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Transportation Lines Break Laws and Endanger the Lives of Patrons

ADMINISTRATION MUST ACT

Fine of \$25 to \$100 Liable for Every Car Having Less Than 50 Degrees

TO PROSECUTE

CRIME DISTRICT HAS GUN RECORD

Hinman Street Neighborhood Is Granted Largest Number of Revolvers

Should Be Up to 50 Degrees

Is This Ordinance Violated?

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OMECPA WISHES TO MEET? ALLOPATHY IN MEDICAL DUEL

Boston, Mass., Jan. 8.—Dr. J. Arnold Rockwell, president of the Boston Homeopathic Society, in his annual address to the society last night challenged the allopaths to a contest with a grant charity patients as the weapons...

BRIDWELL PREFERRED TO 50 CENTS BY JOBLESS YOUTH

A two months stay in the bridewell was eagerly accepted in preference to 50 cents and freedom by Joseph Belknap, 18 years old, who was arraigned yesterday in the Englewood Municipal court on a charge of vagrancy.

CRIME DISTRICT HAS GUN RECORD

While the police are blindly groping for a clue that would offer them an opportunity to lay hands on the robbers who have terrorized the Hinman street district for the last few days, a peep at the revolver license record shows that the district in question has been favored with more revolver licenses than any other part of Chicago during the year just closed.

Should Be Up to 50 Degrees

"I want to see the cars heated up to the legal standard, but I know it can't be done till the city forces the companies to rewire their cars. It will have to come to that. The cars must be properly ventilated and they must be properly heated at the same time."

Double Record Is Suspicious

Most of the licenses for revolvers have been granted to saloonkeepers and business men in general, although men of other trades have a good representation in the records. The licenses granted apply to men who have had revolvers in their possession, as well as those buying same at the time of the application.

MAYOR OF PEORIA SCARED BY A VERY HARMLESS BOMB

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 8.—When Mayor Thomas O'Connor entered his office in company with J. B. Connors of Chicago, upon receiving the news of the explosion of a bomb in Peoria, he was found a bomb with a lighted fuse attached lying on the mayor's desk. The fuse was extinguished by putting it into a pail of water. It contained a quantity of dynamite, but investigation proved the thing to be harmless. The perpetrator of the hoax is unknown.

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The Economist states that there will probably be a very noticeable increase in failures during the present month. Failures during this week number 301. The wide extent of the panic is shown in the fact that of twenty-five countries all but four show decrease in exports and two-thirds show a decline in imports during the past year.

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Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 8.—"I suppose there are many who believe that when a man like myself reaches the four score mark he should be quoting from the scriptures. Yet in their strength of labor and sorrow, I am today of another frame of mind, and nothing is farther distant from me than sorrow."

PUGILIST ARRESTED; SERIOUS CHARGES BY A YOUNG GIRL

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 8.—Stamley Ketchell, middleweight pugilist was arrested here yesterday on a capias sworn to by Elizabeth Houtman, an 18 year old girl of this city, who alleges breach of promise and makes other charges, and claims damages in the sum of \$10,000. Ketchell gave bonds and was released. He brands the case as one of blackmail.

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STILL INVISIBLE IS PROSPERITY

Conditions Continue Foggy and Hide the Promised Political Aftermath

BY MAY WOOD-SIMONS

Those who are on a close outlook for indications of an improvement in industrial conditions cannot yet discover any change for the better and the coming of the "after election" brand of prosperity is eagerly awaited.

President Tuttle, of the Boston and main railroad, says: "I do not find throughout the territory served by our lines anything other than a slow and gradual revival of business. I shall be gratified if the year 1909 is able to maintain and gradually improve upon the present volume of business. The recovery, however, will be slow because the depression was extraordinarily severe."

"I am frank to say that I do not as yet see anything of the general revival of business which the public is led to believe exists from much loose talk now going around."

Total of 222,077 "Empties"

The fortnightly bulletin of the American Railway Association, recently issued, gives the total number of surplus cars in this country and Canada on December 23 as 222,077. This is an increase of 46,424 cars as compared with the surplus on December 9, of which only about 2,500 is due to the return of cars from the repair shops, the remainder having been drawn from active service.

At the present time the shortage foot up to a little over 1,000, so that there are now, in round numbers, 221,000 more cars than the country has any use for. The increase in net surplus cars is therefore 121,000 cars or 121 per cent in seven weeks. In the interval between November 23 and December 23 the transportation requirements of the country have decreased in a measure represented by 78,500 freight cars.

No Urgent Renewal Needed

The Wall Street Journal, writing of conditions as reported even before this heavy increase says: "Railroad equipment with 175,000 idle cars in the middle of December is not likely to require any urgent renewal, and an instance of the kind of hopeful talk that we do not want may be found in the officials of one of the car companies talking of running full capacity by February 1 and with orders to get ready to run them through the year."

More Leave United States

This unusual condition may be accounted for by the great outpouring of the foreign labor element which began late in 1907 and continued without apparent abatement during the year 1908. From these figures it will be seen that 178,801 more persons left the United States during 1908 than came in.

Steel Dull Until July

Producers of steel express their dissatisfaction with the present market. Many manufacturers do not look for any material improvement until July.

Verdict Disappoints the State

The state expected a verdict of first degree murder in all eight cases, and was visibly disappointed. Hob Hoffman, one of the men to escape with twenty years, is the man who, according to the confession of Frank Fehringer, fired the shot which killed Captain Tanen as he was being drawn up by the rope.

Girl Claimant to Gen. Gordon's Fortune Gone; London Society Puzzled

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SPEAKING OF HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONS



"KID ROCKEFELLER IS STILL IN THE RING AND OPEN TO ALL COMERS"

"NIGHT RIDERS" TO BE HANGED?

