

## CAR FRACTIONS NEARING PEACE

### Mahon and Traction Officials May Agree on Plan Offered by Fisher

The street railway employees will exhaust every resource in the interests of peace and will only resort to a strike if driven thereto by the chicanery of the companies. At today's meeting in Walter L. Fisher's office, John M. Roach, president of the Chicago Railway company, expressed himself in favor of Fisher's modification of the wage scale as far developed. Under Fisher's plan the men will be graded according to length of service and will receive immediate increases with a graded scale of increases in the future.

#### Mahon Favors Proposition

In the one feature of giving increases now, William D. Mahon, International president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, favors the Fisher proposition. The Fisher plan has not as yet been so shaped that it contains provisions as to the length of contract. This will be threshed out this afternoon.

Later yesterday when a crisis was at hand Fisher brought forward his plan and averted what threatened to be a final breach between the men and the companies. Mahon in giving his position in regard to the public statements by Mitten, in which he accused the unions of being unfair, said:

"That statement was not meant for public consumption, but for that of the public, and we are deferring a detailed reply to it until the crisis should come. We will make a statement then for the public. People, with their wives and families and those dependent on them, must not forget that the street car men form 30,000 or more of the public and are part of the public.

#### Likes Fisher's New Plan

"They are not going to bring suffering on themselves and inconvenience on others till all other means of obtaining a settlement have been exhausted. I like Fisher's proposition as far as it gives men an increase now. It is the policy of our organization to avoid the establishment of too many 'classes' in the traction service and not to get contracts which run for a long time. We will take the Fisher plan up today."

John M. Roach, president of the Chicago Railway company, thus expressed himself on the Fisher plan: "If looked good to me as far as it has been worked out. I think that good will come of it. Attention is being called to the fact that the delay in the negotiations is resulting in the passing of the summer amusement park season, which, when over will cause traffic on the street cars and would thus make it easier for the car companies in the event of a strike.

Many express dissatisfaction that Walter L. Fisher has come so strongly into the situation as they point out that his work in the 'municipal ownership' agitation resulted in long and profitable franchises being awarded the companies.

## MEXICO WARNED OF HURRICANES

New Orleans, La., Aug. 27.—With all vessels today exercising caution on the gulf as the result of the fourth hurricane warning during the month of August, attention has been called to the unusually large number of storms and hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico during the past month.

An examination today of the local weather bureau's records showed that September and October are the months of maximum frequency for the much-dreaded West Indian hurricanes. These hurricanes originate between the tenth and twelfth parallels, usually to the westward of 55 degrees west, although some have been traced as far east as the Cape Verde islands. Moving in a west-northwesterly direction at the rate of about 400 miles a day, they recurve between latitudes 20 and 34 degrees north and pass to the northwestward with increasing velocity.

During the period between 1878 and the present year thirty-four West Indian hurricanes have been traced in September and thirty-nine in October. These have wrought great damage, especially along the gulf coast, the aggregate losses amounting to many millions of dollars.

### BUILD BIG COUNTRY PLACES AND REDUCE YOUR TAXES

Be a public benefactor and have the valuation of your property reduced. This is the latest way of beating the tax assessor. J. Ogden Armour had himself dubbed a "public benefactor" by the board of review of Lake county, with the result that the tax assessor's figures were reduced from \$500,000 to \$400,000 on the country home the best kind is having built for himself.

Beautiful country homes look good in the landscape and the reviewers claimed they did not desire to discourage others who might think of following Armour's example in building expensive country homes. Armour's agents said that when his place is completed Mr. Armour intended doing some building in order to feel more comfortable. The assessor pointed out that the public might get some of the benefit from these roads and clinched the tax reduction with the reviewers.

#### Nine Drowned in Shipwreck

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Aug. 27.—A Spanish brigantine has been wrecked at Puerto Venturo. The captain and eight men were drowned.

