The attention given Socialist speakers and the demand for literature is significant.

Socialism is an attempt to organize the working class into a political party to take control of the powers of government, and set up the co-operative commonwealth, thus doing away with all classes.

Because the Socialists recognize the existence of a class struggle they are some times accused of stirring up class hatred. But, instead, they simply recognize the fact that capitalism, by its unequal distribution of wealth, has forced on us a class struggle, which the Socialists are organizing to put down and bring on the long talked of period of universal brotherhood.

UNITE FOR FREEDOM

BY JOHN H. CUMMINGS

A cure for wage slavery and an equal opportunity for all whites and colored men. This is Socialism.

I have studied the Socialist propaganda and read its literature, and I want to call the attention of every colored man, woman and child to Socialism. At first I could hardly understand Socialism, but when I visited the great national convention of the Socialist party, held in Chicago from May 10 to 17, 1908, I did.

clothes, ignorant for want of an education. Let every working man and



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I want every colored man to look into the condition we have been in since 43 years ago; we have been wearing the same pair of pants that we put on 43 years ago. It seems, in my judgment, that we should have a change. The change can come only through Socialism. We put them on under the old system of Republicanism, and they have been the same old pants ever since.

Socialism is the only thing that will compel a change of conditions. We are today in a suffering and destitute condition, starving for food. We cannot get work. We are naked for the want of

all unite and join in the Socialist organization.

Let every one of us consider this proposal of Socialism.

Socialism is the only movement that gives recognition to the just claims of the working class. The urban working men and women the denied rights and protection. The working class are demoralized.

The product of the toll of millions of our working class is boldly appropriated by the owners of capital to build up colossal fortunes for a few, and the possessors of these in turn despise us. I hold that all men and women are equally entitled to use and enjoy what they have created and take a part in the life of the community of which they are a part.

Socialism is the only movement that stands for equal rights to all and no special privileges to any. We ought to have our entire labor product. But we are deprived of it.

Let every colored man listen to our appeal. Rev. George W. Slater of Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, is reaching thousands of our people with the great message of Socialism and every colored man or woman who reads this should write to him, at 3099 La Salle street, Chicago.

TO THE COLORED PEOPLE

FROM A WHITE FRIEND.

BY E. E. ELTON

Have you worked hard all day? Do you sit down after supper, when you are all tired out, and wonder why it is that after you have worked so hard that you still have scarcely enough money to pay your rent with and feed those that you love?

Have you gone to bed sad because you had no money with which to buy presents to put in the baby's stocking?

Do you wish you could furnish better food and better clothing for your family?

How many days have you worked on less than 15 cents worth of food, while your employer cleared a profit from your labor of from one to five dollars for that same day?

How long are you willing to starve yourself and your family while he gets nine out of every ten dollars you earn? If you do this all your life, how do you think it will all end?

Does your employer do the right thing by you when he gets \$10 for your labor and gives you \$1?

Is there any reason why he should

not take \$10 and give you but \$1 just as long as you are willing?

Will he not keep this up until you think for yourself and make a demand for your share of the product of your labor?

Socialism proposes that you receive



Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Elton and son Harry who are doing work among Negroes of Virginia.

the full product of your labor. If you have earned a dollar, why should you divide up with those who are too lazy to work?

Think this over, it will do you good. Have you stopped to think that the rich monopolist is now, and has been for the past twenty-five years, making

laws against the working man, and for his own selfish interests?

Why do you not think for yourself and vote for a square meal and decent clothes?

Do you ride in an automobile when you go to work? Your employer does. Yes, you are getting exactly what you voted for!

Your employer cannot make a cent, nor even run his shop at all, unless you go to work for him.

The Socialist party does not want you to give all you earn to two or three men like John D. Rockefeller.

You need all you earn yourself. Why do you not vote to get it instead of voting it all to the rich?

By doing this you could soon buy pure food and good clothes for yourself and yours.

Wouldn't this be better for us all?

Nowadays, we work hard all our lives just for the privilege of dying in either the asylum or the poorhouse. Under Socialism there would be no need of either.

We ought not to vote to live in filth and rags and to eat adulterated foods and to live in misery all the time we are in the flesh. It is only the greed of the monopolist that causes all this misery. Vote to get what you earn.