Tennessee Defendants Are Found Guilty; Six of Them Face the Gallows

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 8.—With a verdict of guilty in varying degrees the jury in the night rider trials reported at 8:45 o'clock last night.

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BIG JAP STEAMSHIP LINE IS TO CARRY AMERICAN TRADE

Plans for the operation of through transoceanic service in connection with the new Pacific coast extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway to Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., were announced yesterday.

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LORIMER WANTS TO DIG CANAL

Rake-Off on \$20,000,000 Project at Bottom of the Row at Springfield

DIGGING EQUIPMENT READY

Federal Improvement Company, His Concern Expects to Get Contract

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 8.—William Lorimer, "father of the deep waterways," is ready to dig the greater part of the deep waterway, and that is the reason of the desperate fight which is being waged on Gov. Deneen at this time over the control of the expenditure of \$20,000,000 authorized by the affirmative vote on the bond issue proposition at the November election. It has been discovered that the Federal Improvement company, of which William Lorimer is president, is prepared to do the work for which the major portion of the \$20,000,000 is to be expended. The company has an earth digging equipment worth almost \$1,000,000 now on hand and is declared to be the best equipped company of its kind in the United States. Monster steam shovels, drills and other necessary machinery for canal work the company already has on hand in abundance and from the turn of events at the capitol only rudimentary knowledge of the political game is required to see where the contracts are intended to go.

Big Contract at Stake

That is the stake for which the politicians are playing in the great bipartisan fight in which the Lorimer Republicans and the Roger Sullivan Democrats are aligned against Deneen. The governor is in a precarious position, knowing that only twenty-six Republican senators stand between him and his removal as a result of law. He is only the beginning of the fight. Many legislators who know that \$20,000,000 can reach a long way (even to the smaller fry) are lined up with the winning forces.

Ties Up the Legislature

So desperate has the situation become that Governor Deneen, finding that he has only the chance of power cannot take a majority law. He has only the twenty-six loyal senators and with them prevented the joint session of the house and senate, thus tying up the legislature till the shurtleff, Lorimer, Sullivan forces are compelled to name definite terms. The governor with his lieutenants now holds the key position and he is playing a waiting game, trying to regain the power snatched from his hands by the election of Shurtleff to the governorship.

Looks for Work in Vain

Mooney is one of the thousands of victims of the panic. A laborer by trade, he has been without work for months. Without money and shelter he wandered the streets day after day and month after month, until last night, almost freezing and raked with hunger, his nostrils were attacked by the appetizing odors issuing from Wagner's lunch room. He hesitated and then, served by his hunger, he entered and asked for a cup of hot coffee.

Breaks Glass in His Rage

Outside, attacked by the freezing wind, Mooney was seized with a fit of blind rage. He picked up a missile and flung it at the big glass in the door. There was a crash and \$25 worth of damage was done by a starving man.

Use Troops in Liquor Fight?

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 8.—Because it hated the prohibition law Savannah is in practical secession from the state of Georgia and so flagrant has the rebellion become, it is asserted, that Gov. Hoke Smith intends to send state troops to enforce the law unless the authorities of Savannah and Chatham county return to their allegiance to the state.

Laugh on Both Sides

The governor fears that in the midst of the revolt led by Shurtleff as the Lorimer-Sullivan standard bearer the legislature will declare Stevenson elected without a recount of the ballots.

Essie Law Vexes Ohio

Cleveland, O., Jan. 8.—The local option election in Ohio under the Essie law last year have presented a problem that scores of small cities and towns in Ohio must solve. As each township paid \$1,000 a year tax and as the towns where the saloons were located got most of the tax the voting out of these establishments means a shortage in the taxes in the coming year. As a result the towns are cutting expenses. In several cities of over 50,000 salaries of the police and firemen have been cut. In others it has been decided to eliminate street cleaning and charge the property owners extra for street sprinkling and do away with band concerts during the summer.

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CHARITY BODIES ARE INEFFICIENT

Carpenters' Council Proves Present Organizations Are Not Capable

Not only does the report of O. E. Woodbury, who was authorized by the Carpenters' district council of Chicago and vicinity to investigate the conditions surrounding thousands of school children, confirm the report of Superintendent W. L. Bodine, who said that 15,000 school children had to go to school hungry, but it points out the inefficiency of the charity system of Chicago.

Report Scattered Broadcast The report is now ready for distribution and will be sent broadcast at considerable expense. The committee working under Woodbury's direction will be continued by the council, and is instructed to act in conjunction with any other representatives of organizations and others who may endeavor to bring about better conditions.

He believes that the public would do well to take steps to create some department which would carefully scrutinize all private charitable organizations and file a report furnished by the state, so that the public would know just exactly what was being done.

He says that the industrial masses have not left the churches, but that the churches have neglected the working class. The story of a society, politics and reform, while organized charity assumes their neglected work—charity.

The report in full follows: To the Officers and Fellows of the District Council and Members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters of Chicago and Vicinity.

Your committee respectfully submits the following: First—That after a careful investigation I have no hesitation whatever in stating that W. L. Bodine's official report to the board of education is so nearly an accurate statement of the actual conditions, that in my opinion it could only be corrected by minor details, which would not change the general conditions it describes.

Relief Organizations Incapable Second—That the relief organizations (whose representatives attended the meeting in the mayor's office) never have been able, and are not able at the present time, to provide sufficient relief to the needy.

