

ED MORRIS' \$43,000,000 ESCAPES TAX

That Amount of Personal Property Not Assessed Red Cent by Assessors or Review Board

OTHER BIG MEN ARE ALSO OVERLOOKED

J. Ogden Armour, Taxed on \$200,000, Shown to Have Possessions Worth \$154,200,000

Edward Morris, head of the packing firm of Morris and company, and owner of A. M. Rothchild and company, which operates a large State street department store, has been caught in flagrant tax dodging, according to Frank W. Jones, head of the Illinois Tax Reform league, who has complained to the board of review that while Edward Morris is assessed nothing on personal property he should pay on \$43,000,000. Edward Morris' holdings are listed as follows:

Table listing assets of Edward Morris: 28,000 shares American Can Company (\$2,600,000), 28,000 shares American Oak Leather Company (part of leather trust) (2,800,000), 35,000 shares National Car Line Company (3,500,000), 24,000 shares Morris and Company (a Maine corporation) (2,400,000), 270,000 shares Morris and Company (a New Jersey corporation) (27,000,000), 50,000 shares National Packing Company (5,000,000). Total: \$43,000,000.

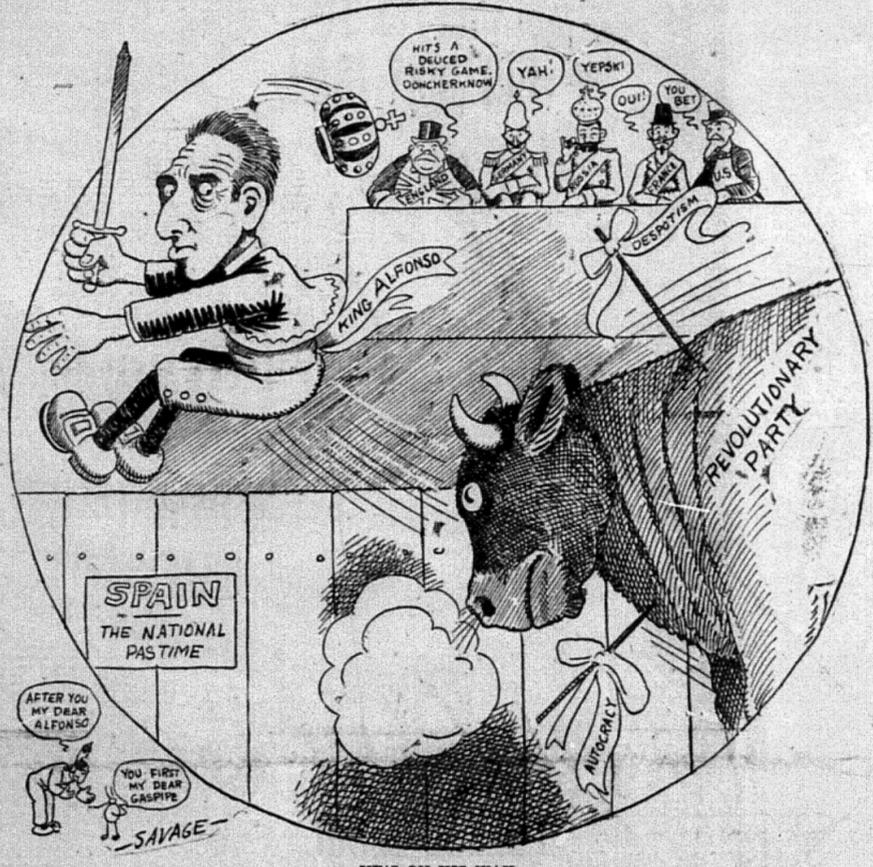
What Do You Think, Urion? The tight grip which J. Ogden Armour, head of Armour and company, has on the future of Chicago is shown in a petition filed by Jones with the Board of Review, asking that the beef magnate be taxed on \$30,440,000 on personal property, when his present assessment is \$900,000.

POSSIBILITIES

If the millions of dollars of revenue that the City of Chicago is losing through tax dodging were saved to the city it would probably all be gobbled up by the criminal political gang that rules the city hall and that has already made away with \$23,000,000 in one year. If, however, the money were not stolen it could be used for vast public improvements and would give thousands of workers employment at the prevailing union wage scales.

assessment is \$900,000. The tax dodging involved is important, as Alfred R. Urion, attorney for Armour and company, is the president of the Chicago board of education, the largest single consumer of the county taxes. Armour is shown as the holder of 35,000 shares of stock in the Chicago Subway company, the corporation which holds the freight subway under Chicago and which is the most crucial factor in any future traction subway. Not only does Armour have vast holdings in the beef trust, but he has 25,000 shares in the Central Leather company of New Jersey—the leather trust. Not content with this he owns two rival elevator companies, the Armour Grain company and the Neola Elevator company, both of which companies operate grain elevators, and seem to compete against each other. Both have their headquarters at 205 La Salle street in the offices of Armour and company. The beef and provision selling plan of Armour and company is laid bare by the disclosure that there is an Armour and company of New Jersey to which the Armour Packing company sells its products and which in turn sells to the retail butcher.

HE DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S GOING, BUT—



SOCIALISTS TO GET JURY TRIAL

Fight for Free Speech Will Begin in Walker's Court This Afternoon

Jury trials were granted by Judge Edward A. Decker of the Harrison street branch of the Municipal court today to A. W. Mance, J. F. Keating, B. L. Weber and J. Herron, the four Socialists who were arrested by Sergeant John Duffy and a squad of policemen at Congress and State streets a week ago on a charge of disorderly conduct. The cases will be called before Judge Walker this afternoon, when the real fight for "free speech" on the streets of Chicago will begin. Over a score of

LISBON LAWMAKERS IN RIOT OVER MONKS

Lisbon, Aug. 4.—The agitation in Spain against the religious orders found an echo here today in a demand made in the chamber that the religious orders be banished from Portugal. The Portuguese radicals were fired by the anti-clerical spirit of the Spanish revolutionaries, and the resentment against the centuries of oppression by the church found open expression in street processions as well as in the chamber. The sentiment against the orders has been growing steadily and reached a climax when the government came out openly on the side of the clericals a few weeks ago. Petition Is Presented Free thinkers from all political parties in Portugal, represented by a liberal committee, today presented to the cortes, a petition for the suppression of the religious orders in Portugal and the abrogation of the existing laws against freedom of conscience. The step was an outcome of a meeting held in this city yesterday. The committee was accompanied to the houses of parliament by an im-

CHINA ORDERS THAT NO LAND BE SOLD TO JAPS

Tokyo, Japan, Aug. 4.—The greatest stumbling block in the way of an amicable settlement of the differences between China and Japan over the Antung-Mukden railway is the order issued by the Chinese authorities that no land be sold to Japanese along the line under severe penalty. This and several other questions concerning Japanese policy in China will be settled in a short time, it is expected, as the subject was placed in the hands of the emperor yesterday by Foreign Minister Komura. One of the principal points at issue since the opening of the Chientao boundary dispute between China, Japan and Russia has been the question of railroad extension and the establishment of independent municipalities along the rights of way of the various lines on the Liaotung peninsula.

ROCKEFELLER IN A HOT SCHOOL ELECTION FIGHT

New York Aug. 4.—Much friction has appeared in the contest over the election of school trustees at Pocantico hills, country home of John D. Rockefeller, J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., has taken such an interest in the fight for the old board that a few days ago he issued a circular to voters declaring that his father desired the members' re-election. He hurried to Pocantico hills yesterday with his wife, to be on hand for the vote this evening. Young Mrs. Rockefeller passed the day in an automobile visiting woman residents of the neighborhood, who may vote in the election. Opponents of the present school board say they will make trouble for young Mr. Rockefeller if he attempts to vote, as they assert that his residence is not there.

