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## Comment on Passing Events

By Frederic Heath  
There are thirty-eight Socialist mayors in the United States. Milwaukee made the beginning.

A good many people will be certainly glad that Dr. Wiley, the government chemist, has escaped the effort made to oust him, by scalawags in and outside the public service.

Socialist Legislator Weber recently made an attack in the Wisconsin legislature on the boy scouts, claiming that they were being trained like war and look with favor on capitalist domination. A Milwaukee minister was much put out, but just about the same time a Milwaukee paper printed a large picture of 40,000 boy scouts drawn up in military lines to cheer King George!

Milwaukee printing pressmen who returned from the recent convention of the international union's convention at Hale Springs, Tenn., report an astonishing change of sentiment toward Socialism among the delegates. Interest in the Milwaukee administration was keen and more than friendly and the Milwaukee delegates were almost lionized because they came from the Socialist city.

How irrepressible the Socialists are shown by a recent incident. The Socialist locals in far away Alaska have been insisting for some time on the national office in Chicago sending an organizer to make a tour of that frozen province of the United States. The other day the said national office received two registered packages containing a total of \$107 in gold dust, as one local's contribution toward the expenses of the organizer when he should be sent.

British Social-Democrats are agitating for the release from a Russian prison of a Miss Malecka, a British subject, but held as a member of a Polish Socialist society. The agitation has resulted in great public meetings and may cause the infernal czar, who pulled an innocent face when he visited English waters some time ago, to release her simply to keep up appearances. The horrors and physical perils of a Russian prison are well known and our comrades are doing their utmost to arouse the people to save the girl from her fate, through their outcry.

Frederic Haskin, the newspaper correspondent, writes from Spain to a number of American dailies an article on the death of Prof. Ferrer. It is now generally admitted in Spain, he says, that the death of Ferrer was a travesty on justice and that he was put to death without trial, in short, that it was a civil and clerical murder. The ghost of the horror will not down and Spain has already come to regret its bloody deed. And it is to the shame of the other "civilized" nations that they did not intervene to save the noted educator. Spain will yet build monuments to him.

"The statement that men are born equal is manifestly not true in every sense," says Dr. Eliot in the address he made on Independence day. He says truly that men are not born equal in capacities, powers or dispositions, but that isn't what the Declaration of Independence meant. What it clearly meant was that they are born equal so far as their "inalienable rights" are concerned, among which are the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Guess we better let the Declaration stand as written. Members of a family may be vastly unlike in temperament and physical qualities, yet they all eat at a common table and on an equal footing, and no one is a monopolist as against the others.

With the stampeding cry, "Remember the Maine!" scheming statesmen and business interests with visions of

## Even Sheep Do Not Elect Wolves to Rule Them!

**A** POLITICAL PARTY is simply the expression—the political expression—of economic conditions.

The economic conditions of the working class are entirely different from the economic conditions of the middle class or from the economic conditions of the capitalist class.

The trades unions are the expression of the working class on the economic field.

Under no circumstances would we accept a member of the middle class—the merchant and professional class—into our trades unions. Under no circumstances would we accept a manufacturer, a banker, or any other member of the capitalist class into our trades unions. We would not do this because the trades unions are class organizations. They were founded for the purpose of upholding the standard of living and improving the working conditions of the laboring class.

The trades unions are the expression of the CLASS STRUGGLE in the economic field.

Now, it is clear to see that the political parties are expressions of classes in the political field.

The Republican party represents the capitalist class and a small part of the middle class.

The Democratic party used to represent a large part of the middle class and a small part of the capitalists. Today it represents these only in the South. In the North it represents nobody in particular, except a lot of political thieves, swindling contractors and their heeled.

Neither of these two parties ever represented the working class.

About twenty-five years ago some of the Republican politicians for a while laid claim to represent it and pointed to the high tariff. But now there is not a workingman in the country, outside of a few labor misleaders in Pennsylvania, who believes that a high tariff helps anybody except the manufacturers and their respective industries.

We all know that while the manufacturers' products are protected—the workingmen are not.

We all know that in these very protected industries the manufacturers have displaced the American laborers almost entirely and are now using Hungarians, Italians, Greeks and Slavonians. And they would now very much like to employ, if they could, Chinese coolies and Hindoos.

So there is not the faintest doubt in the mind of any thinking man that the Republican party is not representing the working class.

I am not going to write about the Social-Democratic party at all—although it is represented in every civilized country the world over, and has polled over 10,000,000 votes in the aggregate. And although there can be no question, and there is no question, that it is the LABOR PARTY of those countries where it exists.

And I believe that the masses of our trades unions are advanced enough to understand that they must have a POLITICAL PARTY OF THEIR OWN to express the wishes, the hopes and the fears of the working class in the political field.

They ought not to expect that the representatives of the two capitalist parties will give expression to the needs and necessities of the working class whenever these needs and necessities are in opposition to the interests of their respective classes.