I have spent considerable time obtaining the facts which enable me to form the above conclusions, and during that period I have interviewed the following officials: Sherman C. Kingsley, superintendent Relief and Aid Society; Miss Miriam Kalksky, superintendent Jewish Aid Society; Miss E. B. Holmes, assistant superintendent Chicago Bureau of Charities; John W. Belmont, county agent, and Victor Young, assistant county agent, both of Cook county; and Charles E. B. D. of relief extended to these employees in the Crane Manufacturing company; the Hon. William Buss, president of the county board, and various others.

To substantiate my first statement, regarding the relief extended to these employees, which would be only repeating a great deal of what has already been in print, I will submit the following figures, which are taken from the latest available reports issued by the organizations named.

Table with 2 columns: Organization Name, Amount/Details. Includes Jewish Aid Society, Chicago Bureau of Charities, etc.

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GLOBE TROTTERS COMPLETE THEIR PLANS



ALBERT WILCKES ALFREDO BATELLI

Three of the four Socialist globe trotters, who are touring the world on foot in order to study "civilization," yesterday laid their plans for the completion of their American trip in this city. They decided that any comprehensive covering of the country demanded that they divide at this point into two parties, the Frenchman and American going south through Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, and the German and Italian going directly westward through Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah and Nevada, the two parties to reunite again in San Francisco.

The southern tour will touch at St. Louis, Little Rock, Ft. Smith, Texarkana, Beaumont, New Orleans, Galveston, El Paso, Tucson, Yuma, Los Angeles and Bakersfield on their trip, while the others will go through Davenport, Des Moines, Omaha, Lincoln, Denver, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City, Golden and Sacramento.

At San Francisco the detailed plans for the Oriental trip will be perfected. The general outline of this trip, however, is as follows: The party will go by ship to Japan, and tramp through that country in the same comprehensive fashion as through America. China, Siam, India, Persia and the Holy Land will be covered in like manner. Crossing into Europe, Turkey, Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Germany and France, as well as the British Isles, will be thoroughly tramped over.

It is the purpose of the four young men to report at the International Socialist bureau in Brussels, where they will compile the results of their notes taken during the world tour.

able reports issued by the organizations named.

Jewish Aid Society: Year ending April 30, 1908. Amount of cash available... \$2,378.89

Chicago Bureau of Charities: Cash on hand and received... \$63,530.74

Number of families, 4,327. Number of persons, 14,000.

Little Left for Family Relief: It would appear to me that after paying employees' salaries, paying all office expenses, purchasing 20 acres of land and paying a debt of \$7,500, and meeting the expenses of summer outings for 13,425 persons, besides the treatment of 213 persons at a camp hospital, there would be very little left for the 4,327 families of 14,000 persons out of the \$63,530.74 expended.

Jewish Charities Praised: The Michael Reese hospital, a training school for nurses, and an employment bureau, a dispensary for the sick, a home for the aged Jews, a children's training school, an orphan's home, a home for Jewish friends and working girls, and a bureau of personal services. The Jewish Aid society, which is its work strictly to providing food, clothing and shelter for their poor, and their method ought to receive the highest praise.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI ORGANIZES SOCIALIST CLUB (SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST) Columbia, Jan. 7.—A club for the study of Socialism has been organized at the University of Missouri. The membership is made up of students who believe in and are interested in the principles of the Socialist party.

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HAINS INSANE, SAYS ALIENIST

Trial Involving Murder of Annis at Last Reaches the "Expert" Stage

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 8.—The trial of T. Jenkins Hains as a principal in the Annis homicide at Bayside last summer yesterday reached the alienist stage.

Counsel for the defense placed on the stand Dr. L. Samuel Manson, who, after listening to a hypothetical question embodying the facts alleged, declared that on Aug. 15, when Capt. Hains shot William E. Annis, he was suffering from "impulsive insanity."

Present Insanity Evidence T. Jenkins Hains' long cross-examination was concluded at the morning session and the defense began the presentation of expert evidence to prove the insanity of Capt. Hains.

The prison physician was not permitted to tell his opinion of Capt. Hains' sanity, and it looked as if the defense would be unable to get important parts of the expert testimony before the jury.

Dr. Manson said he had not treated Capt. Hains as a patient, but had simply observed him. It was then that the hypothetical question, which required one hour and fifteen minutes, and during which time the court took a brief recess, was read to the alienist.

Dr. Manson stated that Capt. Hains suffered from melancholia following the shooting, and this mental condition showed an improvement.

Believes He Will Be Free This was the fourth day that T. Jenkins Hains has faced the jury as a witness in his own behalf, and today he asserted his belief that next week would find him a free man.

I have told only the truth to the court," said Hains, "and Mr. Darrin has not forced me to deviate from it. When I could not remember the smaller details—a broken sentence, an insignificant action—I have frankly said so. My story in the material points is unshaken and will be believed. Men are not convicted for failure to recollect some inconsequential utterances of a few days past."

Prosecutor Darrin will conduct the cross-examination of Hains' medical experts under the coaching of Dr. Austin Flint, who was one of the central figures in the array of alienists at the Thaw trial.

TELLS HOW TRUST STARTED FAKE "INDEPENDENT" FIRMS New York, Jan. 8.—Testimony that the Standard Oil company had an employe whose duty it was to start up supplies for independent oil companies in small towns in seeming opposition to itself, was given by L. H. Farnfeld, general manager of the Red C. Oil company of Baltimore, in the government suit for the dissolution of the Standard Oil company.

He said the Eagle Oil company was such a concern that its cuts as a rule were met by his company in order to hold its trade.