### ARMY OFFICIALS REFUSE TO ALLOW SUTTON CHURCH RITES

Washington, D. C., Aug. 27.—The quartermaster's department of the army decided that too great publicity had been given the plan to examine the body of the late James N. Sutton, and for that reason an order permitting this to be done either was rescinded or held in abeyance.

Such was the explanation given her over the telephone, says Mrs. Sutton, mother of the officer of marines, whose body rests in unconsecrated ground in Arlington national cemetery. The mother desired the exhumation in order that the holy rites of the Catholic church might be performed, the ground consecrated and the body returned to its resting place.

### NAVY PAYMASTER MISSING; FOUL PLAY IS FEARED

Washington, Aug. 27.—William H. Doherty, navy paymaster on the battleship Missouri, has disappeared from his ship and all efforts of the navy department to find him have been without avail. The officer left the ship, which is at the Boston navy yard, after quarters on August 26. There are fears of foul play.

## AID OF WAYMAN ATTEMPTS CRIME

### 'Monkey Face Charley' Tries to Kidnap McCann Witness; Is Caught

A few of the small fry whom State Attorney Wayman gathered into his net in the west side raids will be arraigned today. Strange to say, these same persons—the two Marks, Abraham Markowitz and Michael Fritzel—are the last to be caught by Wayman. These men were arrested long after the big west side expose began, and are among the least important of the criminals and panders. It is freely rumored that their arraignment at this time is merely an attempt of State Attorney Wayman to make tractable witnesses of them and to make them "give up" when they get on the stand in the McCann case.

#### Genker Faces Arrest Today

One of Wayman's witnesses, "Monkey Face" Charley Genker, is facing arrest today as a result of an alleged attempt to kidnap Minnie Brown, 153 Ninety-second street, who was used as a witness against "Monkey Face" and others in the pandering cases, and who was to be a witness to the fact that Inspector McCann was the victim of a plot. "Monkey Face" Charley is already under indictment as a pander in the general west side "rake up."

Genker is accused of making the attempt to kidnap the Brown woman Wednesday night. "Mike the Pike" Heltzer, another who is involved in the graft charges, is said to have foiled Genker by spiriting her away in an automobile.

It was reported today that State Attorney Wayman had secured several policemen who will be important witnesses against Inspector McCann when that official's case comes up for hearing September 7.

#### Wayman Being Spied Upon

The state prosecutor announced that most of his secret investigations would in the future be conducted from his home. This gave rise to the report that his actions are being spied upon by those who fear his graft probe.

The report that several police inspectors had been summoned to the prosecutor's office was confirmed today by assistants in the office. The officers, it is said, were summoned with reference to charges of grafting made against the police in certain districts.

Although two of the police officials were seen about the building both denied that they had been summoned there by Mr. Wayman.

## SPANISH TROOPS ARE ADVANCING

Madrid, Spain, Aug. 27.—Official advices received here from Melilla, Morocco, say the Spanish advance is on camped at Restinga. A detachment pushed on for a distance of four miles and occupied the market village of Elarbar, where abundant springs were found.

### KIDNAPERS OF VIVIANO CHILDREN WRITE FATHER

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 27.—The second letter from the kidnapers of the two Viviano children, stolen July 29 and held for \$25,000 ransom, was received Tuesday by Pietro Viviano, father of Grace. The letter says that the kidnapers were anxious to begin negotiations with the parents of the children and that any interested party could meet the writer on North Second street. No name was signed.

Following the directions, a "plant" was arranged by the police. Two suspects were arrested, but were released. The police believe the children have been returned to this city and that the kidnapers are ready to begin negotiations to get whatever ransom the Vivianos may be able to pay.

#### Falls With Bottle; May Die

William Budder, janitor in the Rosnoke building, 135 La Salle street, is in a serious condition through accidentally cutting an artery in his wrist. He was carrying a large bottle of drinking water from the sidewalk into the building when he slipped and fell, breaking the bottle. The broken glass caused his injury.