These parties could not do so and live. It is unnatural to expect it of them.

Even Samuel Gompers does not expect that the Manufacturers' Association will take care of labor's interests in the economic field.

Even he does not expect that Mr. Schwab and Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Baer—God's partner Baer—and Mr. Dewey and Mr. Belmont and Mr. Ryan of New York, and Mr. Murphy of Tarrytown Hall, will represent our class interests in the wage question. And neither of those gentlemen could be elected a delegate to the American Federation of Labor, or to any other union convention.

And yet Sam Gompers turns right around and wants us to elect these gentlemen or their direct representatives and attorneys to the legislatures and to the national congress to make laws for us, to bind us, to appoint the judges, to build the jails, to command the troops, and to shoot us down, if we do not obey those laws. All he wants us to do is to get a "promise" from these gentlemen that they will pass anti-injunction legislation.

Sometimes I believe, when I look at this situation, that reason has flown to the beasts. At least I have never heard that sheep would elect wolves to make laws for them. Or that geese would select foxes as their rulers so that the foxes could forbid the geese to use their wings to fly away.

But I will say that of all the workingmen of the civilized world only the American workingmen show less reason than geese and behave more stupidly than sheep.

In the old world and in the newest world workingmen have learned the lesson.

In England, Germany, France, Holland and Italy the working class selects its own representatives in the political field as it does in the economic field. It took the hard-headed Englishmen a long time to learn the lesson, but finally they learned it.

As for the newest world, Australia, they learned the lesson there much sooner. The laboring class there is of more account than anywhere else in the world.

The working class exerts a tremendous political power in England, Germany, France, in the Scandinavian countries, and even in Italy.

In England the awakening came as a result of judicial injunctions. But they did not have the one-hundredth part of the

injunctions we have had in the past ten years. And we are still sleeping.

We know that there is not a country on the face of the globe where the working class has less power—economically, politically, or any other way—than in America.

Gompers and the other Civic Federationists call themselves leaders. When do they lead? And where do they lead?

The individual unions, like the Printers' Union and some of the building trades, have accomplished something. As a Socialist, I am proud of the fight of the I. T. U. for the eight-hour day. It was the greatest thing ever done by a trades union on the economic field.

But pray, tell us, when has the American Federation of Labor's political policy ever accomplished anything for the American working people?

I say to the trades unions—wake up! Disappoint the master class at last!

Get into line with the labor movement of the world. We in Wisconsin have for years declared and fought for a labor movement with two arms, with a political arm and an economic arm.

For years both arms of the labor movement in Wisconsin, the political arm and the economic arm, have each of them been doing their own work, without ever interfering with each other.

For years the two arms of the movement in Wisconsin—the political arm and the economic arm—have assisted each other and both of them have fared well.

Now, understand me well! I do not overestimate the value of the political arm. But I say this:

A labor movement which has ONLY a trades union arm is one-armed and is therefore crippled.

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A labor movement where the trade union as such is also supposed to do the political work is like a body with two left arms. And a labor movement where the political arm is also supposed to do the work of the trade union is in the same condition.

We must have a movement with a political arm and an economic arm, each of them doing their own work and neither of them interfering with the other.

In other words: we must unite on class lines politically. We must become partisans politically. Partisans to labor. We must make ELECTION DAY our Labor Day, as has been said so often. We must vote as we march.

And then we shall not have to beg the capitalist representatives for protection against capitalism.

Victor L. Berger

## Washington Letter

(By National Socialist Press.)  
Washington, D. C., July 27.—Wall street never had a better grip on the White House than it has today.

Nearly every scandal that has recently been exposed linked President Taft or his brothers with the agents or lawyers of the Morgan interests which dominate Wall street. And nearly every member of Taft's cabinet is known in financial and political circles as Morgan man.

Wickersham was for many years a corporation attorney, doing business in Wall street. Hitchcock, the postmaster general, is known as a puppet of the Morgan interests. Newspaper men say that he has a long distance telephone connection at his home which has its terminus at Morgan office in Wall street.

Henry W. Taft, the president's brother, is ostensibly practicing law in New York, but in fact, he is one of the capitalists associated with the Morgan firm. Charles Taft, also a brother of the president, is a millionaire publisher of Cincinnati and interested in many enterprises.

Atty. Gen. Wickersham has to date figured in every scandal which involved the federal government. His name was brought in the friar land scandal by Representative Martin. Wickersham was charged with having engineered the sale of the Philippine lands to the sugar trust at half their value.

All the extravagance in connection with the so-called prosecutions of the trusts have been laid to his door. And back of the Wiley persecution is Wickersham.

Hitchcock is the real head of the Republican party. He is the man that connects Wall street with the White House. His official title in campaigns is "Chairman of the Republican National Committee."