Victim Aged and Half-witted In long legal phrase the bill recites that Eugene C. Vanderpoorten and Stephen Vanderpoorten, bankers and creditworthy officials in the town of Martinton, Ill., induced Peleg Pearl Johnson, a man then almost sixty, and half witted from his seventh year, to go to Clarkdale, Miss., and purchase some swamp land at several times its real value.

That's a pretty business game, but to clinch matters the copy of an alleged contract was produced by which the gentle cousin of financiers induced the old man to sign away the timber right on his land, the only thing which gave the land any market value. Meek is now suing on a charge of fraud for the return of \$7,700, which is charged to be paid by Johnson for the property. The suit was filed yesterday in the Circuit court.

That's the bare sordid charge. There are, however, some embellishments which are set forth in the bill on file. On April 2, 1886, there was born on a farm in Inroquois county, Illinois, a baby who was later given the Christian name of Peleg Pearl Johnson, in addition to his plain family name of Johnson.

Up to his seventh year he was bright and the manner of barefooted farmer boys who live out of doors and have an acquaintance with squirrels and birds and other things. Then came the scarlet fever.

Medical science was a groping thing in those days, so when the boy recovered he was what the country folk call "simple" or "half witted." When he reached the age of ten he was a simple young child. He had had hearing, too, as an aftermath of the fever. His parents used that deafness as a shield to cover his subnormal mind.

When visitors to the bank in Martinton to the parents always talked to the boy, and the visitors charged it all to the boy's deafness. His parents cared for him, till a very few years ago, just as if he had never grown up. They transacted all business for him. It is alleged, and never trusted him to contract a debt or take any independent action.

In November of 1907 he was taken before the county court. He said he thought he was 45, but the bill charges he was well over 60. He was adjudged insane and a conservator appointed. S. M. Meek is the conservator.

Purchase Land for "Simple" Still, in 1904, so the bill recites, Eugene C. Vanderpoorten and his son, Stephen, visited the Johnson home, and when the aged parents still cared for their unfortunate son, and represented that he was buying some Mississippi land and wanted the Johnsons to buy an adjoining tract, the Johnsons had previously sold some farm land for \$10,000. It is said.

September 15, 1904, the bill charges, Eugene Vanderpoorten took P. Pearl Johnson to the office of Thomas Barkley, in Clarkdale, Miss., and offered some land for sale at \$15 an acre. The price for this land as offered to the banker was \$12.50, and Meek states he himself was offered better land for \$4.50 an acre.

The bill charges that Eugene Vanderpoorten, Barkley and others made out checks on the bank in Martinton to the sum of \$7,700, and induced P. P. Johnson to sign them. Also what purports to be a copy of the contract for the purchase of the land from E. L. Keiso and A. W. Shaver by Johnson, is given as an exhibit. Likewise there is an alleged copy of a contract which shows that by 1905 the land was to be cleared

TRUNKS FULL OF EVIDENCE GONE

Four missing trunks contain the solution of the mystery surrounding the expenditure of \$622,000 of the A. Booth & Co. money. That the trunks are missing was established yesterday in sensational testimony given before Master in Chancery Horvey W. Booth by Justice Chancellor, law partner of Chas. S. Thornton.

Thornton & Chancellor, as general counsel for the A. Booth company, handled the expenditure of the \$622,000. The receiver of the company, W. J. Chalmers, insists upon knowing for what the money was spent. The vouchers, books and documents that would show just what became of the vast sum of money are in the missing trunks. Somebody connected with the general officers of the A. Booth company knows where the trunks are. Who this person is will be the business of the attorney for the receiver to ascertain.

According to the testimony of Mr. Chancellor the trunks were sent in October a year ago from the office of Thornton & Chancellor to the general office of the fish trust. There they disappeared.

PASTOR IS NOW THOUGHT SLAYER

Port Huron, Mich., Jan. 8.—Instead of being the victim of the tragedy in the Rattle Run church, it is believed by officers that the Rev. J. H. Carmichael may have been the slayer, and Amos Gideon Browning, a carpenter, the man killed.

Both Carmichael and Browning are missing, and Sheriff Wegeneise is firm in his belief that Browning was the man whose bones and fragments were taken from the heating stove in the little Methodist church. The sheriff bases his theory on bits of hair taken from the human fragments and articles of wearing apparel found in the church.

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Seaboard Oil stock now selling at 25c per share, cash, and 1/4c time. Probability of 25c and 60c respectively on JANUARY 22nd. Stock of 100 shares of Seaboard Oil, \$25.00. We shall take ourselves. Our contract with Seaboard expires after this month, and in February we expect to see the 50c price established. We may not offer it after that. Now is your opportunity to invest \$25.00 and up in a stock that SURELY COMPANY SAYS IS SO GOOD IT WANTS TO INSURE IT! Send for prospectus and circular and mail your order in or on before Jan. 15th. COMRADE STOCK & REAL ESTATE AGENCY (S-O) 841 N. 125th Av., Chicago.

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ABNORMAL GAINS FOR SOCIALISTS

German Electorate Makes Entire Councils Solid; French Vote Large

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Rindorf, Germany, Jan. 8.—The Socialists have gained a great victory here, electing six Social Democrats out of ten seats from this place.

Here in Munich at the judicial elections the Social Democrats for the first time in the history of the city have succeeded in electing party members to the magistracy.

French Department Socialist (SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Paris, Jan. 8.—Returns from the special election to the chamber of deputies held at Villefranche, in the department of Aveyron, indicate a sweeping Socialist victory.

Returns from the election at Charlreuil also show a great Socialist gain, while the liberal member of the chamber has been unseated and a Socialist elected in his stead.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK BILL IS UP

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—It is expected that substantial progress will be made in the adoption of amendments to the postal savings bank bill when the senate meets today.