## COMPLETE PLANS FOR LABOR DAY

### Line-Up of Big Procession of Chicago Union Workers Is Given Out

The plans of the Chicago Federation of Labor for the big parade on Labor Day have been completed.

The line of labor union men will start from Ashland and Jackson boulevards and march east to Michigan avenue and thence south to Sixteenth street, where they will disband. The parade will start at 10 o'clock, rain or shine.

The various locals and affiliated unions will be arranged as follows into three divisions:

**FIRST DIVISION.**  
Composed of Carpenters' district council and affiliated locals and will assemble on Ashland avenue and on the north and south sides of Jackson boulevard.

**SECOND DIVISION.**  
Composed of Chicago Trades Union Label League, affiliated locals, the Brewery Workers, Women's Trade Union League, Label League (float), Florists and Gardeners, Butcher Workmen (float), and Typographical union No. 16, will assemble on LaSalle street south of Jackson boulevard in the order named.

**THIRD DIVISION.**  
Composed of freight handlers' local unions, will assemble on LaSalle street north of Jackson boulevard in the order named.

In the afternoon and evening the carpenters' executive council will have a big entertainment at old Hawthorne race track, the feature of which will be a head-on collision of two eighty-ton locomotives worth \$20,000. There also will be motorcycle races and five horse races in the afternoon, followed in the evening by a display of fireworks.

The Socialist picnic at Riverview Park, given on Labor Day, is expected to draw at least half of the paraders.

### MISSING DOCTOR RETURNS; HOUSE BURNS TO GROUND

New York, Aug. 27.—Eleven hours after Dr. Oliver Livingstone Jones, who owns property in nearly every state of the union, was returned to his home at Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., the house, which is said to have been the largest private residence on Long Island, was built about sixty years ago and contained more than one hundred rooms.

Dr. Jones, who is wealthy, maintained a large establishment with many servants, carriages and automobiles. The weak physical condition of a son had caused him to worry excessively and while thus perturbed he disappeared from his home Tuesday night. Long after midnight searching parties were organized and yesterday he was found roaming through the woods near Synasset by an automobile party in search of him, and he was returned to his home.

How the great mansion caught fire is a mystery. The upper floor was ablaze when the first alarm was given and it was then too late to save the structure. With it were destroyed many works of art and a fortune in tapestries and furniture.

## 3 SOCIALISTS ARE DISCHARGED

Judge Walker today dismissed the four cases against Victor Bolko and the three other Socialist "soap boxers" when they came before him at the criminal court building. This was done according to an agreement entered into between Attorney Thomas J. Morgan for the Socialists and Lieut. John J. Ryan of the Thirty-fifth street station.

The men were charged with holding a meeting without a permit, it being later learned that the Catholic priests in the neighborhood were behind the arrests. Attorney Morgan pointed out to Lieut. Ryan that all Socialist open air meetings were held as the result of an agreement with Assistant Chief of Police Schuetler and that the courts would throw out the cases if they came to trial.

## DIAZ OUTDOES U.S. POLITICIANS

### Ruling Powers Count Out Man Elected as Governor by Big Majority

(DAILY SOCIALIST CORRESPONDENCE)

District of Puerto, State of Sinaloa, Mexico, Aug. 26.—(By Mail.)—For the first time in a quarter of a century the people of the state of Sinaloa were permitted to vote for a governor, on August 8. The lessons learned through that election will be lasting, the methods resorted to by the supporters of C. Diego Redo and Gen. Porfirio Diaz proving to the American observer that Tammany, "Hinky Dink" and "Bath House" John are still in the kindergarten class of manipulators and they could well afford to pay Diaz and his shady following for a few lessons in the art of running modern elections. Jose Ferrel was the popular candidate. The Ferrel men claim 4,813 votes, as against 1,976 for Redo in Fuerte alone.

#### Eclipses Politics Here

If the truth were known regarding the election that took place on August 8 it would be found that Attorney Jose Ferrel carried every district in the state without exception and was elected governor by a large majority, yet the powers will declare the election of Redo by a majority of several thousand. Where is the machine in the U. S. A. that can eclipse this? Fuerte was a fair example of the whole state.