NO SOCIALISTS MOBBED NEGROES

(Under date, of Nov. 22 Comrade J. T. Jones, secretary of the Springfield Socialist local, writes to Rev. Slater the following):

I have long been intending to write you since you have become an active worker for the Socialist movement.

Among true Socialists there is no race prejudice whatever. A distinction of color does not make any distinction of human rights. The whole human race must constitute the brotherhood of man and all nature's bounteous gifts must be the heritage of all.

The memorable night of August 11 last, when mob violence ruled and terrorized and disgraced this city, a propaganda meeting was being held by the local Socialists on the north side of the public square. Comrade Jacob Panken, a young Jewish Socialist of New York

city, spoke an hour and a half amid the noise and excitement of that terrible night, and I am proud to say not one single Socialist took part in that mob nor had any sympathy with it. The highest ideals of life are the inspiration and hope of all Socialists and violence and injustice are entirely foreign to their purpose and plan of betterment of human conditions.

I am very glad to see that the best thinkers of all races are joining in the Socialist movement, and I hope we shall soon see a strong, organized membership among the colored citizens of our country.

I regard Socialism as the solution of the race problem, and that it will remove all race antagonism, much of which under the existing order arises from the strife and competition into which people are forced to secure the means of subsistence. When a social order is estab-

lished under which it is possible for there to be "enough for all—all the time," harmony of human rights and interests will be attained for the first time in all human history.

After the late riot here many employers of colored workers received notices that they must discharge such help. Why? Because they had committed any crime? No, but for the reason this action would create a greater demand for the services of the white laborers and enable them to get the positions vacated.

Under the present social order (a system that is neither social nor orderly) it is impossible to observe the golden rule. The efforts of the greatest philanthropists and humanitarians are neutralized or destroyed under a system which puts the means of subsistence in the hands of a small part of the community.

HE KNEW BETTER



Glady—My brother is just awful. He can't save a cent. Harold—He has saved a ten spot of mine for the last eight months.—Browning's Magazine.

ONE WAY

Smash! batter! slatter! crash! Mrs. Bumblepup started, distracted, from the dinner table, and rushed to the head of the kitchen stairs. There, at the foot, reclined Mary Ann, in a wilderness of china cups and potato chips and tumbled tumblers and mashed turnips and smashed crockery, smiling with all the complacency of a kitten, and declaring: "It's all right, mame! I'm not hurt—I'm not hurt a bit!" "Oh, dear—oh, dear!" exclaimed the irate mistress. "Since you have been here—only one month—we've broken more china than your wages amount to! It's too bad! How on earth am I to prevent a continuance of these disasters?" "Why, mame," suggested Mary Ann, "I might have me wages raised!"

THE INGENIOUS MAIDEN



She—Why don't you marry, Mr. Seratch? He—I'm too nervous, and a faint heart never won a fair lady, don't cheer me up. She—Yes, but I'm dark—Tattler.

LINCOLN ON LABOR

BY REV. GEORGE W. SLATER, JR.

As Socialism stands for the good of the working people through which good it is hoped to better all, it, doubtless



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

will be interesting this day to know what Lincoln thought on the labor question. On Dec. 3, 1861, in his annual mes-

sage to Congress he said the following: "In my present position, I could scarcely be justified were I to omit raising a warning voice against this approach of returning despotism. * * * It is the effort to place capital on an equal footing with, if not above, labor, in the structure of the government. It is assured that labor is available only in connection with capital; that nobody labors unless somebody else owning capital, somehow by the use of it induces him to labor. * * * Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior to capital and deserves the higher consideration."

On February 22, 1861, he said: "The working men are the basis of all government for the plain reason that they are the more numerous. * * * I will simply say that I am for those means which will give the greatest good to the greatest number. * * * I am in favor of cutting up the wild lands into parcels, so that every poor man may have a home." On July 1, 1864, he said: "As labor is the common burden of our race, so the effort of some to shift their share of the burden on the shoulders of others is the great durable curse of the race. "Labor is the great source from which nearly all, if not all human comforts and necessities are drawn."

THE NEW ABOLITIONISTS

BY G. W. SLATER JR.

The word abolitionist should solicit the attention of every colored man. The old abolitionists were at the bottom of the movement that brought to them their freedom this day, January 1, forty-three years ago, when Abraham Lincoln of blessed memory issued that noble emancipation proclamation.