POLICE PREPARE TO CLUB STRIKERS

SPAIN TRANQUIL, SAY DISPATCHES

Column of Troops Is Sent to Butcher Last Remnant of Rebels

Madrid, Spain, Aug. 4.—Tranquility prevails throughout Spain except in certain isolated localities of Catalonia, according to an announcement made early today by the minister of the interior. A column of troops composed of artillery, cavalry and infantry is marching on Sabadell, ten miles from Barcelona, where the insurgents are holding out, with orders to repress mercilessly any resistance that may be encountered. The general strike at Madrid and Lugo, announced yesterday, failed owing to the precautionary measures taken by the authorities. Don Jaime Not to Act Vienna, Aug. 4.—Don Jaime, the pretender, says he will not go to Madrid to try to take advantage of the disturbed conditions. His presence in lower Austria, far from the Spanish frontier, was pointed out today as proof of his peaceful purposes. "The Carlist party is a party of order," said Don Jaime. "I never will take upon myself to bring an entire people into danger for my own ends. Never will I lead Spain against Spain. Should I return to Spain at the head of an army it would be only to restore order. This might happen should the revolutionaries drive out King Alfonso or should the welfare of the country require it. Says Queen Is Unpopular "The popularity of Alfonso is declining, through no fault of his own, and Queen Victoria is less a favorite than the king. Victoria has remained a stranger too long and the people will never forgive her." Don Jaime is of the opinion that the war in Morocco was unavoidable and he fears that it will last a long time. Await More Spanish Troops Madrid, Aug. 4.—Gen. Marina, Spanish military commander in Morocco, is awaiting re-enforcements. As soon as the needed troops arrive the advanced Spanish position at Mount Atalayon and Sidlamet will be strengthened preparatory to an advance upon Zeluan, the Spanish objective. The Red Cross and other organizations are working ceaselessly to care for the sick and wounded, both at Melilla and at Spanish ports. The Bank of Spain has contributed \$10,000 to the queen's fund. Spaniards Slaughter Rifians Paris, France, Aug. 4.—The Gaulois today prints a dispatch from Bayonne saying that news received from Melilla Sunday was to the effect that Gen. Marina sent two battalions to draw the Rifians within range of the Spanish artillery. His plan, the dispatch adds, was successful. The tribesmen were subjected to a terrible shell fire and many of them were slaughtered.

STREETER COMING TO HIS 'DEESTRICT' IN A 'WARSHIP'

"Capt." George Wellington Streeter is preparing a new invasion of Chicago, today, when he will again assert his claims to the "district of Lake Michigan." The captain has had his boat, the Favoris Rouge, tied up at Morris, Ill., on the Illinois and Michigan canal, and yesterday made a start for Chicago, but didn't go far as something went wrong with the engine. The captain's warship is expected late today. Just what plans Streeter has to seize "his property" are being kept secret, but he is said to have declared that he again will seek to take possession of the land he has claimed for years.

DESIGNER OF COIN SHUT EYES; GOT LINCOLN'S SMILE

New York, Aug. 4.—Victor D. Brenner, designer of the new Lincoln pennies, 20,000,000 of which are being circulated by the government, says he obtained the smile on the "war president's" face by closing his eyes and imagining that Mr. Lincoln was talking to a child. "If you will look at the coin carefully you will see I have made him smiling," said Mr. Brenner. "I wished to show the sunshine as well as the goodness of his life." When a boy Mr. Brenner came to this country as a Russian immigrant. After struggling several years at various unremunerative tasks he took up sculpture.

CANCER'S AVFUL RAVAGES DESCRIBED BY DR. FOOTE

New York, Aug. 4.—One man in every thirty-two and one woman in every eleven die from cancer in this country, according to Dr. Milton E. Foote, consulting physician to the New York Skin and Cancer hospital. "I have no hesitancy in declaring cancer the worst physical scourge with which we have to contend today," said Dr. Foote, in an interview. "Cancer is far more dreadful than tuberculosis, for although the death rate from cancer is not yet so great as that from tuberculosis, it is steadily on the increase, while the great white plague has been partially conquered, and is on the decrease."

TURKS SAIL TO RETAKE CRETE

St. Petersburg, Aug. 4.—The Novoe Vremya publishes a dispatch from Constantinople saying that four transports loaded with Turkish troops have left the capital for Crete and that a Turkish fleet has been ordered to escort them. It is supposed Turkey intends to effect a landing on the island.

NEW YORK MILK PRICES DOUBLED

New York, Aug. 4.—As the drouth has dried up the pastures, New York city is suffering from a milk famine. Wholesale prices have been doubled in a week.

BUSSE GANG IN THE CITY HALL SCARED OUT OF THEIR BOOTS

The Busse gang in the city hall are scared out of their boots by the official announcement from the Lorimer camp that Busse is a dead one. It is only necessary to look across at one of these gentlemen and he will have an attack of hysteria which will transform him for the time being into a dancing dervish. They are not reassured by Lorimer's announcement of last Saturday that he wanted a clean slate and party "harmony." They know that the Lorimer brand of harmony means the elimination of the whole Busse crew. Inter Ocean Laughs Suggestions were contained in some of the walls which went up from the gang that it might yet be possible to save Busse by uniting with Deneen. This, of course, is merely amusing. The Lorimer organ had a good laugh over this morning. The hysteria in the city hall is evident even to the casual passer by. Walk up behind a Busse man and say "Boo! Lorimer!" and he will jump a yard into the air. "Some one had suggested that Mr. Lorimer's idea of a clean slate was one on which no dead ones remained, and immediately most of the 'dead' ones

and those in a moribund state, politically, put the coat on and worked themselves into a pitiful state of mind, in which they see goblins, warlocks, Pucks and 'dells all day long. Tam O'Shanter's ride was a pleasant afternoon jaunt over the park boulevards compared to the agony suffered by some of those \$100 a month men. "They have it all figured out now. Ostprich like, they got their heads together and thought they were covered up. And this is the brilliant line of defense the noble patriots hastily mapped out. "Fred A. Busse and Charles S. Deneen must immediately combine their forces to stop the progress of the new Cyclops. They must form an offensive and defensive alliance, else all is lost—meaning all jobs. "Brilliant idea, that. Says One of Them Must Go "One clerk whose pulse was registering about 80 at the time was asked what all the fuss was about. The wheels whizzed around a few times, and this is what came out: "Lorimer is getting too strong. He must be stopped. There isn't room enough in Illinois for Lorimer, Deneen and Busse, and one of them must be downed. The only way to do that is for Busse and Deneen to forget their differences and get together right away and put Lorimer out of business. "For originality and brilliancy of thought that takes the cake."

M'CANN TO TELL GRAFT SECRETS

May Ask Special Prosecutor if Wayman Protects Men "Higher Up"

If the rumored plans of the indicted police inspector Edward McCann and his attorneys are carried out, State's Attorney Wayman faces a storm when he returns to start his graft investigation before the September grand jury. McCann is said to be ready to give the facts concerning the whole stupendous police graft system of the city and to reveal the inside workings of one of the worst rings ever known. It is alleged that it was part of this information furnished by McCann which the grand jury desired to investigate at the same time that it wanted to reopen the Gingles case. Wayman refused to make the investigation and refused to let the grand jury take it up. The grand jury revolted and Wayman promptly had them taken before Judge Kieckheaf and had the riot act read to them. They were told that all investigation must be started by Wayman.

MAY SUPERSEDE WAYMAN

McCann's attorneys declare that Scanlan's ruling will not stand in the Supreme court, as there are several decisions against it, and that if Wayman makes any further attempts to suppress any part of the big vice party they will ask for the appointment of a special state's attorney to take up the matter and act independently of Wayman at the September session. This course, it is said, will lay the whole "system" of police graft bare to the public and wholesale indictments of the men "higher up" will undoubtedly follow. The September grand jury convenes on the same day set for the trial of Inspector McCann and Detective Jeremiah Griffin, his confidential aid, also under indictment on charges of bribery. This fact is said to be the basic strand in the network of the defense which is being woven by the attorneys for McCann. To Expose Men "Higher Up" The men "higher up" and the members of the underworld ring, whom

Witnesses can be secured to testify that the meeting was being conducted in a peaceable manner and that there was no cause whatsoever for the action of the police.