CLYDE J. WRIGHT APPOINTED NEBRASKA STATE SECRETARY

At the last meeting of the national executive committee of the Socialist party, Clyde J. Wright, speaker and organizer, who has for a long time worked for the national office, was appointed temporary state secretary and organizer for Nebraska in accordance with the Socialist party constitution.

Fire Menaces Ford Theater

Washington, Jan. 8.—The historic building in which Ford's new play, "The Sign of the Cross," is being produced, was threatened by a fire which broke out in the early morning.

A Few Important Rules

Read the advertising columns of the Daily every day. Make note of new advertisements. Always buy of Daily advertisers if they have goods you want.

Each and every one of these rules is important and should be constantly observed if the advertising department is to benefit from your patronage.

MAY GET CABINET JOB



It is generally believed at Washington that Judge Richard A. Ballinger, United States land commissioner, will be appointed secretary of the interior by Mr. Taft.

BULGARIA FEARS CZAR'S AMBITION

Ferdinand's Personal Aspirations Cause Socialists to Declaim the Ruler

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Sofia (Via Constantinople), Jan. 8.—The Socialist party in Bulgaria has renewed the manifesto of October 20, in which they declared that the nation was exposed to all the horrors of war through the personal ambition of Czar Ferdinand.

Stormy Scenes in Parliament

The opening of the present session of the Bulgarian parliament was marked by the stormiest scenes since the days of Premier Stoltopf, whose assassination was laid at the door of Russia.

Want to Govern Seives

"Bulgaria wants war with no one," Bulgaria has not sought and is not seeking war," said another Socialist delegate.

Run Your "Want" in the Daily

Readers of this newspaper, if you have a "want" of any kind, put it in the Daily and you will get quick results.

Can You Beat It?

Here is a book offer you cannot afford to pass up—two dollars and a half for one dollar.

WOMEN FREE IN THE ERB CASE

Media, Pa., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Florence Erb and Mrs. Catherine Beisel, charged with the murder of Captain J. Clayton Erb, independent Republicans in an election of self-defense.

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New Method of Conducting Austrian Parliament May End the Disorder

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Trade Outlook Not Encouraging

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After Flirting With Zero It Is Making Gay Advances to Freezing Point

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GROCERIES At Wholesale Prices to Consumers

MEANS A saving to you of 40 cents on the dollar. On the 28th of last June this paper and the Chicago Tribune said that our method of taking goods from first hands and selling as we do saved the people in Boston \$500,000.00 a year.

Table listing various grocery items and their prices, including Flour, Sugar, Coffee, etc.

FIRST NATIONAL GROCERY CO., 58 Wabash Ave., Near Randolph St. Telephone Centr. 5812.

New Year's Resolutions--1909. I WILL endeavor to be pleasant, prompt and polite, ALWAYS try to avoid mistakes and will never NEVER give the busy signal (which I hate worse than you do because it doubtless troubles my work) if it is possible to reach the line you want.

FREEZING CARS FAULT OF CITY

(Continued from Page One) The provisions of this ordinance relating to the maintenance of the temperature, the maintenance of the thermometers and the filing of copies of this ordinance within said cars, as herein provided, shall not apply to open cars operated at any time not prohibited by this ordinance.

Where To Go

All Socialist speakers are urged to emphasize the necessity of pushing the circulation of the Chicago Daily Socialist, especially during the campaign. Admission 10 cents and wardrobe free.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

"PALS!"

A ROMANCE OF THE WEST

I give and bequeath everything that I possess— Kit Coventry's hand stopped there.

"Hullo, Nell! Where did you spring from?" He watched her, half amused and half defiant, for a full minute before answering.

"I see." Squaringly they faced one another, he smiling, she on the verge of tears. But the minute's silence gave her strength.

"You can!" bravely she faced him, though her face was deadly white now and her figure one tremble.

"What?" she whispered back. "Ask you to marry me? You're the

UNRIVALED BALL IN HONOR OF MISS GOULD



MISS MARJORIE GOULD



GEO. J. GOULD

For several days papers have been heralding that Marjorie Gould, daughter of George J. Gould, is to be presented to society.

only one in the world, I honestly believe, who cares two straws for me at this moment!" He gazed.



MISS MARJORIE GOULD

MRS. GEO. J. GOULD

into his chair and sobbed like a child. When he looked up again Nell Moreland had gone.

A Protest

BY S. A. VAN RUSKIRK. Reach out your bloody hands, oh, czar, Across the deep-blue sea,

ANGER-PROOF

"Viper!" she hissed. "Scoundrel! Wretch! Fool! Coward! Man!"

For Home Dressmakers.



CHILD'S TWO-PIECE DRESS. Paris Pattern No. 2626. All seams Allowed.

The Emancipation of Women

In granting girls and women equal educational opportunities with those of men, the German government gave the following reasons for its action:

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Domestic Economy "Hey, mon," exclaimed the brawny North-country man, "thrift is a wonderful thing!"

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You help better Shoemaking Conditions You get better Shoes for the money You help your own Labor Position You abolish Child Labor

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This is false—No shoe is union made unless it bears the Union Stamp.

BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS' UNION 246 Summer St., Boston, Mass.

J. H. F. TORIN, Pres. CHAS. L. RAINE, Sec.-Treas.

Dire Need of the Child

That we are rapidly approaching such full recognition of the child's requirements as to compel this communal care is pretty evident.

Business Directory listing various professionals and services including Lawyers, Opticians, Typewriters, Meats and Groceries, Bakers, Dentists, etc.