When the candidacy of Attorney Jose Ferrel was announced and he issued circulars, setting forth his democratic principles, the people began to flock to his support in droves. Even the ignorant classes who could not read the declaration themselves were captivated.

#### Diaz Partner of Harriman

A Mexican in close touch with affairs said: "The government, through Diaz, is now in partnership with Harriman and other Americans and things must be run to suit Diaz and his partners, and in order to do this the Diaz faction must have all of the important officials." "Diaz will look after American interests even to the extent of the annexation of Mexico to the United States, if those such whom he is associated with the corporations for him to do so." The returns as they come from the Mexican capital show that by manipulation the District of Fuerte is "officially" credited with 4,280 votes for Redo and 3,884 for Ferrel. The vote for the state of Sinaloa on the "official" returns is indicated as Redo 27,888 and Ferrel 13,601. Fuerte is a district of the state of Sinaloa and for that district the liberal party organs place the vote for Ferrel at 4,813 and for Redo at 1,966.

#### In Clash With Attorney

"Is that the way you treat your men?" he shouted appealingly to those of the company who were in the room. "I will have this investigated." "You will attend to your own business," roared Attorney Dodds of the Pressed Steel company, who then protested to Agent Hoagland against furthered.

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## DOWNFALL OF MADDEN SEEN

### Outcome of Struggle With New Building Trades Organization Awaited

Men Kept From Voting

But such an election! In some of the precincts the Redo vote was rushed to the polls early in the day and then the entire election board was suddenly taken ill and could not attend further to the receiving of ballots. It is said that in one city alone 3,000 supporters of Ferrel were thus defrauded of their franchise.

All of the methods resorted to can not be alluded to. Men who had resided in the voting precinct for fifteen years "had not gained a residence," because they were supporters of Ferrel, while men who had resided for a month, if supporters of Redo, were permitted to vote.

Old men who supported Ferrel were not of age, their sons, supporting Redo, because their job depended on that support, were permitted to vote. Canoes were hired by Redo men and supporters of Ferrel were not permitted to cross the river to reach the voting place. Those who were employed by firms supporting Redo were forced to vote likewise or lose their job. In one instance a 14-year-old boy was discharged because he failed to go to the polls and cast a ballot for Redo.

#### Manipulation in All Districts

Yet notwithstanding all of these methods when the ballots were counted they showed the election of Ferrel. The returns were sent to Culiacan, the capital, where Diaz holds everything in his grip and lo behold, "officially" the district of Fuerte "cast 4,813 for Redo and 3,183 for Ferrel." The votes from all of the districts were manipulated. A well informed Mexican claimed to know that the real election would be held in Culiacan, that the "seeming election" was simply to make the people think that they were choosing their governor. "Such election" of the part of those in power, is what is rapidly breeding revolutionists. If Jose Ferrel, by words or acts, should represent being counted out he would have most likely to flee to the United States, if he could get there. After arrival there, if he rectified his wrongs to his fellow countrymen and they, or he, took any steps toward righting those wrongs he and his friends would be guilty of "violating the neutrality laws" and would be placed in prison.

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## NEW MYSTERY IN WELLINGTON

Another mystery developed at the Wellington hotel early today when a man giving the name of Joseph Murphy was arrested after climbing upon the rear fire escape of the building in leaving one of the rooms of the hotel. M. J. Even, a house detective, saw the man on the fire escape and waited until he descended, whereupon he questioned him and took him to the central detail police station.

Murphy, who wore good clothing, had in his possession a woman's gold watch and was held pending an investigation. It was said after the hotel had been visited by officers that three or four rooms on the third and fourth floors bore evidence of having been entered, but no names of guests who had lost anything of value were reported to the police.