Granted Without Objection Judge Fred Fake was on the bench at the Harrison street court last week when the cases were called, and continued them until today. He was absent today, however, and Judge Decker was on the bench in his place. The jury trials were granted without objection.

It is expected that the state will allege that the Socialist meetings are illegal, according to the ruling made by Judge Newcomer at the Harrison street court, when a warrant was asked for the arrest of Sergeant Duffy on the charge that he had disturbed a public meeting that was being held in a peaceable manner. The police are feeling very happy as a result of this ruling and are awaiting the outcome of the jury trials before they start a raid on all Socialist meetings throughout the city. "We are going to fight this matter to a finish," said Secretary J. O. Bentall, who accompanied the accused Socialists to the Harrison street station this morning. "We are confident that we will win out in the end. If we don't

MRS. SAGE TO BUILD HOUSES FOR "POOR WORKING MEN"

New York, Aug. 4.—Mrs. Russell Sage is preparing to build many cottages near her home at Cedarhurst, L. I., to be let to working people at nominal rates. It is stated that \$12 a month will be the maximum rent. Each cottage will contain modern improvements and will be of frame two stories high.

Furloughs of Patrolmen Are Canceled and Force Put in Fighting Trim for the Car Tie-Up

BALLOTS ARE PRINTED FOR VOTE THURSDAY

Elevated Roads, Fearing That Men Will Join Move, Put Spotters to Work Watching Them

While 10,000 motormen and conductors are standing pat for more money for themselves, their wives and families, the Chicago police department is preparing to club these men in case of strike and once more the city is preparing to serve the traction companies whose money is said to have been at the service of a certain political machine now in power. All vacation furloughs for policemen have been canceled. Both the companies and the union are now jockeying for positions of advantage. Mass meetings of union men last night authorized the polling of a strike vote and the text of the ballots will be in the hands of the printers today and on Thursday and Friday the strike referendum will be taken. OFFICERS WILL APPROVE The Chicago locals of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees have been, and are so at present, in the closest touch with the executive board of their international organization. So close is this touch that the members of the executive board can be reached by telegram within half an hour and they are so thoroughly informed that their action in approving a strike would be immediate. Their authority must be had before a strike can be called, according to the constitution of the union.

The union officials and the rank and file are desirous of averting a strike, but they will strike rather than give in and this time the entire transportation facilities of Chicago, barring the suburban lines of the railroads, will be in their hands. Frederick Job, the agent of the Employers' association, now on his vacation, will return to the city tomorrow and there is little doubt but that the companies will soon begin recruiting thugs from all parts of the country.

MITTEN COUP FAILS

President E. T. Mitten of the Chicago City Railway company when asked today if he intended to make any new proposition to the union declined to discuss the matter at all. The members of the union by overwhelming vote, last night, rejected the proposition made yesterday by Mitten, when he gave the men the choice of the present scale or the convention of an arbitration board to see if the present compensation may not be too high. This the men took to be an effort to entangle them in futile negotiations which would end by a wage reduction coup on the part of the company. The Chicago Railway company had offered to be a party to this negotiation.

CRISIS DUE MONDAY

By Monday the crisis will have been reached. When the strike vote has been counted, negotiations will immediately be opened with the car companies. No time will be wasted, however. Action of some sort must follow immediately. If the company gives in there will be no strike. If the companies stand pat, the men fear that the next move will be an attempt to cut wages and there will undoubtedly be a strike within a few hours. A strike will not, however, be called as long as the union sees a chance of averting one without losing the claims made.

'L' ROADS IN FEAR

The South Side Elevated Railway company, operating the elevated road which taps Woodlawn, Englewood, Kenwood and other thickly settled suburbs, is employing a corps of spotters to intimidate its employees and prevent them from joining the union. The efforts of the company are being doubted at this time because of the general traction situation. The company fears that the men are being organized and that if the elevated lines are strike-bound follow-

CAR STRIKE NOT TO HALT PICNIC

Cook County Socialists to Use Wagons and Autos, if They Have To

Even if the conductors and motormen on Chicago's street car system must go on strike in order to secure enough in the way of wages to live on, the ninth annual Socialist picnic of Cook county will be held at Spachman's grove on Sunday, August 14th.

Loyal to the Car Men

"We intend to show the street car men that we are with them in every way," said County Secretary G. T. Fraenckel, today. "We wouldn't even think of riding on street cars in case of a strike. I can't say exactly what would happen to a Socialist caught riding on a street car."

The Socialist picnic is to be a great, big family affair. In order that the fathers and mothers may come to the park and bring all of the little ones at as small an expense as possible, all children under twelve years of age will be admitted free. All other tickets will sell for 25 cents.

SCHUETTLER IN DENIAL

Rumors were current today that Acting Chief of Police Herman Schuetzler and Mayor Busse had held a conference last night relative to the use of the police in the impending strike. Schuetzler denied this.

CONNOLLY CAN'T COME

James Connolly, editor of the Harp, the Irish Socialist monthly of New York, was announced to be the principal speaker of the day, his name being that he will be unable to be present. Efforts are now being made to secure another prominent speaker to take his place.

LAUNCH ANTI-MADDEN BODY

John A. Metz, Elected President of New Building Trades. The organization meeting of the new Chicago building trades body under the auspices of the American Federation of Labor was held last night and John A. Metz, president of the Carpenters' district council, was chosen president of the new body which seeks to replace the Associated Building Trades Council of which Martin B. Madden is president.

INFLAMES PUBLIC AGAINST MEN

Tribune Begins Its Tactics Even Before Strike Is Voted. The Chicago Tribune, following its usual policy, which has as its keynote that any man not appearing sufficiently well in Edmund's or Bradstreet's is a ruffian and a thug, has already begun to poison the public mind against the motormen and conductors who are now demanding from the street car companies wages a little more in proportion to those paid in other skilled crafts.

UNIONS IN NEW BODY

The two organizations of carpenters, the Amalgamated and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the Associated Sheet Metal Workers, the Elevator Constructors' union, the Hoisting Engineers and the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' union joined to form a new body. The charter of the new organization was signed and the next meeting set for Aug. 12.

UNION OFFICIALS ARE ENJOINED

Temporary Order Granted Against the Steam Fitters. A temporary order enjoining the officers of Local Union No. 3, International Union of Steam Fitters, from seeking to have Joseph Korn discharged from his position with the Anheuser-Busch Brewing company, was issued yesterday by Judge Chetlain.

UNION MEN WILL HEAR

DEBS SPEAK ON LABOR DAY. (SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Joplin, Mo., Aug. 4.—Eugene V. Debs, candidate for president on the Socialist ticket at the last election, will speak at the new Electric park here on Labor day. The celebration of Labor day here in this manner has been decided upon jointly by the carpenters' union and the local Socialist organizations.

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Georgia Kills Income Tax

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 4.—The house killed a bill to amend the income tax in the state tax measure. The bill fixed a rate of one-twentieth of 1 per cent upon all gross incomes of more than \$5,000, which was equivalent to \$1 per \$1,000 straight tax. The vote was 73 to 61. It was killed because many believed it was unconstitutional.

Seek to Ditch \$250,000 Train

Crawford, Neb., Aug. 4.—As a passenger train on the Burlington was rounding a hazardous curve for the station at Belmont, ten miles out from Crawford, early yesterday morning, the engineer discovered on the track a few rods ahead an obstruction composed of steel rails. Engineer Wade stopped the train within a few feet of the obstruction. It is said that the express car contained \$250,000 in gold bullion billed to New York city.