I have read with interest the great and good work of the abolitionists of ante-bellum days, and because of their sacri-



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to persecute, disgrace and destroy the men who will dare to urge society to put into practice the very sublime sentiments and principles which they just had applauded. In ante-bellum days preachers preached love, freedom, human brotherhood and that God was no respecter of persons, but as soon as the abolitionists proclaimed that the day was at hand that this preaching should eventually into real life acts, at least in respect to the colored slave, these grand men and women were subjected to innumerable indignities, sufferings and sometimes death for this Lincoln was assassinated.

The old abolitionists stood for the overthrow of chattel slavery and the essential manhood rights of the colored man; but the new abolitionists, while in spirit kind no more noble, yet in magnitude are far greater. They stand for the overthrow of wage slavery and for the maintenance of the manhood rights not of any race variety or in any particular country alone, but for the establishment of a practical human brotherhood and co-operation throughout the entire world.

Through experience and reasoning from every walk of life men are beginning to learn that the only true, safe and therefore happy way to live is through industrial co-operation wherein every man will be protected from the cunning and vicious ones and guaranteed his rightful enjoyment of all the good things that the world affords. They know that it is right for all men to be well fed, housed and clothed. They know that there is enough wealth in the world to easily do it, if men were free to enjoy whole production of their labor. They know that while, on the one hand, the rich are becoming richer and enjoying more of the world's best things, yet they know that, on the other hand, the poor are, comparatively, becoming poorer, while they work harder or have no work at all.

They also know that all forms of existing government have most gloriously failed to conserve the best interest of the largest portion of the people; hence they believe in a co-operative commonwealth, the only object of which is to protect equally every man.

THE COLORED MAN WELCOME!

As seen from excerpts of letters written to Rev. Slater by white comrades.

"Rev. George W. Slater, Jr., is doing an excellent work in educating the black men and women of the country and showing them that their proper place is in the Socialist movement. Comrade Slater is himself a fine example of the educated, wide-awake teacher of his race, whose whole heart is in the work and who ought to be encouraged in every possible way to spread the light among the masses." "EUGENE V. DEBS"

"Permit me to congratulate you on the splendid work you are doing. I find the colored man, once he breaks away from the Republican party, is very susceptible to the Socialist philosophy. Your effort to reach these people should be encouraged in a substantial way by all those who are working for industrial freedom." F. D. WARREN, "Editor Appeal to Reason."

"I have been reading some of your valuable articles in the Chicago Daily Socialist. I expect my grandfather who was a Democrat and slave owner would be restless in his long sleep could he see his grandson tonight. But why? "What a grand movement this is for our country." A. N.

"I do not know the name or address of a single negro but will enclose a quarter to send the good news to a few who perhaps have on your list. "Make Socialists of them, and what one stops to think, what greater service could one render a person regardless of color?" "When one becomes a Socialist he is in a position to help himself. "I expect my grandfather who was a Democrat and slave owner would be restless in his long sleep could he see his grandson tonight. But why? "What a grand movement this is for our country." A. N.

"It does me good to see what you have to say in defense of the poor white and black. I left Europe in 1882 or rather in 1883. I will never forget the feelings that came to me when sailing into New York harbor, and seeing the statue of liberty holding up the much boasted torch of liberty. My heart was practically stopped in Pennsylvania and New Jersey at first, but liberty and equality of opportunity was not to be found there. I went west one year at a time thinking to catch up with the times, but they are not here. I am now about as far west as I can get without going to Siberia or Russia."

"I've been reading your ideas as printed in the Daily Socialist for some time and am much in harmony with your principles. Though my ancestors were all slave owners and I am of southern

birth, I have always considered chattel slavery the darkest blot on American history. "I realize that it depends on men of your type, thinkers of your race, to lead your brothers from the land of bondage. "I sincerely hope you will receive the hearty co-operation of all right thinking white men and women in your efforts to spread the light. With best wishes for your success, I beg to remain, your humble comrade, J. H. GRIGSBY."