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## UNION FEELING INTENSE

### Tie-Up of Four Downtown Structures May Be but Start of Labor War

Union labor in Chicago is looking on with intense interest to see the outcome of the struggle between the new building trades organization, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and the Associated Building Trades, of which Martin B. Madden is president. This struggle, which finds a legitimate pretext in the strike of the Elevator Constructors' union against the Otis Elevator company, has now tied up the work on the People's Gaslight and Coke company building, the La Salle Hotel, the Blackstone hotel and the new plant of Hart, Schaffner & Marx.

A meeting is being held today in the offices of the Otis Elevator company, in which leading contractors are taking part, with a view to inducing the company to adjust its differences with the Elevator Constructors' union.

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"He keeps the building trades meetings as quiet as a Sunday school," said a Madden admirer, "and one day in the early times, when Fred Pouchot was the despatched and stirred things up, Madden threw a big monkey gavel so close to Pouchot's head that they have been friends ever since."

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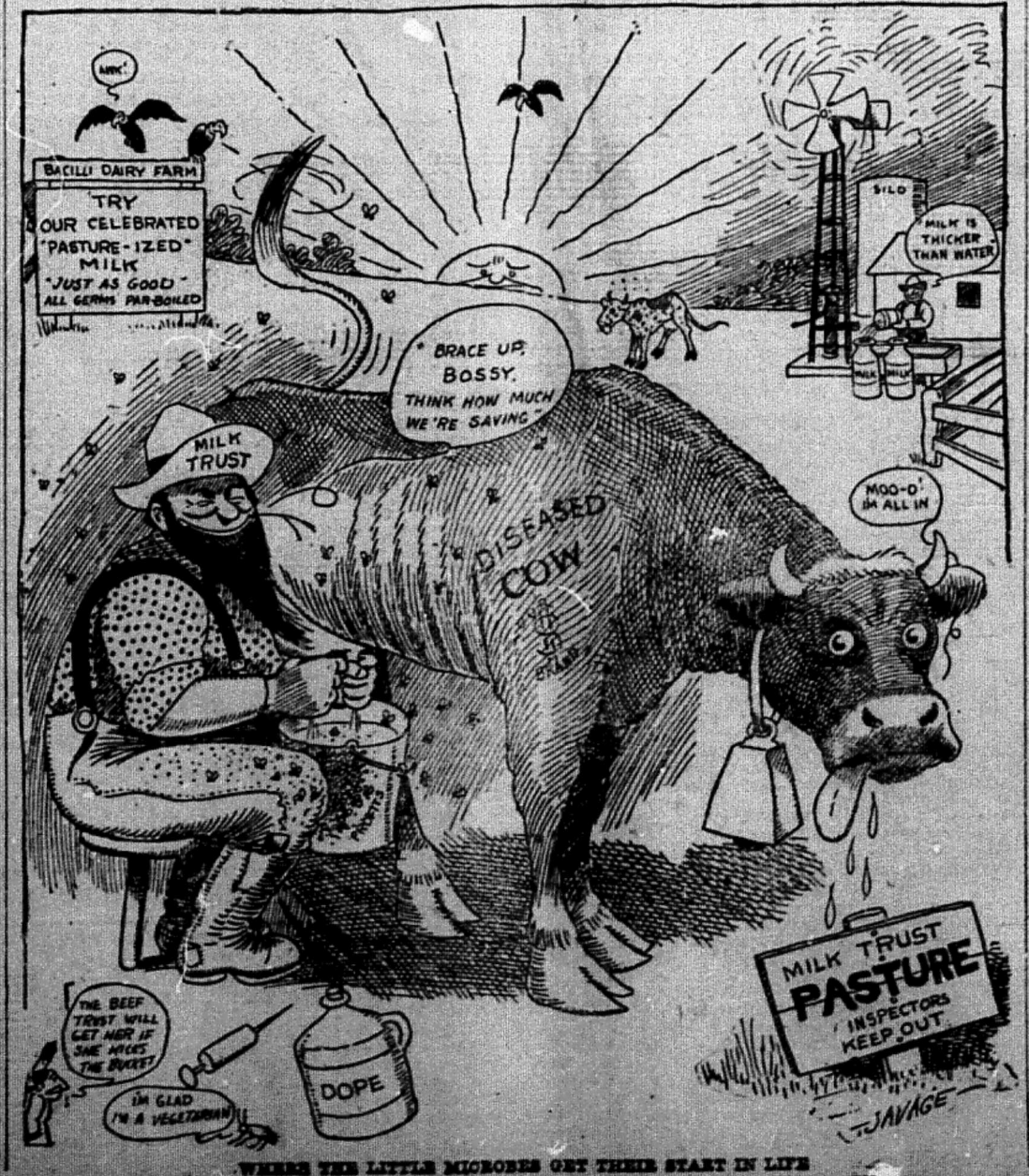
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### CHARGES AND COUNTER CHARGES