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his personal property holdings shown to be taxable are \$4,596,000. The list of McRoberts' stock holdings is suggestive, as any denial of his ownership of certain stocks enumerated would indicate that he is really holding certain stocks for J. Ogden Armour. McRoberts, for instance, holds 20,000 shares of the Chicago Subway company stock. He also holds 2,000 shares of the G. H. Hammond company, a packing corporation, while Armour holds 5,000 shares in the same company. This is not the only point at which the holdings of J. Ogden Armour and Samuel McRoberts, his right hand man, dovetail. In the National Packing company, Armour holds 45,000 shares of stock and McRoberts holds 2,500 shares in the same company. In the Kansas City Railway and Electric Light company J. Ogden Armour holds 30,000 shares and McRoberts 1,200.

List of Armour's Holdings

Among the heaviest holdings of J. Ogden Armour are: 30,000 shares Kansas City Railway & Electric Light company \$2,000,000 Bonds of the same company worth 1,000,000 4,000 shares Armour Car Lines 400,000 45,000 shares National Packing company 4,500,000 600 shares Armour and company (selling corporation) 6,400,000 11,000 shares Union Stock Yards company, Omaha, 1,100,000 Shares in the Armour Grain company 540,000 23,000 shares Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, worth 3,000,000 35,000 shares Chicago Subway company 3,500,000 Besides this, J. Ogden Armour holds stock in all the score or more of subsidiary companies which make the market for the by-products of the slaughtering and packing industry.

Joy Morton 'Omitted'

Joy Morton, a member of the board of directors of the notorious Corn Products Refining company, comes in for a share of the Jones expose. The board of review has assessed Morton on \$150,000. He owns \$5,950,000 in assessable stocks. His 22,000 shares of Corn Products Refining company stock, paying 7 per cent annually, is worth \$2,200,000. His 4,000 shares in the Great Western Cereal company, the breakfast food trust, worth \$400,000 and \$4,200,000 worth of stock in the International Salt company, the salt trust, aid in swelling Morton's fortune.

Arthur Meeker, assessed on \$5,000, is shown by Jones to own \$5,530,000 worth of taxable stocks and bonds. Meeker, who is a packer, owns over 1,000,000 worth of stock in the Central Leather company. He owns also \$1,200,000 worth of stock in the Chicago Subway company. Meeker is interested with J. Ogden Armour in most of the Armour companies.

These five men have evaded for five years the taxation of over \$400,000,000 worth of taxable property, according to Jones, who will appear before the board of review this week to protest.

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The excitement is expected to start some time this afternoon. So far as the chairman would outline the proposed work of the sub-committee at its first open session, it is proposed to grant hearings in at least two and probably three cases in which complaints have been made that assessments were reduced this season through gross favoritism. He would not state what cases those are, but one of them is understood to be the instance where Montgomery Ward & Co. got a cut of nearly half a million dollars, and another, that of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, that got a reduction of about one-third of the assessed valuation.

The board yesterday spoiled one case for the subcommittee that was to have come up today when the personal assessment of the Marshall Field estate was raised \$2,500,000. The low assessment of that estate last year had been remarked, so some of the legislators are wondering if information that it was to be taken up reached the board.

The raise for the Field estate was by far the greatest of the year, it having been \$4,500,000 over the valuation of last year or from \$8,000,000 to \$12,500,000. The board of assessors added the first two millions, and then the board of review put two and a half millions to that.

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SOCIALISM IS KILLED AGAIN

Gov. Hughes Says There is No Danger of Party Ever Winning

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 4.—The \$50,000 fund asked by August Belmont to combat Socialism was needless, the fearsome truncheon of "Charlie" Post of Battle Creek, Mich., have been in vain, because Socialism is never coming, anyway. Governor Hughes of New York has said so. It was Hughes who unearthed the methods of the life insurance company and dug up the "yellow dog" fund, but who never sent a single naughty insurance official to jail. He sent himself to the state house at Albany, which was more to the point.

No Danger of Socialism

Hughes said, yesterday: "There is no danger of Socialism here. The reason is that the average American boy of today, the same as fifty years ago, starts out from his home to see what he can make of himself and he wants the reward honesty and perseverance entitle him to.

"There is no chance for demagoguery on a large scale, either because of the growing appreciation of justice, and its essential relation to the success of democracy. We are to be ruled by intelligent public opinion. We are safeguarded by extraordinary bulwarks of our constitutional provisions, but our security is not in the constitution; however secure or difficult to change, our security is in the educated intelligence of the average man and his appreciation of what is due to his neighbor.

Prosperity the Thing

"Every locality must have something in which it is interested, and it is right and proper that it should struggle for that interest, but, after all, the prosperity of the country as a whole is more important than any particular interest, and the general sentiment of our people is that not only should we stand, but by virtue of our union we prosper."

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(Continued from Page One) friends of the indicted official declared benefited by the graft collections and then planned to oust the inspector yesterday morning on a warrant sworn out by detectives from Mr. Wayman's office.

This move, if it is made by McCann's lawyers, it is predicted, will result in a legal battle which will make the McCann trial stand for years to come as one of the most sensational cases in the annals of the local courts.

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Inspector McCann and Detective Griffin held a conference yesterday in the law offices of Colonel J. Hamilton Lewis, who will be associated with Attorneys Neeley and Underwood in McCann's defense.

Abraham Cohen, whose brother, "Pete" Cohen, was arrested several days ago with a number of others on complaint of the state's attorney, was arrested yesterday morning on a warrant sworn out by detectives from Mr. Wayman's office.

Abraham Cohen, as is his brother, is accused of renting property for immoral purposes. He was taken into custody by Detective O'Keefe at his home, 4559 Prairie avenue, Cohen was taken to the Harrison street station, where he gave a personal bond for \$500. He appeared before Judge Giltzen this morning. "Pete" Cohen and the others were also arraigned in the same court.

ITCH STOPPED—SKIN COOLED.

Itching skin diseases afflict some people as soon as the hot weather comes. There seems to be no preventive; but when the eruption does break out, it is a very simple matter to stop that itch, and to stop it instantly.

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Broken Lot Sale.

SOCIALIST PARTY IN GOOD GROWTH

Gain is 3,040 in Six Months; The Washington Tangle Is Taken Up

At the session of the National Executive committee of the Socialist party, held July 23 and 24, it was decided to recognize the Washington convention and the referendum ordered by that body, to send Victor L. Berger as a delegate to the next meeting of the International Socialist bureau at Brussels and to recommend an increase in the payment of organizers.

The National Secretary presented a report showing an increase of 3,040 in membership during the last six months. The committee agreed that the most promising work since its last meeting had been done by the organizers who were working among the trade unions and decided to emphasize this work still more in the future.

National Congress of 1910 The following motions were adopted to govern the work of the special national congress to be held next year:

That all reporters on the order of business in the congress be given one hour to present reports, and all other debates be limited to twenty minutes.

That three reports be appointed by the national executive committee to report on the following subjects respectively: Organization, propaganda and campaigns, such reports to submit and publish their respective reports at least sixty days before the date of the congress.

Reporters and subjects were assigned as follows: John M. Work, on organization; Morris Hillquit, on propaganda; Victor L. Berger, on campaigns.

A motion was adopted that the National Executive committee construe section 2 of article 10 of the national constitution of the party to mean that the "congress" of the party provided for in said section has the same rights and powers as an ordinary convention of the party, except that it has no power to nominate candidates for public offices.

Make Berger Delegate The committee decided to send the following letter to the International Socialist bureau:

"The National committee of our party has recently elected Comrade Victor L. Berger as its additional representative in your bureau, and we respectfully request that he be seated as the second member for the United States, instead of the representative of the Socialist Labor party.

