

PLAN TO "FIND" CHICAGO GRAFT

Busse's Own "Investigators" Will "Try" to Trace the City's Cash

A subcommittee of the municipal expenditure commission, composed of Chairman Charles E. Merriam, Walter L. Fisher, the city's traction counsel, and George G. Tunelli, yesterday began planning to "discover" the graft in the city hall area, the manner in which the Busse administration has managed to spend so much more money...

A short meeting of the subcommittee was held yesterday with a view to outlining plans by which the investigation of the city finances might be conducted along safe and sane lines instead of by the "muckraking" process employed by the Daily Socialist.

Busse seems to have found that his promise to demand only \$10,000,000 in case the people passed the \$10,000,000 bond steel was not impressive, and that the people were still skeptical about the city administration, which has already mulcted the public for \$2,000,000 in excess of the Duane administration.

With the record of the Busse administration for keeping promises it would probably not be three days after election before the entire bond issue was demanded, since the public have no alternative in the matter.

Busse is coming down to see the investigating committee today in the hope of staying off adverse comment on the big graft deals. He will probably be able to have the final investigations put off until after October 15, according to present indications.

CITIZENS CHOP UP BAD PAVING

A concrete foundation for the new asphalt pavement in Kedzie avenue between North Avenue and Palmer square has been riddled with holes made with a pick wielded in turn by irate citizens and the aldermen of the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth wards, who charge that the work is far below grade and that an "outrageous" condition exists.

The feeling among the taxpayers in that section of the city has been aroused to such a pitch that certain city paving inspectors have been threatened with violence and a demand made for the tearing up of the entire foundation unless changes are made soon.

WILL HUGGINS BE ALLOWED TO KEEP HIS DOLLAR BILL?

At Maywood, corner Sixth street and Thirtieth avenue, Saturday, Sept. 4, 9 o'clock, the Socialists of Maywood and Melrose Park are expecting an interesting time, for the dollar bill that Walter Huggins has offered at many meetings will give a good reason why he votes either the Republican or Democratic ticket, is to be contested for.

GLOOMY PLAY BY PINERO

London, Sept. 4.—Pinero's new play, "Midnight" at the St. James theater, last night, met the favorable reception generally accorded the favorite dramatist, but it is a gloomy drama, not likely to attain the public favor given many of his previous efforts.

McClure for Illinois Bench

Quincy, Ill., Sept. 4.—The Republican central committee of the Fourth judicial district has named Walter W. McClure of Dixon as its candidate for the Illinois bench.

THE HUSTLERS' COLUMN Conducted by H. G. Creel

The proletarians have taken up the challenge fang down to them by Dr. de Lespinasse, Orange City, Iowa. There is nothing of bitterness in the race between "intellectuals" and "proletarians."

Now, then, if YOU are reading this have in you a spark of spirit, the sort that established and maintained the Daily up to this point, you'll not let another twenty-four hours elapse till YOU've done SOMETHING.

If you have none of this spirit the peace of Buddha be with you. Continue dreaming, BUT DON'T LEAD THIS COLUMN. Keep out of it. This is here the LIVE, aggressive, DO SOMETHING readers of the paper get together once a day for an exchange of ideas and reports.

The half-day wage fund is still alive. Slowly it is pushing its way upward. YOUR contribution will do much toward securing it.

A cruel \$1 donation from W. Sunberg, Kenosha, Wis., sinks its teeth into the deficit and out of the old debt.

Eugene Crane, Toledo, Ohio, puts the kibosh on three workers headed for old party papers. Their suits come today.

M. W. Russell, Billings, Mont., remits \$2.50 for papers ordered and sold and bids the Daily keep the money. Why don't you send us the rest of what you take up that plan of placing the paper on a business basis at purchase price?

E. H. Stuart, Broad, Wis., sends in two sub and says: "I believe our paper wants readers." Now now in the world could he be so gotten such an offer?

My Birthday

September record, exclusive of today: Birthdays acknowledged, 47; amount, \$135.00.

GAUGHN IN BURNING CAR FORTY FEET IN THE AIR

Washington, D. C., Sept. 4.—Few as thrilling accounts of escape from horrible death have been recorded as that in an official report to the postoffice department by John M. McCrocker, a railway mail clerk on the Washington, Oroville & Spokane railway.