"Your articles in the Chicago Daily Socialist have aroused me to the task of organizing a local group of colored comrades. While I am of a fairer race as regards the complexion of the skin yet my heart beats in unison with the down trodden toiler of whatever race, color or creed. I have a number of acquaintances and personal friends among the colored people of South Bend, of which River Park, Indiana, is a residence suburb. "I am but a poor white carpenter, facing a winter of unemployment, and I cannot give freely of funds but such as I have I give you without hope of personal gain, but in order to establish the co-operative commonwealth."

"W. F. MILLER, "River Park, Ind."

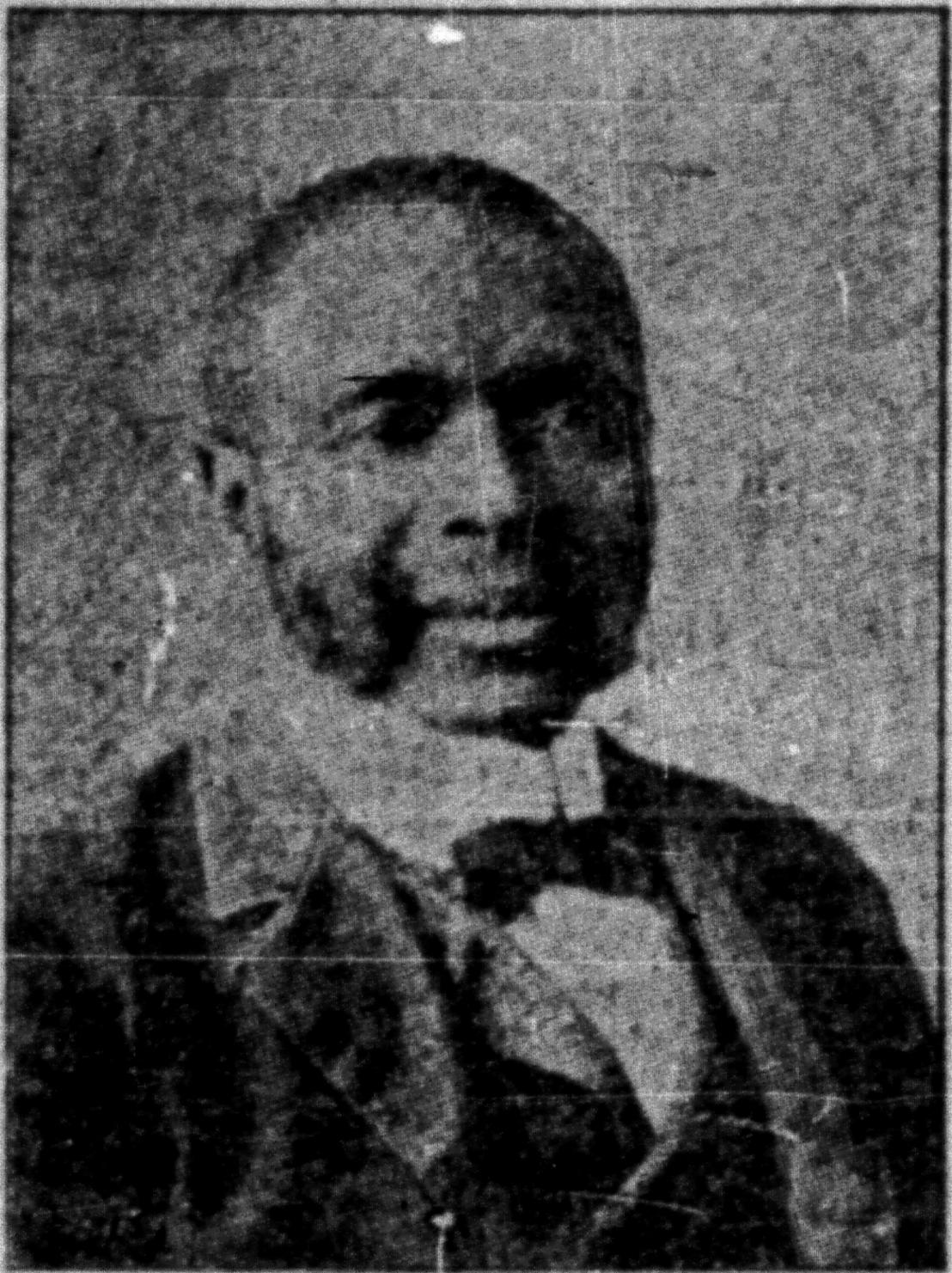
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