"In thus claiming both seats in the International Socialist bureau for the Socialist party of the United States, we do not ask any special privileges. The rule giving to each country two representatives in the bureau was established in order to do justice to the movement in such countries in which it is divided into two principal wings. It was eminently fair to give separate representation to each of the two main Socialist parties in France, before they united, and it is just as proper to give separate representation today to each of the two principal divisions of the Socialist movement in Russia, and to the Socialist and the trade union movement respectively of Great Britain.

Growth of Socialist Party When a division first occurred in the Socialist movement of the United States the same procedure was adopted, and with a good deal of justice. At the time of the Paris congress of 1900 the Socialist party and the Socialist Labor party were factors of more or less equal importance in the United States. But since that time the situation has changed very radically. The vast majority of the former members and voters of the Socialist Labor party have transferred their allegiance and support to the Socialist party. The latter today represents the entire organized Socialist movement in the United States, while the Socialist Labor party has been reduced to a mere nominal existence, and has neither members nor support, nor influence in the labor movement of the country.

"The Socialist party has enrolled dues paying membership of 44,791. The Socialist Labor party hardly musters more than 1,000. In the recent national elections the Socialist party polled a vote of 424,483, while the vote of the Socialist Labor party was less than 14,900. In other words, if we accept the enrolled membership and electoral vote as a test of strength, and we know of no other test, then the Socialist party represents about 97 per cent of the Socialist movement in the United States, while the Socialist Labor party, at a generous estimate, constitutes about 3 per cent of it.

S. L. P. Insignificant The Socialist Labor party does not in any sense represent a division or wing of the Socialist movement of the United States, and there is no more logic or justice in admitting it to the bureau on an equal footing with the Socialist party than there would be in dividing the two seats of Germany between the Social Democratic party of that country and some Socialist study circle in Berlin. We recognize, of course, that the Socialist Labor party, as a Socialist organization, is entitled to representation in the International congress, where it will have a vote proportionate to its actual strength and importance; but admission to the bureau of an organization as small and insignificant as the Socialist Labor party is an anomaly which is both ridiculous and embarrassing for the Socialist movement of the United States.

THE HUSTLERS' COLUMN BY A. W. MANCE.

A GREAT LABOR-DAY EDITION

The Labor Day Special Edition of the Chicago Daily Socialist this year promises to be one of the best pieces of Socialist propaganda and educational literature ever issued to reach union men.

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but it has been proven that whenever the whole membership solidly stands for the advancement of their organization, the movement will not lack means for carrying on the great work.

"I think thus far we have succeeded, and the amount of work we have done is beyond all expectations and should encourage other nationalities to follow the same course. Another thing I think worth mentioning is that the Finnish comrades have a good chance to familiarize themselves with the party tactics in this country, because they have had the opportunity to read all party matters, national and state, constitutions, platforms, and so on, in their own language, and that has made it possible for them to take an active part in the movement through their respective organizations, as was shown in the election of delegates to the late national convention, which resulted in the election of six regular delegates. The financial calls of the national office have been fairly responded to, thus showing that the comrades understood correctly their duties as party members and do not hesitate to fulfill the same.

Three Finnish Organizations "We have three speakers working unceasingly, one in each of the districts, which are called Eastern, Western and Central districts. The way we route our organizations differs somewhat from that practiced by the national office. We send our speakers to every locality of Finnish population.

The Washington Tangle Following is the wording of the motion in regard to the situation in the state of Washington:

MURDER "SCENT" TURNS OUT TO BE A DECAYED CHICKEN Police men guarded a mysterious canvas trunk at the Englewood union depot for hours yesterday, thinking an offensive odor that issued from it might lead to the revelation of a murder.

ANOTHER SUBWAY OPENED FOR BUSINESS IN GOTHAM New York, Aug. 4.—Another hole in the ground was opened yesterday to public traffic, the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad company extending its service from its terminal station at Church street, Manhattan, to the Erie railroad station in Jersey City.

MISSOURI PACIFIC MERGER TO INCLUDE \$240,000,000 New York, Aug. 4.—A special meeting of the Missouri Pacific stockholders will be held Aug. 7 to vote on a consolidation of about twenty-one companies now comprising the Missouri Pacific system.

It is proposed to form a new company, to be called the Missouri Pacific railway company, to own and to hold these properties and to capitalize at \$240,000,000 in stock.

ITALIAN STRIKERS FIGHT BATTLE WITH ARMED POSSE

Fond du Lac, Wis., Aug. 2.—A pitched battle in which thirty Italian strikers and a constable's posse figured into yesterday afternoon resulted in the strikers giving up the attempt to force the workmen at the Standard Lime and Stone company plant to quit work.

Encouraged by the success in getting the quarrymen at Hamilton, to join them this morning the strikers from the Marblehead works pushed on to Knowles, five miles away. Waving a red flag, they descended on the quarry and forced the men to leave their work.

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CAUSES WESTERN SENATORS TO JUMP UP AND DOWN AND BRINGS DELAY

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Snake Wriggles Out A large sized "snake" which wriggled out of the leather schedule caused the scare. The discovery was made that in mollifying the western senators who had insisted on reduced duties on boots and shoes in return for free boots, the canny Aldrich phalanx from New England had handed the lawmakers a ten-cent cut on shoes from leather, which is no longer used in the making of shoes, except such as are worn by the inmates of penal institutions.

Cuts Red Tape for Teachers Harmony among the teachers in the Chicago public schools the abolition of red tape in the superintendent's office and the freedom of that office for teachers and principals will be among the policies which Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, Chicago's new woman superintendent, will inaugurate. She announced these policies almost in the same hour that she began her official duties yesterday.

SAY GOODBYE TO ELLA GINGLES "We believe everything that you have said." This was the tribute paid to Ella Gingles at a farewell reception given her at Hopkins hall, Sixty-third street and Stewart avenue, last night by the club women who have been active in her behalf and by the Orangenemen of Chicago. The little Irish lacemaker, who has been the central figure in one of the most remarkable trials ever held in the city of Chicago, was visibly affected by the tribute of her friends.

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Work of the Finns Victor Watis, national Finnish translator, gave the following report on the Finnish organization: "No doubt you all know the attitude of the Finnish Socialist organization to the Socialist party of the United States. During our existence, since Jan. 1, 1907, when the Finnish translator's office was discontinued and the Finnish Socialist Party was reorganized, our membership has more than doubled and the number of branches multiplied. "About three years ago when the plan of organizing the translator's office was discussed, the subject of general concern was the financial question,

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Ballots or Bullets?

Victor L. Berger has made the startling statement that "the safety and hope of this country will finally lie in one direction only—that of a violent and bloody revolution."

He does not make this prediction as something to be desired. Still less is it an argument for this method of evolution, and least of all can it be considered as embodying a policy of violence for the Socialist party.

It is but a regretful conclusion drawn from a study of present conditions.

He believes that the present ruling class is so blind, so determined to rule or ruin, so brutal, so firmly entrenched, and so greedy and powerful in its exploitation that it will goad the remainder of the population on to a violent and bloody revolution.

Let us look at this question calmly, analyzing the elements that enter into its solution and deciding whether we must prepare for a resistance by force to a ruling class that is seeking to enslave us through violence.

For the last fifteen years, according to the report of the United States bureau of labor, the purchasing power of the wages received by the workers of this country has been decreasing, and this at a time when the product of their labor was growing by leaps and bounds.

Peaceable efforts to alter this have been futile. The old form of trade union has been powerless before the great trust, as witness the fate of the unions in the steel, meat, leather and tobacco industries.

The ballot has been defied in some places, its power curtailed in others. The right of suffrage is being restricted instead of expanding, as is called for by a growing democracy. Legislative bodies defy the popular will and the judiciary has complete contempt for the decisions of the people.

Militarism and the war spirit has grown until the expenditures of the United States because of militarism are greater than those of Germany.

It is absolutely certain that the present ruling class is doing its best to bring about a violent revolution.