This continued for months, during the spring and early summer. About a month ago the ranks of the new building trades organization began to fill up. John A. Metz, president of the Carpenters' District council and a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, was made the head of the new body. The Elevator Constructors' union went into the new body with a rush. Machinists were still taking the pieces of its members. They were going on at the buildings they were going on at the buildings they were going on at. The new organization men say they are "cleaning up the labor movement" and "getting rid of Sidney Madden," and the Madden men say that the new body is playing into the hands of the contractors. Meanwhile men not in the building crafts are watching the new developments and whether labor is house cleaning or not.

## "DOWN ON THE FARM"













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Stealing the Ballot

If a violent revolution is to be averted in this country it must be through the intelligent use of the ballot.

From this it follows that whoever seeks to take away the ballot is preparing the road for violence.

When the constitution of this country was written there was little respect for the ballot among those who wrote that document.

The close of the civil war saw the vote extended to the negro by the capitalists of the northeastern states, who hoped to use his vote against the middle class of the south and the central states.

This disfranchisement of the southern negro is really but part of a general movement of the ruling class to take the ballot from the workingman.

In the south the scheme has been carried out more boldly. Under cover of race prejudice, laws have been enacted in practically every southern state DISFRANCHISING THE ENTIRE WORKING CLASS.

The latest state to make an assault upon the working class ballot under the cover of race prejudice is Maryland.

The central thing in the proposed amendment is the clause providing for an examination of each applicant for registration WHO DOES NOT PAY A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TAXES.

All such propertyless persons must be able to write out "correctly" (and the judges will decide upon the correctness) a mass of information with which not one person in ten thousand is familiar.

The applicant must give the names of his employers for the two years preceding his registration. He must give the exact number of the precinct in which he last voted and must name "correctly" a long list of officials—state, national and municipal.

Of course this rigmarole simply means that to all whom the election officials wished to vote would answer "correctly" and all others would be refused registration.

Against this law the Socialists of Maryland are making the strongest possible fight. They should have the help of the entire national organization in that fight.

It is a struggle to preserve the ballot and to avoid violence.

Harriman and the Market

The New York stock market is rising and falling with the bulletins from the home of Edward Harriman. This does not mean that the amount of traffic on the railroads controlled by Harriman varies with his condition.

He does not manipulate engines and cars and switches. He manipulates pieces of paper called stocks and bonds. By that manipulation he tricks his fellow gamblers out of a portion of their plunder.

There is a very strong suspicion that Harriman never plays except with marked cards and a dozen cold decks up his sleeve.

The moment there is a prospect that Death is about to take a hand, his fellow gamblers begin to bet on what the result will be in the next deal.

This is the real explanation of the anxiety concerning Harriman's health and the fluctuations in the stock market accompanying the bulletins from his physicians.

REFLECTIONS OF A REVOLUTIONIST

BY NICOR

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Just before Christmas, 1908, Pueblo was crowded with unemployed Mexicans and Americans, as were Denver and Trinidad.

The Denver papers were a daily chronicle of suicides and crime. Men in the prime of life who thus laid it down on the high altar of capitalism.

In Public many jobless men slept at a so-called "Workingman's Home," a cheerless shakedown on Commercial avenue, where a bed could be had in a big common room for fifteen cents.