Large advertisement for Tungsten Clusters and Union Stamp Shoes, featuring images of shoes and text about quality and labor support.

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PLENTY OF WORK IN THE COUNTRY

How easy it is to suggest a remedy for ills endured by others. Advice is cheap, and how many proffer it, even which surround the object of their real or pretended sympathy. If given in a spirit of condescension, or charity, for the woes of another, how gradually—how thankfully—received. It falls like rain upon the parched earth, and the dew of the morning is not more refreshing to the drooping flower. But advice often comes in so doubtful a shape, that it assumes the form of censure, and the person to whom it is given is made to feel it as a reproach, which plainly tells him that he is the author of his own misfortunes. "You might have known that!" "Why didn't you do this?" or "Why leave undone that?"—is a most uncharitable taunt to a sensitive mind, already harassed, perhaps, by a keen appreciation of mistaken judgment. These gratuitous sympathizers are first cousins to the large family of "I told you so's," and better known in society as "JOB'S comforters." They are to be found in every community, and every condition of life affords them an ample field for display.

THE MARCH OF DESTINY

BY JOHN M. WORE
The thing which strikes terror and dismay to the hearts of the capitalists is the fact that the Socialist movement keeps marching steadily, constantly and persistently onward.
To them, this is a new and inexplicable phenomenon. They have been accustomed to killing off radical political movements by shrewd political maneuvers. They confidently expected to lay the Socialist movement in its grave in the same manner. But continuous events have rudely awakened them to the fact that the Socialist movement is a law unto itself.
The Socialist movement does not respond to the old tactics. Capitalist weapons, hurled against it, rebound with their points turned. The Socialist movement is not a loose organization of half-baked reformers who do not know what they want.
The Socialist movement is a compact organization of class-conscious, definite, positive, aggressive men and women, who know just what they are after, and how to get it, and who keep right on following the direct path to their goal, utterly regardless of blandishments, flatteries, threats, invitations and insults.
These men and women understand the meaning of history. They understand the signs of the times. They are therefore able to forecast the future, in its general outlines. When they say that Socialism is the next step in industrial revolution, they are not merely guessing. Neither is the wish the father to the thought. They are simply giving voice to a conclusion to which the whole of human history points.
The capitalists are not only appalled by their inability to sidetrack the Socialist movement, but also by their inability to injure it by direct attack before the people.
This is where we are invulnerable. You can kill a lie by vigorously attacking it and showing people that it is a lie. But the truth thrives on opposition.
Every attack upon the truth causes people to investigate it. And when they investigate it, they make the discovery that it is the truth. So, to attack Socialism is merely one means of propagating it. This aggravating fact leaves the capitalists stranded. They do not know which way to turn. They will be condemned if they do and likewise if they don't. Small wonder that they are scratching their heads in vexatious perplexity.
It is beginning to dawn upon them that Socialism is inevitable.

The Judge Can Do No Wrong

For some time there has been a tendency to announce a "divine right of judges," and to maintain the doctrine that the courts are above criticism. This position reaches its climax in an editorial in the New York Sun, the most striking sentence of which reads as follows:
What a spectacle for gods and men is presented when Theodore Roosevelt and Samuel Gompers—par nobile fratum—sit in judgment on the nine robed justices of the Supreme Court of the United States!
Well, why not? Why should not Roosevelt and Gompers or the humblest citizen in this country sit in judgment on any nine men, whether they be robed or not? Since when did putting robes on corporation lawyers make them immune to criticism?
The fundamental principle of popular government is that no official is beyond the criticism and the condemnation of any citizen. The first attempt to overthrow popular government must find expression in the cultivation of the idea that certain officials are exempt from the judgment and condemnation or approval of the citizen.
The first long step toward the establishment of a financial oligarchy is to be found in the movement to place the courts above all other divisions of the government and to increase their power.
If there are any individuals who are not entitled to respect and exemption from criticism it is these same be-robed corporation lawyers who make up the supreme bench. The history of this supreme court has not been one of which this country may be proud. It stole its power in the first place by a sneaking revolution when it seized the power to declare laws unconstitutional. It became the supine creature of the National Bank when that institution was seeking to corrupt and destroy what portion of democratic government had been established. It was the contemptible instrument of the chattel-slave owners when they were seeking to force their beloved institution into every corner of the United States. It played the craven coward when it crawled before the "reconstructionists" who were looting the treasury for land grants and riding rough-shod over the Constitution in the South to maintain their power. It proved itself disgustingly subservient to ruling forces when it declared an income tax constitutional at one period and unconstitutional at another, according as the interests of the exploiting class demanded.
Yet because these nine men have usurped power until they are beyond control of the voters of the United States, and because they are controlled directly by the innermost circle of the kings of capitalism, the effort is being made to deify them. "The Supreme court can do no wrong." "To criticize it is lese majeste." These are modern statements of the old doctrine of the divine right of kings.
Against this doctrine every friend of democratic government, to say nothing of working class interests, must set his face like a rock.
WHAT IS NEEDED MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN AMERICA JUST NOW IS GREATER CONTEMPT FOR THE COURTS.