If such a revolution comes it will not, in the beginning at least, be a distinctly working-class revolution. It will certainly not begin over the question of Socialism or be started by the Socialists. It is much more apt to come as a result of some quarrel between the great trusts and the smaller capitalists, because both of these are always prone to appeal to violence.

But not all the forces in our present society are making for a violent revolution. Moreover, it is not impossible to change the methods of social evolution. It is not too late to avoid violence.

Let us then look upon the forces which are making for a peaceful evolution.

First and foremost must be placed the SOCIALIST MOVEMENT. As a constructive force, fighting for the reorganization of society, the Socialist movement has everything to gain by peaceful progress—but it must be PROGRESS.

A powerful, militant Socialist party, working in close co-operation with a union movement of the same character, is the only security against violence. Such a movement could compel concessions and direct evolution without appealing to force.

If such a movement is impossible of realization, if the workers of the United States cannot be made to realize the possibility of fighting as their brothers in all other countries are fighting, if the Socialists are to spend their time in fruitless quibbling over details and jealous wranglings over petty differences, if they are to lose heart in their efforts to educate their fellow workers, then Victor L. Berger is right, and "the safety and hope of this country will finally lie in the direction of a violent and bloody revolution."

The next few months will probably decide, although the result of that decision may not be realized for several years to come. In these few months the Socialist movement of America is on trial. If its members have energy enough, and vitality enough, and intelligence enough to carry on the tremendous work of education which devolves upon them, then it will be possible to present such a compact front of organized workers that all talk of violence will disappear.

We are not yet ready to believe that the Socialist movement has failed. We know that "new occasions teach new duties," and that in time of intense social pressure education is rapid.

Finally, if a violent revolution lies before us, the best possible preparation for that revolution, AT THIS TIME, is to build up a strong Socialist political organization.

Let us count our ballots before we begin to use bullets. We will need a majority in either case, and if we have a majority of the ballots, backed up by an intelligent, well-trained political organization, there will be some hesitation on the part of the powers of plunder in appealing to violence.

On the Firing Line

BY MONOSABIO

Where few win many must lose. Standing head line in the daily press: "Out of work, ends life." Surely good times must be here. The ignorance of the poor is only exceeded by the stupidity of the rich who imagine they can fool us all the time. "Ah, but you Socialists always sing the same song—always about unemployment—always about poverty." Very well, abolish poverty and we will sing other songs—the most beautiful you ever listened to. Poor simpletons who vote to keep the gang in clover, you shall have the pleasure of being run over by your own automobiles while your "public servants" are joy-riding in them. The Negro regiment which saved Roosevelt in Cuba and later helped to exploit the Philippines for the masters, received a great ovation in New York the other day. When the Negro a man and brother? When he has learned to fight the battles of capitalism.

WE KILLED NOTHING

(With Apologies to Roosevelt) BY ERNEST POOLE

(Concluded From Yesterday) "Get out of sight!" The short number of our party had dropped behind, he now came sprinting round a curve, and with one quick backward look he dashed into a dripping bush. "Get out of sight—everybody—get!" His voice was so intensely earnest that in an instant we were all in hiding behind the bushes and boulders, anxiously scanning the path. There followed a moment of deep suspense. And then round the corner, sagaciously sniffing and glancing from side to side with omnivorous grey eyes, trotted old Judas Iscariot, looking for his friend. He stopped short, he sniffed and sniffed, he strained his ragged ears. We held our breath and made not a sound. But in vain. Suddenly with a sharp exclamation the animal rooted Shorty out. And slowly one by one, we slunk from our holes, while without a blink old Judas gazed upon his chum and softly chewed his cud. "This creature is my friend," said Shorty in piteous tones. "He loves me, he will follow me through life wherever I go, I shall never lose him!" Cruelly we laughed. "Young man," said the Promoter, "let this be a lesson. Leave drink and tobacco alone." "But I was catching cold!" the other almost shouted. Savagely he drew out his pouch. "Here, you brute, you devil, chew!" And as he stuffed tobacco into those wide open jaws he chuckled with a sudden hope. "This creature will grow dizzy," he said softly, "fearfully so. He will not know his teeth from his tail. And then will come a perillous crag—and the little snags will be avenged!" But not thus did it happen. For miles and miles, as we swung down the wizard kept on Shorty's heels. He chewed, he drank and chewed again, and still he did not falter. Many times we played that ancient game of hide-and-seek; with all our cunning we maneuvered; our friend the Russian, who for years had baffled the secret police of the czar, gave all his wisdom to the task. It was useless. "If the czar had goats for spies," he growled, "the Russians would be always slaves!" We gave up. And for over an hour, with a clangle, clangle, clangle of his bell, old Judas followed in our wake.

We were down among the pines again, and the mountain side was spreading in gentler slopes out toward the valley. Emerging from a dark pine forest, we came abruptly to the edge of a ravine quite bare of trees. Below in the center, cold, forbidding, dirty gray, stretched a narrow glacier. Over its edge, on a mound of boulders, perched a rough log cabin. And two ragged little urchins sat by the gaping door. A more somber playground could not well be pictured. The jagged rocks, the dark old pines, the precipice above, the glacier close below. As we stepped cautiously upon its crunching, treacherous snow, feeling ahead with our stout canes, the breath of it rose chilling and damp. We stood stock still to listen, and from the depths of this seemingly dead and motionless monster came faint noises, cracklings, heavings, muffled booms. Moving with never an instant's pause through the ages, the weight of countless millions of tons of ice and snow crushing it forever down. The relentlessness of Mother Earth was sternly symbolized here. Speaking low, the Russian briefly sketched its story, from the desolate beginning. Suddenly the Artist drew a sentimental sigh. "What a home," he muttered, "what a home for children." We looked up. Over a ledge of rock two wild little heads kept bobbing. We climbed the wet slope to the cabin. It was empty. It was dark and bare with earthen floor, a rough log bench for sleeping, an iron pot and a smouldering fire, whence the soft white hissing smoke drifted up into the rafters. The rest was hidden in gloom. The Russian had gone in search of the youngsters. He came back smiling broadly, with a squealing little animal on each heavy shoulder. They were only mites of four and five, boy or girl you could not tell, so untamed and shaggy. And they were mightily scared. They squealed and scratched and pummeled, their black eyes stared like eyes of hawks, but he would not let them down, and gradually, with toothsome bits of chocolate and reassuring words, he soothed their raging little souls, until at last they stared in solemn silence. And now Shorty did a wicked thing. He did it with a smile.

"Kids," he said, "I have brought a little playmate for you." And he pointed to old Judas. "Good," said the Russian quickly. "How much will you give them to tie him up?" "Five francs," cried Shorty. He drew out five shining one franc pieces, and gave them to the pair. The mites were utterly dazed. And some minutes later, when we started down into the forest, we left them with the Russian, one on either side, puzzled, serious, very shy, listening intently to his yarns. "Now for supper," shouted Shorty, rejoicing in his freedom. And with appetites fast rising, we common selfish mortals tramped gaily down the path. It was six o'clock. We had a good five miles to go, and already the shadows were rolling up from the valley. Under the pines it grew so dark we had to watch our way. Now and again we met silent men and women bending over fagot piles or heavy loads of hay. Our limping Artist friend was a pathetic figure. To all who would be tramped—beware of your feet in the first three days! Tramping down a mountain is at first a merry sport. But as the minutes pass and still you feel that jerk, jerk, jerk on the muscles round your knees, then begins the aching. When at last we reached the bottom and beheld our jolly friend winding upward over a hill, we drew breaths of glad relief. It was nearly eight o'clock when the lights of Champey sparkled through the tree trunks. And entering the village, a straggling circle of cottages and small hotels around a little lake, we barely glanced at the loveliness of it. By nine we had dined in bountiful fashion. By ten we were snugged deep in our beds. The Russian was to room with me. Just as I was drooping off, I heard him softly enter. Slowly he took off his pack. It dropped with a thud to the floor. Wide awake now, impatiently glancing over my covers, I caught a glimpse of him, shadowy, doubly huge in the dark. He stood by the open window, motionless. From the mountains, the streams, the firs and the pines came the blended murmur of the night. THE END

I knew you would come. It is just like you to bend to the task and show your determination.