He said the boys down at the Missouri Pacific, where he asked for work, advised him to go to jail. I sympathized with him myself, because I had already hit the M. P. for a job, and they were an unfeeling bunch.

From La Junta southwest, through Otter and Las Animas counties, lies a desolation. Like the big cast of the moon's surface hung up at the Field museum.

From Hill through Purgatory to Trinidad the way lies, and my seat mate in the car, an Ohio farmer, said to me: "You'd sure hate to be found dead out here, wouldn't you?"

Neither cold nor wind can penetrate these walls, nor get beneath them. Looking backward now to the days when wind and sand filled the air, and it blew as if only one blow in Colorado.

For, notwithstanding the clear skies, we detested the desert winds that sometimes swept down off the mountains, and rendered life almost unbearable for days and days, blotting out all but near objects with a fog of dust and gravel, flying with incredible force.

When all the world was blue and green and overarching, over all beyond, between the distant hills, were azure depths of summer sky.

And what a blasted hell our civilization, with its philosophy of four thousand years of greed, has made, when we stop to think in nature as what were the ethics of the dusky-hued people who lived here and whom we have dispossessed.

Most everyone—excepting possibly a farmer here or there—is wary of the shell game.

The shell game is a very simple one. The promoter has three walnut shells and a solitary pea, and there is a mutuality of understanding between the promoter and the plunger.

In the modern shell game, the elusive pea is no other than the bubble of prosperity. Prosperity there is, of that no doubt exists; for it is manifest in the lavish display of wealth and luxury on every hand.

Capitalism is a velvet-handed pick-pocket. If the bloody czar dares to visit Italy labor promises a strike on the day of his landing.

Revision of the tariff upward; revision of prices of necessities upward, but revision of wages downward. That is ideal prosperity for the masters.

Plutocracy is evidently planning another Treason of the Senate—the senate of each state—in the matter of the income tax amendment.

How helpless are the western farmers, amid the bounties of nature, without other strong hands to assist in the harvest? All other employers would be equally helpless if it were not for the workers.

Negro armies are being recruited by France and Germany. Evidently the only hope of capitalism is to use one against another.

"False, misleading and deceptive." Is the judgment rendered against hundreds of concerns in various states every month, under the pure food laws. That seems to be the rule that most

of these savages, I beg permission to quote from C. C. Jones' "Antiquities of the Southern Indians." Published some thirty years since.

"With reference to the tenure of land and property, every tribe had its boundary lines, and each nation or confederacy its own recognized territorial limits.

"Every town or community, for the sake of convenience, assigned a parcel of land in its vicinity for agricultural purposes.

"Widows with large families were always assisted in planting, working and gathering their crops.

Throughout the Creek confederacy there was continued and friendly intercourse between the families constituting the respective tribes.

"Ever ready to assist each other, and entertaining an abiding friendship, the one for the other, the members of the various tribes seemed to Mr. Bartram to constitute one family."

Nowhere is there a hint that land was considered other than public property, to be appropriated only for supplying the needs of those who worked it privately.

Contrast this ethical position, born of a social culture where competition was yet unknown, and where such a thing as the private ownership of natural resources had not been conceived.

Do not imagine that the ethics of a savage tribes ethnologist and traveler, however much they may have failed to grasp its meaning, are unanimous in attributing to these tribesmen this ethical position, from Alaska to California, and from California to the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, and throughout the southwest.

The references establishing the fact that no such thing as the private ownership of the means of life had been conceived are voluminous.

Imagine the consternation in the camp of the makers of public opinion when the textile workers of Philadelphia declare their intention of securing a slice of the pea in the shape of increased wages!

Whereas, to the contrary, weavers have been Republicans as far back as the memory of man goes, and about as poorly paid and overworked as any section of the working class.

Editorial typewriters are breaking down under the strain of furnishing enough matter to confound the weavers with proof that this is not the opportune time to demand an increase in wages.