The car was a part run into a burning bridge about two miles south of Dart Siding, Wash. Much of the train was destroyed by fire, but through McCrocker's heroism some of the mail was saved.

SEA IS CROSSED IN FOUR DAYS

New York, Sept. 4.—Breaking all records for ocean steaming over the westbound track and the first four-day steaming from Queenstown landing her passengers and mails, the Lusitania of the Cunard Line reached quarantine in daylight yesterday.

HEAVY FROST CAUSES BIG DAMAGE TO MICHIGAN CROPS

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 4.—A killing frost passed over the central and northern portion of Michigan last night, doing hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of damage to vegetables and garden truck.

SCHOOL BOARD TO BE ENJOINED

Publishers May Invoke a Writ Because of Text Book Law Violation

The board of education's efforts to aid the book trust in its evasion of law were further disclosed today when it was learned that two courses of legal action lie open to the Henneberry company, an independent firm, which is willing to meet the law and yet was not given a hearing by the board on Wednesday night.

It was charged by Manager Crouse of the Henneberry company that he had personally seen following school trustees and shown Payne's arithmetics to them, and that therefore any plea of the trustees that they are unfamiliar with the books is untrue.

Manager Crouse of the Henneberry company will reach Springfield tomorrow morning and will take up the matter with the state authorities.

ITALY INSULTS AMERICAN NAVY

Washington, D. C., Sept. 4.—Information has reached naval circles privately in this city of an incident in the target shooting of the Atlantic fleet, of Cape Henry, which has aroused more or less severe comment on the part of the officers of the fleet, and it is thought may be serious enough to become a matter for official correspondence with the government of Italy.

Angered at Intrusion

On Sunday morning last the Italian cruiser Aetna, now a school ship and at present visiting the port of Baltimore, steamed through the fleet and deliberately went close to the targets in position for battle practice and observed them.

The Aetna's officers also put their guns on the various devices used by the Atlantic fleet in target practice and were so deliberate about the performance that the American naval officers were not only astonished, but many of them were angered.

Considered a Deliberate Affront

This was all well so far as international courtesy was concerned. Naval etiquette called for the salutes if the ships were within saluting distance. But naval etiquette also called for the avoidance of a fleet when it is engaged in maneuvering or in target practice.

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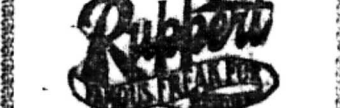
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WHAT LIFE MEANS TO ME

BY JACK LONDON.

(Continued From Yesterday)

It was not this, however, so much as their materialism, that shocked me. It is true these beautifully gowned, beautiful women prattled sweet little ideals and dear little moralities...

Nor did I fare better with the masters themselves. I had expected to find men who were clean, noble and alive. I went aboard among the men who sat in the high places, the preachers, the politicians, the business men...

I met men who invoked the name of the Prince of Peace in their districts against war, and who put in the hands of Pinkertons with which to shoot down strikers in their own factories...

I talked in hotels and clubs and homes and Pullmans and steamer chairs with captains of industry, and marveled at how little traveled they were in the realm of intellect...

This delicate, aristocratic featured gentleman was a dummy director and a tool of corporations that secretly robbed widows and orphans. This gentleman, who collected fine editions and was an especial patron of literature, paid blackmail to a heavy-jowled, black-browed boss of a municipal machine...

Just incidentally it might be mentioned that the Mills Novelty company, for which Wayman was formerly the attorney, is still openly manufacturing and selling gambling devices within the limits of Cook county and in defiance of the law.

demagogue because I told him that his political economy was antiquated and that his biology was contemporary with Bliny. This senator was the tool and the slave, the little puppet of a gross, uneducated machine boss...

It was the same everywhere, crime and betrayal, betrayal and crime—men who were alive, but who were neither clean nor noble, men who were clear and noble, but who were not alive...

I discovered that I did not like to live on the parlor floor of society. Intellectually I was bored. Morally and spiritually I was sickened. I remembered my Intellectuals and Idealists, my unrooked preachers, broken professors, and clean minded, class conscious workmen...