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LAND HUNGER

BY R. J. CALHOUN

The opening of each new reservation to settlement by the government serves to show the strain to which economic pressure has attained, even in this new country where but a short time ago the supply of land seemed so great that people looked on unconcernedly while small empires were given away to railroad companies and the remainder to private individuals. The opening of a tract of land now means a rush wherein a hundred grasp at the chance to get a bit of the earth's surface to call their own and ninety-nine come away empty handed and disappointed, and just as much poorer as the expense of the trip has made them.

These slim chances to get land are, however, like everything else in the arrangement and working of a capitalist society in that those who are in greatest need of the land are barred from all chance of getting any. The millions who toil hardest and are poorest cannot make the necessary trip for filing, and have no capital or surplus to go on the land if they should be the lucky one in a hundred to draw a prize. And this is true in every avenue of life. Chances for profit and investment go to those who have the means to take advantage of them, and the working class are hopelessly chained to their poverty. Even philanthropic efforts cannot reach those who are in greatest need.

As an instance, Charles Edward Russell, in "Soldiers of the Common Good," showed that all the much wanted municipal dwellings erected in London had gone to give those who had steady work and were able to pay rent, a chance to get better quarters for the same, or possibly less rent, while the great problem of the unemployed, their need and suffering, remained untouched. Only the dole of charity can reach them. And so with increasing multitudes here, nothing can better their condition unless it first of all gives them a chance to turn their only possession, their labor power, into money or into purchasing power. It matters not if there are "green hills far away" being offered to settlers, if each day brings to the working class only enough for a meager existence. But among those just above the lowest stratum of workers the hunger for land increases as the uncertainty of their economic position becomes more fully realized. If possessed of enough wealth to give them a feeling of security they would have no use for land, or country life under present conditions.

Hanging on the ragged edge, with the abyss of want on one side and the fields of plenty far above them and out of reach on the other, the landless and uncertainly of their position. The great advertising space now devoted to agricultural lands shows the growing need and pressure, and is the most striking change that is discernible in the current newspaper. The land shark thrives, and the desert blossoms as the rose under the magic of his wide-spreading ad. Every accessible acre now possesses a steadily increasing value not dreamed of by those who saw the great western prairies when the few scattering settlers were hidden from view along the creek bottoms. None of these will ever forget the impression of vastness and immensity. Millions of acres seemed to be spread out to view from every

point of vantage and as earth melted into sky in the hazy distance, one seemed to be as boundless and inexhaustible as the other, with as little danger of ever being crowded, for day after day, through hundreds of miles, it still reached out into the seeming infinite. Even in central Iowa, perfectly diversified with woodland and prairie, an old relative who was a pioneer settler, said that when he came there it was commonly thought that the larger prairies could never be settled, as they could not then imagine it practical that settlers could ever supply themselves with the necessary fuel and building material. But even from the Atlantic to the Pacific this boundless heritage has been seized upon and covered with paper titles and not an acre can be used without paying the tribute. Just what these titles rest upon is now of little moment to the land-hungry millions. We read that in 1873, Wm. Murray, a thrifty Englishman, "bought" of the Illinois Indians all the land reaching from Lake Michigan and embracing the present site of Chicago, west to the Mississippi and south to the mouth of the Illinois and as far north as the site of Wadkran for "five shillings, and a small amount of goods and merchandise." The United States government formed soon afterwards, invalidated this title, but would it have made any difference to the present homeless generation whether this title had stood, or whether Murray had paid the Indians ten times what it was then worth, or whether he had taken it by force, as so much land has been taken? The real crime was not in the price paid, but in placing the earth, the perpetual home of all generations, in the perpetual ownership of some to the exclusion of others. The unfair bargains affected only those making them, while the crime of private title in land fastens itself upon all succeeding generations and becomes the greatest factor of life and the ruling force of the ages. Even as many have, like the Daily Socialist, been threatened with prosecution for crying out against crime, so crime is to speak a word against this crime which has left the people land-hungry and homeless. The Indian, like all primitive people, had no idea of the private ownership of land and did not realize what it meant till after he was dispossessed. Then he became for the first time a real fighting man, and went down fighting to the last for the land he had lost. The civilized working class have been even less wise. Knowing the evils of private ownership of the land, seeing it so painfully apparent through the centuries, they still have not had sense enough to cry out against it. Much less to fight till the last drop of blood was shed rather than submit to the injustice which the avarice or ignorance of former generations has fastened upon them. But the pressure increases; the "iron heel" of ownership grinds still lower the dispossessed. "Slowly comes a hungry people, like a lion creeping nigher." Will they again break out in a frenzy of destructive rage, or will they learn the lesson of Socialism, that nothing can be accomplished by force, but all things can be accomplished through education—even the restoration of the earth to the human family for whom we have a right to believe it was created?

TO THE EDITOR

On the Land Amendment The referendum now before the membership of the Socialist party, relative to the party's attitude toward the small farmer, seems to have given rise to much confusion and misunderstanding. Apparently some of the critics of the proposed amendment have given it a very careless reading. In the opinion of the writer the crux of the question is whether the tendency of economic evolution, which tends to land, is toward "trustification" (bonanza farming) or toward smaller holdings, individually worked by their owners. Certainly a merely arbitrary demand for the collective ownership of "all land," regardless of this consideration, is the wildest Utopianism. Concentration is winning out on the industrial field simply because it is in the line of economic efficiency and our demand for collective ownership of the various industries is made solely because they are collectively operated and therefore must be socially owned in order that the individual may be so related to the means of production that none can live upon the unpaid labor of another. Concentration is not winning out in land ownership simply because it is not in the line of economic efficiency. However, while the tendency toward collectivism does not appear to manifest itself in an increase in the number of acres constituting the average farm, it is doing so in the transference from the farm to the factory of many industries, such as weaving, manufacture of dairy products, etc., also in the evolution of the farm tool from small individually operated tools into corporation owned and collectively operated reapers, binders, steam plows, thrashers, etc., now taken from farm to farm, doing in hours what formerly took days to accomplish. These industries and these tools are already included in our collectivist demand. It should also be noted that the amendment stands for the social ownership of such land as is necessary to prevent exploitation of labor, i. e., for the collective ownership of land collectively used. Does this demand not apply to land of "all categories"? Our demand is primarily the abolition of exploitation. To accomplish this we insist upon the collective ownership of those things which are collectively used and the individual ownership of those things which are individually used. If so, is not the proposed amendment in line with economic evolution, consistent with the highest productive efficiency and in harmony without revolutionary aim? Will some of the comrades kindly point out just how this amendment constitutes a compromise with the exploiters and, what particularly Socialists should be concerned in an effort to fish for non-revolutionary votes? Vallejo, Cal. RAY S. LABAREE