Organization

Stop almost any ten active Socialists and ask them what is the most essential thing in the Socialist movement at the present time, and nine of them will answer, "Better organization." Socialist sentiment in the United States has far outrun the Socialist party membership and vote. We do not always like to admit this. But we pride ourselves on the fact that the strongest criticisms of the Socialist movement have always come from within, and it is to that fact in no small degree that our strength is due.
For the last three years the literature of Socialism has been growing at a most astounding rate. There is a more general, although vague and undefined, acceptance of Socialist principles in this country than in almost any other country in the world.
THE ONE GREAT PROBLEM BEFORE THE SOCIALIST PARTY IS TO ORGANIZE THAT SENTIMENT. Unless the forces that are working for Socialism can be organized and harnessed to the political movement of Socialism by the Socialist party, then that party will have failed of its historic mission, and, by the judgment of its own philosophy, is doomed to disappear.
This, then, is the problem—to bring all Socialists within the organization of the Socialist party and direct their energies into systematic work for Socialism.
Divide this problem into its two parts. First, how to get and keep new members of the party.
There is no magic about this. In every locality there are a certain number of persons who are fit candidates for membership. The first task is to find these. The mailing lists of Socialist papers will generally solve this in the smaller places and the country districts. A house-to-house canvass should be made in cities. These suggestions are old. They have been tried many times. But generally each such effort has been isolated and has left little information for a subsequent effort. In fact, nearly all Socialist work has been too largely sporadic.
If a card catalogue could be prepared showing the results of each such canvass and this could be used for "follow-up" work a few weeks later the results of the second and the third canvass would show much greater results in proportion to work than the first one. Such a list would soon become a mine of information and source of strength for every form of work undertaken by the local. This plan has been tried in several localities, and wherever tried the results have been remarkable. We hope that some of our correspondents may give further results of such experience with practical details of operation.
The members having been secured, the question of keeping them and setting them at work—of organizing the energies at hand for the most effective results—must be considered. This question is really the whole question of Socialist activity to be considered in the various articles which will follow this. Therefore it is only necessary to observe here that a Socialist party local or branch which is really DOING SOMETHING is seldom troubled with losing members, and that in this planning of activity lies the whole problem of organization.
There are a few more things to be said about the machinery of organization. More Socialist organizations have been TALKED AND WRANGLLED to death than have been killed by overwork or capitalist antagonism. It does not always follow because a man is a good or a prolific talker that he is the best sort of man for an official position in a local organization. Above all else, beware of the professional Socialist politician, of the fellow who, in return for a little brief glory, is willing to do all the work and also to run all the affairs of the organization.
If each member is given some definite work, which in turn is a part of some general systematic plan, there will be no complaint of lethargy and no time for disrupting quarrels. If meetings are made interesting there will be no difficulty in securing attendance, no danger of a small clique running things.
How to accomplish these ends will be discussed in following articles.

WHAT IS SOCIALISM?

BY ROBERT HUNTER
We are all asked again and again what Socialism is.
Some say it is collective ownership. Others say it is the co-operative commonwealth, and still others say it is the ownership of the earth by those who labor.
Recently a young banker called upon me. He expressed great sympathy with Socialism, and said: "We are all Socialists, you know. We all sympathize with the poor."
"But really you Socialists are going the wrong way about it. Why don't you get Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rockefeller and men of that type interested?"
"They know how to do things, and I'm sure they wouldn't oppose government ownership if you could induce them to believe that it is really a good thing for the world."
A few days afterward I was talking to a young Princeton man, who is very quietly becoming a power in Tammany Hall. He also said he was a Socialist.
"But," he said, "you Socialists are going the wrong way about it. Why don't you come into Tammany Hall? You could become a district leader in a short time, and, if you once got that great organization to stand for Socialism nothing could stop it."
Recently I was taking lunch with Lyman Abbott. He also believes in the Socialist ideal, but he wants Socialism to come in what he calls a voluntary way.
He really hopes and expects the big corporations to distribute stock among their employees, so that in time every wage worker will share in the ownership of industry.
These are types of men who nowadays think they are Socialists, and it is perhaps well to ask, "What is Socialism?"
Is it only a dream of an ideal society? Is it only municipal ownership, or national ownership? Is it only the philanthropic division of the stock-holding power of the corporations?
Is it any or all of these things or none of these things?
To my mind it is none of these things.
Socialism is an aspiration and a determination of the workers to become masters of their own destiny.
Its aspiration is to establish an industrial democracy—the rule of the workers over the means of life.
Its determination is to establish an economic order in which the men who use the tools of industry shall rule industry instead of the present order, in which the men who own the tools of industry rule those who use the tools of industry.
Exactly what form that economic order will take we do not know. No man can foretell what the workers will do when they actually become the masters of industry.
But one thing is certain, and that is: you cannot have political democracy where the people do not rule, and you cannot have industrial democracy where the people do not rule.
The really fundamental and essential point then in Socialism is the determination of the workers to become the power that rules the industrial world.
It is then chiefly a movement of the disinherited, a revolt against class rule.
Marx more than once said practically just that, and perhaps never more powerfully than when he wrote Liebnicht et al.: "A movement is worth ten programs."
What Marx really did was to give all aid to the growing determination of the workers to struggle, to suffer and to die, if need be, to overthrow class rule and therewith economic and political inequality.
He was impatient and bitter when any of his friends formed a little sectarian society and called themselves Socialists. He had nothing but contempt for those pedants who called themselves Marxists.
He despised creeds; he wanted action.
The class struggle was to him a

A DIFFICULT QUESTION

BY ELLIS O. JONES
On one side of a high and impregnable barbed-wire fence was a crowd of Work-horses. The grass in their field was entirely eaten and they were gradually starving. On the other side, amid huge haystacks and pregnant granaries, were a few Race-horses, well-fed and sleek-looking.
One day the Work-horses came to the fence and made such a fuss that the Race-horses were annoyed and came to find out what the matter was.
"We are hungry," said the Work-horses in pleading tones.
"We are very sorry," said the Race-horses. "Indeed our very heartstrings melt with pity for you, but what can we do?"
"Give us food."
"Oh, but that would pauperize you. Besides you should have economized."
"Give us work, then."
"There is no work to give you now. The ground is frozen, so that you cannot plow. Markets are bad, so that it does not pay to haul goods. In short, matters are in such shape that you cannot be employed at a profit. That is to say, we have overproduction."
"Lend us some food until spring."
"Oh, your credit is not good enough for that."
"Something must be done," said the hungry Work-horses, "or else we may decide to break through and take your surplus by force."
"It is not likely that the militia would allow you thus to transgress the laws of property," said the sleek ones. "That would be wrong."
"What can be done, then?" asked the hungry ones feebly.
"We wish we knew. It is indeed very distressing. But really, you know, you will have to excuse us now, as we have not yet had our morning exercise. We are blooded and must take good care of ourselves."