So I went back to the working class, in which I had been born and where I belonged. I care no longer to climb. The imposing edifice of society above my head holds no delights for me. It is the foundation of the edifice that I must meet...

Such is my outlook. I look forward to a time when man shall progress upon something worthier and higher than the ladder of success. I am content with labor, idealists and class conscious workmen, getting a solid pry now and again and setting the whole edifice rocking...

THE END

Will This Move You? If the report today does not make you stir, no mortal man can write an article that will.

Spell out the measly little amount that the clean-up fund gets today and see what it means.

I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU. You have simply let the bottom drop out of the bucket. You will have to take hold very quick or the whole outfit will be lost.

What are we going to say to those people who are crowding us for their money? Shall we tell them that you have given up?

They will act if you won't—that's all there is to it. We have given you fair warning.

Table with financial data: Original amount \$5,300.00, Previously reported \$1,507.47, Received today 9.70, Total so far 1,517.17, Balance to get \$3,782.83.

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

Intimidating Graft Witnesses

State's Attorney Wayman claims that efforts are being made to kidnap and intimidate his witnesses in the graft cases. This may be true. There is no doubt that those who are guilty of graft will not hesitate at anything else in the criminal line...

But there is more than one way to get rid of witnesses, and Wayman has just shown that he knows one such way. When a move was made to prosecute a west side detective who happened to be in with "the gang," then Wayman showed himself extremely anxious to discredit the prosecuting witness...

It is also noticeable that the state's attorney is much more interested in tampering by some persons than he is by others. When Inspector Wheeler deliberately and illegally and in defiance of a court imprisoned and afterward spirited away a witness against white slavers Wayman was deaf, blind and dumb.

The Rent Strike in Sweden

The Swedish landlords thought they had struck a vital blow when they threatened to evict the strikers. They were scarcely prepared for the counter-stroke that came when the strikers decided unanimously to refuse to pay rent.

Here is a dilemma. The landlords scarcely dare evict an entire nation. To do so would only too plainly suggest the eviction of the entire race of landlords. The tenants can get on very well without landlords, but no landlord can live without tenants to pay him rent.

The knowledge that the workmen of Sweden are fully aware of these facts and are prepared to act upon them will act as a wholesome restraint upon attempt at wholesale eviction.

There is no possible defeat for the workers save by the workers themselves. Every move made by the capitalists or landlords but points out new weapons and new methods of fighting for the proletariat.

School Boards and the Law

It may be somewhat monotonous to repeat, but it is still true that the Busse Big Business school board is still busily engaged in breaking laws. Its record in this line up to date, so far as the news has arrived at this office, includes the holding of secret sessions, the letting of coal contracts to the coal trust when it was not the lowest bidder...

One of the Meanest

Occasionally newspapers inform us that the meanest man in Chicago has been found, and the sundry acts of contemptibility of the large variety of meanest men who have earned this unenviable cognomen are generously illustrated to a morbidly curious public.

To this choice assortment of worthless meddlers, who act contemptibly and merit contempt, the Chicago post-office has unwillingly contributed a very competent specimen, whose recent article in one of the Chicago dailies, over the signature "Postoffice Clerk," was evidently committed with malice aforethought.

A Methodist Bishop was recently a guest at the home of a friend who had two charming daughters. One morning the bishop, accompanied by the two young ladies, went out in the hope of catching some trout. An old fisherman, out for the same purpose, wishing to appear friendly, called out: "Ketchin' many, pard?"

CAPITALISM HOLDING ALL THE KEYS

BY J. LOUIS ENGBAHL.

Like an oft-repeated, natural sequence that latest industrial battle of blood known as the strike at McKees Rocks, Pa., has now reached the investigation stage.

Most strikes do not get that far. The blood is shed, sure enough, which usually means that the striking worker loses, and then the entire matter is forgotten.

But there is an immigration investigator from the department of commerce and labor at McKees Rocks. There are also investigators from the department of justice, those working under Attorney General Wickersham.

The charges made against the steel company officials range all the way from simple assault to smuggling foreign laborers into this country past the immigration officials. The most common charge is that the strike breakers have been held in a state of peonage inside the stockade of the big steel trust plant to endure the horrors imposed upon them.