The answer to these esteemed queries is very simple—the weavers will seeure just that measure of prosperity they are able to force from the owners.

And the weavers will greatly enhance their chances of reaching their ends by terminating their alliance to the Republican party, and uniting with the party of the class struggle.

Strange as it may seem to the poverty stricken wage worker, there really is a pea in the modern shell game. He has never seen enough of it to be able to identify it, but it is there just the same.

But to lay hands on the prosperity pea, the worker will have to cease playing the shell game.

THE NEW SHELL GAME

BY JOSEPH E. COHEN

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Punch It With Your Half Day

Yesterday was the 25th. The mails begin to show that the workers have set their teeth and clinched their fists with a determination to punch a hole in the old debt that will make it look like the Merrimac after its tussle with the Monitor.

It took a long time for John Ericson to persuade the government that he had the real thing.

The little giant that swam around in the bay didn't show many signs of experience with the monsters of the sea. It only splashed a trifle and made faces at its adversary.

The big Merrimac laughed at its tiny antagonist and was going to run right over it.

But the Monitor made a plunge at the belly of the ironclad and punched a hole in it big enough to let a whale through.

Say, capitalism is sailing around on the economic waters and is asking what we are going to do about it.

It is the pirate that is robbing and killing the nations of the earth. It is sinking the working class into an abyss of poverty and despair.

But we are building our Monitor. It isn't big, but it is mighty. IT IS THE SOCIALIST PRESS.

Just watch the blustering captains of capitalism grin at us. They think we are a lot of fools.

They see our handicaps and our limitations. They see our lack of capital and our debts and deficits.

But they don't see the determination of the workers. We are going to remove the handicap of the Daily. We are going to finish that debt. The half-day wage that has already begun to come in will smash it.

We are already out in the belligerent waters. We are plunging at the tools of capitalism, and our little Monitor has already sent some fat ones to the hospital.

We are maneuvering around and getting ready to give the whole capitalist system a touch in the solar plexus that will make it gasp for breath.

Come on with your half-day wage. You are doing well. Tomorrow will be better.

Table with financial data: Original amount \$5,300.00, Previously reported \$1,046.10, Received today 111.10, Total so far 1,157.20, Balance to get \$4,142.80

By order of the board of directors. J. O. BENTALL, Sec.



The attention of contributors to the "To the Editor" department is again called to the fact that articles for this department are hard to use if they contain more than 500 words.

"And All Lang" Scientific Socialism is collective intelligence applied to economic evolution. The "object" of Socialism is the "elimination of exploitation."

I take it for granted that the Socialists believe in economic evolution. If the "Socialist party" is to take the place of "economic evolution," then this phrase has a logical place in the Socialist program.

Of course, we all know that under the matured co-operative system, all means of production, transportation, and distribution will be owned collectively, and managed democratically.

If we answer it incorrectly, we are reactionary. In order to understand this question correctly, we must understand the economic evolution of the historic past.

Each of these periods of society had an "historical justification." Each succeeding period of society evolved from the next preceding period of society, because of "changes made" in the "mode" of "making a living."

Ancient chattel slavery evolved from the third period of barbarism; feudalism evolved from ancient chattel slavery. Capitalism evolved from feudalism.

Each succeeding phase of civilization evolved from the next preceding phase, because of "changes made" in the "mode" of production and distribution of wealth.

When the economic conditions began to fetter progress, the germs of a new phase of civilization sprang up in the old. And as the economic conditions of the old civilization decayed, the new

economic conditions adapted to the new civilization grew. This transformation of one phase of civilization to another continued during several centuries.

No historian can give us the year or century when the phase of civilization ended and another began. The truth is that the decaying phase of civilization and the growing phase overlapped each other.

Capitalism has an "historical justification" up to a certain "stage" of "capitalistic development" where the economic conditions of production and distribution become a fetter to further progress.

Exploitation, whether in the form of profit, rent or interest has an "historical justification" up to a certain "stage" of capitalistic development.

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