TRUST LOOKING FOR SAFE PLACE TO ROB WORKERS

BY J. LOUIS ENGDAHL

Capitalism made a terrible admission the other day. At least it must have sounded terrible to the capitalists. Among the majority there should be only cause for rejoicing. The sad lament of the industrial masters, coming as it from a petulant child, was to the effect that they were not permitted to do just as they wanted. They had been "foiled" as the villain says in the melodrama. President Frank N. Hoffstot of the Pressed Steel Car Company, known to the striking workers of McKees Rocks, Pa., as "Baby" Hoffstot, was the mouthpiece of the "interests" in voicing the complaint. Public sentiment had labeled his steel plant "the slaughter house" and "the last chance" and it was terrible, very terrible that any one should make such insinuations, insinuations to the effect that the workmen were not being treated right. At the same time "Baby" Hoffstot began making threats, these also being very childish, and to the effect that if he couldn't have his own way around Pittsburgh he would go somewhere else. That was very careless of Mr. Hoffstot to make such an admission, to say that public sentiment had him on the run, and that the steel trust must seek elsewhere a spot to lay its head. In order that it might peacefully plot against the workman and devise those means that are to result in highest dividends. After reading of the conditions at the McKees Rocks "slaughter pen," one would have to imagine very hard before conjuring up some place where similar conditions, not to speak of worse conditions, would be tolerated by

an aroused public sentiment. Yet Hoffstot, who gave the orders, such a place. According to him it is somewhere in the vicinity of Chicago. Poor old Chicago! Hoffstot began making his admissions and laments when casting about for some place to erect his new \$2,500,000 plant for the construction of passenger cars. The vicinity of Pittsburgh won't do—the people there are really human when they become aroused. The vicinity of Chicago was hit upon as an alternative. What will the people here do about it? If Hoffstot finds that he can do as he desires with his workmen in the vicinity of Chicago he will dismantle the entire steel trust plant at McKees Rocks valued at about \$5,000,000 and bring it out to the middle west. It wouldn't do to get too near Chicago, so Hammond, Ind., has been hit upon as a likely spot—poor, little, trust ruled, graft burseoned Hammond, just across the state line from West Hammond, Ill., which is crying out to State's Attorney Wayman for help because it is being robbed, plundered and pillaged by the saloonkeeper board of trustees that have been put into power by the officials of the trust branches that it harbors within its city limits. A present time soldiers are to be sent to Gary, Ind., owned, controlled and shackled by the United States Steel company, in order that gambling houses, "blind tigers" and unspakable resorts may be closed up and the law enforced. The request for troops was sent to Governor Marshall by prominent citizens in an effort to have the law enforced. That's an example of

what happens when the steel trust goes the limit. Gary has just about stood the limit of steel trust domination and the reaction seems to be on the way. So it wouldn't do to build any more steel plants there. It must be a great shock to the industrial magnates to have the state militia turned against them when they are always accustomed to having the troops at their beck and call. Perhaps Hoffstot's lament was only a bluff put up to scare the Pittsburghers into letting him alone. There is nothing that gets the capitalist papers so excited as when a new industry comes to town or when a big one is about to depart for other fields. If the people of Pittsburgh are buffeted in this respect it will be their own fault. In the meantime the Socialists of Allegheny county are continuing in their work of organizing the foreign steel workers. If how far the steel trust is really on the run in an effort to find a place where it may seek a hiding place for its iniquities, every effort should be directed toward keeping it on the run. There is nothing so easy as keeping a man going after you once get him started. If the trusts are kept running long enough perhaps they will settle down and behave until the people wake up and realize that the best thing to do is to own the trusts themselves. It is almost admitted, however, that the trusts can't behave. That isn't in their line of business. Then the only thing to do is to keep them on the run until a favorable opportunity presents itself for their capture. "We're on the run," admits "Baby" Hoffstot of Pittsburgh. Keep him there!

ONLY A NIGGER

BY HERB

That a man may publicly insult and strike another man with impunity, that he may even have his action declared justifiable by a magistrate and applauded in a court room, provided that the man he struck was "only a nigger," is one of the latest facts established according to our American sense of justice. There was a time when our revolutionary fathers were proud of having established in this country a spirit of freedom and equality with justice to all and privileges to none. When slavery became a glaring evil in this country, the truly progressive and right minded people were quick to point out that our entire republican institutions were a farce and our boast of liberty and equality a lie, as long as the stars and stripes waved over an entire race of slaves. Slavery was abolished. The black man was not only declared equal before the law with the white man, but was also granted full citizenship. But still the black man continues to be despised and treated as the one time slave; indeed, in many respects he is treated worse than in slavery days, for he is no man's property now. His death means no economic loss to any member of the master race. He may resent the white man's insults and the white man's blows. His honor, as another judge recently decided, is not equal to that of the white man. He is oppressed in the north and forcibly disfranchised in the south. He is insulted, harassed, persecuted everywhere. If he is only suspected of a crime, a crime which in some cases a white man committed, the white people whose name must be given demonstrate to him their superior civilization by resorting to the gruesome custom of the dark ages, of selling their victim without trial, without giving him the benefit of doubt, and burning him alive. Verily, our republican institutions are still a farce, our boast of liberty and equality is still a lie. In its treatment of the colored man this American nation continues to disgrace itself before the entire civilized world. But let the colored man find consolation—if consolation that be—in the lot of his white brothers in the tolling class. For the man who has neither

money nor influence, the workingman, the poor man, can hope for no more justice from our courts than the man who is "only a nigger." Behold American justice as it is displayed in our public life day by day! Here is a conflict between capital and labor, between exploiters and exploited. Labor is fighting to better its condition to obtain a living wage, to shorten the long workday which saps the laborer's vitality to the last drop and throws them on the scrapheap before they are forty. Capital is fighting to keep its profits as high as possible. And what do we see? Judiciary and police and constabulary and militia at the command of capital, while labor is met with injunctions and clubs and rifles. A poor man, out of work and homeless, loafs around the park and falls asleep on one of the benches. He is arrested for vagrancy and sent to the workhouse. A rich loafer loafs around the world in his automobile, incidentally killing a few pedestrians here and there. He is occasionally fined five dollars for speeding. A poor penniless hobnob steals a few paltry dollars—"Six months' hard labor," says the magistrate. A rich rascal by means of insurance swindals steals thousands of dollars from widows and orphans. He is acquitted on the ground of insufficient evidence, and remains a leader in society. A degenerate of the underworld, driven to crime by hereditary and environment, commits a murder. In an incredibly short time he is tried, convicted and marched off to the electric chair or gallows. A degenerate offspring of a millionaire, with a record of vice, becomes a bloodthirsty murderer. A lengthy, expensive sensational trial takes place, in which medical and legal authorities combine to prove that the criminal is insane and therefore not responsible for his crime, and twelve months later the same authorities come to prove that he is sane again and should be set at liberty. It is not only the color of a man's skin that determines the treatment he receives in this "land of the brave and the free," but also, and especially, the class to which he belongs. When Senator William J. Stone of Missouri let his name be remembered in disgrace said: "I did not

strike a man; I slept a nigger," he was not only despising the man with the black skin, he was despising the man who was rendering mental service. If the "nigger" had happened to be an oriental prince visiting the United States in royal style with plenty of money in his purse and official connections in Washington, this same Senator William J. Stone would probably have fawned upon him. In the same disparaging manner in which Senator Stone said, "only a nigger," I once heard a rich, young lady on an ocean steamer say, "only a stoker" when a poor young fellow plied at sea from heart stroke, as a result of his hard, prolonged labor. And yet she could not have crossed the ocean without the social service of that stoker and without the service of the waiter in the Pullman car. Senator Stone would have to learn to help himself. It is the poor man, the man who has neither money nor friends," who is looked down upon in the present social order and who happens to be a poor man and a colored man besides, so much the worse for you. But remember, my colored brethren, you who bear the double yoke of your despised race and your oppressed class, remember that there is a large organization of men and women in this country, into which you will be received as an equal, provided that you understand and approve of its aims and objects, which are to abolish the color prejudice, to obliterate as sex prejudice, and where your white fellow toiler will take you by the hand and call you comrade. This organization is the Socialist party. Socialists strive to bring about a state of society in which every man shall enjoy the fruits of his toil, in which there will be work for all, and no one shall live in idleness on the exploitation of the labor of his fellow men. Socialists strive to bring about a state of society in which the worth of a human being will not be measured by the color of his skin nor by the size of his bank account, but by the social service that he renders. Socialism means more to the white man; it means still more to you, I, a woman, am telling you this, and I can guarantee with you. For the thoroughly oppressed and exploited, while the double yoke to bear. You are the oppressed race. We are the oppressed sex. The gates of the Socialist party are opened wide to us both. My colored brethren, will you come?