But up to the present time "Baby" Hoffstott and the remaining officials of this subsidiary concern of the steel trust are spending the closing days of the summer at their palatial country homes. And why shouldn't they?

No investigation of any kind... yet menaced the onward march of capitalism to any appreciable extent. It is a flame that flares and flutters for a moment but if properly taken, care of it burns no one.

FRANCE INVENTS NOVEL PAVING. A recent French invention in paving consists of embedding in concrete fine iron shavings, or iron excelsior. The metallic shavings ordinarily come in sheets or masses, which can be broken apart with difficulty...

BOTTLING AND TESTING AIR. The idea of bottling samples of air in factories and industrial buildings and carrying it away to be scientifically tested in laboratories, a procedure often resorted to with liquids, would have been derided a few years ago, but it is regarded in a different light today.

When the Boat Upset. Helen—Of course he clasped you in his arms when the boat upset? Hazel—No; just the opposite. Helen—Just the opposite? What do you mean? Hazel—Why, the boat upset when he clasped me in his arms—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

BARNYARD SOUNDS WITH MOVING PICTURES

The cry of the public that moving pictures are not as real as they might be, because of the absence of the sounds that would attend the movements or display in real life, is causing moving picture concerns to devote considerable energy toward filling the demand.

AT THE EIFFEL TOWER. It is stated that the wireless telegraph station on the Eiffel tower in Paris has been receiving messages from the station at Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, a distance of 3,256 miles.

Too Rich. The cannibal family gathered around the bountiful board. "I understand," the father casually observed, "that this is the cadaver of a millionaire."

Up-to-Date. "Yes, the next thing I will buy will be an Eliot." "Eliot? What an Eliot?" "Don't you know? It's a five-foot bookshelf."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

On a Train. "Hey, there!" yelled the conductor. "Why are you taking that ax and saw out of the case?" "I want to open a window," replied the passenger.—Kansas City Journal.



WHAT IS A SOCIALIST? I have been much interested in the discussion in our sheet as to the relative value, and rights of various types in the party. Erlando's letter was very interesting and seemed to hit the nail on the head...

I have earned my living by manual labor, and I have also earned it by my wits, so I can feel differently on the proposition than one who has only followed one method of existence.

Right here in Oregon we have seen things that bear out the argument of Erlando's, and also thing that might seem to bear out the argument of those that honestly think that the "intellectual" ought to be squelched in the organization.

We have seen "men" appeal to the prejudices of certain types of party members to gain the personal ends of those that made the appeal. We have also seen the "intellectual" act in a way that justified all the criticism that is heaped on that class.

We of branch No. 3 received the other day a communication from an individual accompanied by his picture, and circulars announcing his ability as a "Socialist speaker," also various and sundry recommendations. We engaged him to speak one night that we might judge of his capacity as a speaker.

He went on to say that "He was making great sacrifices for the party." This notwithstanding the fact that he possessed the wealth that he mentioned, insisted that he be paid for the "speeches" that he made.

That is not the point at issue at all. I am forced to engage myself as I do to gain a living. I have no choice in the matter. My income does not equal the value of the commodities that I might produce under a sane system.

Japanese Color Prints the Art of the People. The art of a people expresses its thought in general very correctly. It is only as we have grown to understand something of the oriental habits of thought that the art of Japan, for example, has meant anything to the western world.

The Ice-man's Scales. A young couple out in Osborne county became the proud parents of a little girl the other day. They wanted to weigh the youngster as soon as she was dressed, but had no scales. Just then the ice man came along and they borrowed his scales.

Contingent Honor. Father—Yes, sir, I began as an office boy, and here I am at the top of the tree. And what is my reward? Why, when I die my son will be the greatest rascal in the town.

Breaking It Gently. Her—Richard! Why on earth are you cutting your pie with a knife? Him—Because, darling—now, understand, I'm not finding any fault, for I know that these little overalls will occur—because you forgot to give me a can opener.—Cleveland Leader.

Not Much by the Day. Lady—What! Thirty-eight cents a dozen for eggs? Why, that's more than three cents for one egg! Grocer—Well, mum, you must remember that one egg is a whole day's work for one hen.—Cleveland Leader.