GHOSTS OF HUMANITY

BY ROSE PASTOR STOKES
Oh, the heart's dull aching—
The eternal waking
Of a thudding pain!
Like the drip-drop beating
Of the rain's repeating
On the window pane.
Oh, the feverish longing
And the mad thoughts thronging
Thru the brain!
The night is falling—
The night is falling—
The shadows are calling—
Calling to me
Calling to me who am part of the Shadows:
Part of the Shadows immersed in the sea,
In the sea of humanity
Surging about me—
Surging above me,
Surging beneath me!
Up in the tenement over my head,
Down in the street where they struggle for bread,
But grasp only shadows
Around and about them,
Above and beneath.
And they all gnash their teeth
As they grasp at the shadows,
The shadows—the shadows
Of which they are part.
And here in my heart—
Is there only a shadow
Which grasps at a shade
In its madly intensified
Longing to feed upon
Something it hungers for,
Fondling with greed upon
Nothingness, emptiness,
Moonbeams and shadows,
Dream-of-dreams, vacuums,
Barrenness, gapings,
Notings-that-be;
They tantalize—
Only to balk and evade.
And my soul hastes with ghost-ness—
Swiftly along,
With the shadows about it—
The Ghoul of Humanity
Struggling for bread,
And I know that they're dead
And I smile that they're dead:
For I'm far beyond weeping
To know that they're dead,
And I grasp and I struggle
Along with the dead
For the shadow of Bread—
For the Stone-seeming Bread—
And I wish I were dead,
And my heart is so filled
With the pain and the dread
And the terrible gloom
Of the struggle for Bread,
That I wish I were dead!
Ay, a thousandfold dead!
Dead in the sea of Humanity—
Dead!
With the ghost of Humanity,
Dead! Dead! Dead!

DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU?

BY EDMUND DEPREYNE
Did it ever occur to you that in all this hullabaloo about "anarchists" and "anarchy" we might be barking up the wrong tree?
Did it ever occur to you that it is a favorite trick of the pickpocket and holdup man, when pursued by the police and the crowd, to join in the cry of "Stop thief!" thus putting the pursuers upon a wrong trail while he escapes with the plunder?
Did it ever occur to you that nearly all law breakers try to saddle their crimes upon some one else?
Did it ever occur to you that the really dangerous enemies of society and of law and order are not the little retail criminals, but the big wholesalers in crime?
Did it ever occur to you that we may be straining at a very insignificant goat of rare individual madness, while we swallow an enormous camel of calculating, collective murder?
Did it ever occur to you that mine owners, railroad magnates, tenement landlords and proprietors of factories indirectly murder thousands and tens of thousands of their employees and the general public in order to make dividends?
Did it ever occur to you that high financiers who wreck banks and trust

TO THE EDITOR

A National Constitutional Convention
To the general proposition, "Should Socialists Take an Active Part in Capitalist Radical Conventions?" we would reply: "Yes, if they will be admitted for such conventions as having come from the Socialist party under instructions to favor such measures as will benefit the workers and to oppose those that will injure the workers."
This, of course, opens up the question as to whether capitalist reforms are matters of concern to Socialists. We hold that whether capitalist reforms should be fought or favored by the Socialist party depends wholly upon the nature of the particular reform under consideration. The abolition of child labor and the restoration of the ballot to disfranchised workers would seem to be matters of vital concern to Socialists, since it is their children who are being ground and made physical and intellectual inferiors for such purposes as the revolutionary Socialist movement and disfranchised workers must give up all hope of successful revolution by means of the ballot if they merely allow it to be taken away from them. And in this connection it might be well to note that if a capitalist reform party shall make all reformers decide, then a triumphant Socialist party would have no Supreme court or other capitalist appointees to cast in an "unconstitutional" manner. Clearly, here is a "reform" that Socialists should favor.
On the other hand, we have all those "reforms" relative to taxation, production and distribution by capitalists, for capitalists, which, if they come, it will benefit living workers, but because the Socialist party of non-voting classes beneficially may safely be ignored by them. Among such reforms might be mentioned the income and inheritance taxes, municipal ownership, etc.
The capitalist movement for conservation of natural resources—laying off of treasures for the co-operative commonwealth—we should favor, not because it will benefit living workers, but because the Socialist party of the future will need these resources in their economic struggle. Such questions as currency reform are of no concern to the workers, since so long

PREFERENTIAL REFERENDUM
We wish to state through your columns that the practicability of preferential referendum is fully demonstrated in the Texas Election Law and the objections of Comrade Otto Pash redigged to a minimum.
If a local secretary is not competent to count and tabulate the vote that local should elect another secretary. The state secretary was easily overruled and tabulated the vote as returned from the locals or count actual ballots if need be, likewise the national secretary.
The process of counting within itself the elements of proof in containing the ballot. The system should be adopted by all workers. To system the election by the hands of the party members will need these resources in their economic struggle. They can be made lever.
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