The successor to the notorious Ballinger, Taft's friend, has also proved to be a false alarm. Walter Fisher, the new secretary of the interior, has sided with the administration in the fight over the Alaskan lands. His attitude in the Controller Bay scandal shows that he is on the side of the Morgans and Guggenheims.

Secretary of War Stimson comes from New York City also. He was the man who so handled the prosecution of the sugar trust for defrauding the government out of millions that not a stockholder went to jail.

Secretary of State Knox is the founder of "dollar diplomacy." It is therefore evident that the White House is the political branch of J. Pierpont & Co. It is the Washington office of organized capital.

Machinists' Union Must Join Army  
The following resolution was adopted by the Machinists' union of Memphis, Tenn.:

"At the last meeting of Memphis lodge, No. 14 of the International Association of Machinists, a motion was made and carried unanimously to appoint a committee to write you congratulating you on your stand and noble work you have done in behalf of labor since you entered congress. We know you are not the only member of organized labor to sit in that body, as we are aware there are in congress members of different unions, who pledge themselves (before election) that after entering congress they would work for labor legislation and work in behalf of labor, and since they have entered we have heard little or nothing of them, so far as labor is concerned, and from our point of view these so-called 'representatives' have been 'misrepresentatives,' and we congratulate you on being the only representative in congress that labor has.

"A large number of our members have kept a close watch as to what congress was doing in our interest, and we have found you at all times there and ready to raise your voice against anything that was not fair and just to us.

"We have classed you as not only being the representative of the Fifth Wisconsin district, but the only representative of the working class of the entire country in that body, which you have proved yourself to be, especially in the McNamara case.

"Mr. Gompers' slogan is, 'reward your friends and punish your enemies.' We believe that to be all right, but first of all we should be sure to find our friends. We hope Mr. Gompers will reward those in congress who have proved themselves to be our friends, and we believe you should have the entire reward, which you are entitled to.

"In conclusion, we wish the people would become class-conscious enough to send more representatives of your ability, who will work and co-operate with you in the grand and noble work you have begun."

Representative Hay, a Democrat, from Virginia, has introduced a bill in the house with this catchy title, "To decrease the expense and increase the efficiency of the army." Being chairman of the committee on military affairs, Hay has already held a few hearings on his bill and is grasping the way for its passage.

The Hay measure provides for the abolition of the 6000 civilian jobs in the army and in their places put in 5000 soldiers. This bill, if passed, will compel army mechanics and laborers to enlist in order to be able to retain their employment.

Not only will 5000 soldiers be conscripted.

## YELLOW FIRE

Some Crimes Committed by the Bourgeois Press—How the Public Is Flammated—Wisconsin State Federation of Labor Takes Ten Bonds—Brewers' Union No. 1, New York, Subscribes for Fifty Bonds

Within the bounds of the United States are published one-half the papers, advertising space of the papers, advertising space. Most any big capitalist either completely owns a string of newspapers or possesses shares in them and thus controls their policy. In Milwaukee we have the Free Press, owned by Ike Stephenson, the lumber king; the Sentinel, owned by the Pfisterites and other leather manufacturers. Of the remainder on the list of local publications every one is dictated to more or less by the exploiting interests.

Instead of serving the public, the press is more or less antagonistic to it. Some of the greatest crimes and swindles were carried off with the help of the newspapers. Some time we are going to publish detailed accounts of these. Let it suffice for the present to mention a few. In 1887, eight men were sentenced to hang in Chicago because they advocated the eight-hour day. Only lately, a brute chief of police of the same city shot and killed a Jewish boy, named Averbuch. These two crimes may be laid at the door of Chicago's press. The first, because it worked up a mob public opinion against the accused labor agitators; the second, because it defended the homicide.

A few years ago the press of the land tried the officials of the Western Federation of Miners, and found them guilty in spite of the fact that a jury had acquitted them. Chicago, today, reeks with vice and corruption, and its newspapers with one exception are as silent as the grave. In St. Louis the enemies of the public schools are operating in broad daylight. They are shutting down the city's schools in places where there are parochial schools, forcing the children to either enter the latter or walk long distances to get to another school. Such actions are nefarious. The newspapers of St. Louis know and see it all, yet they are as silent as the stars. In Milwaukee the private life of Mrs. Seidel was attacked by the local press, in order to hurt the Socialist cause. Mrs. Seidel's character is as clean as snow. The life of Mayor Rose, on the other hand, which all citizens of the Cream City know is not to be exalted, was never so much as touched upon. May it be remembered that the press of Milwaukee is to blame for the fact that the local traction company has a free hand over Milwaukee's streets by virtue of its blanket franchises. May it also be remembered that the press is to blame for the gas company bleeding the people of Milwaukee. As soon as the public awakes to the wholesale fraud that has been played upon it, will repudiate its betrayers.

There are a number of professors and teachers in our schools who exhort their students to read the daily press for information's sake. These pedagogues know little or nothing

about the inside working of a newspaper office, the way news is made, remade, and unmade, and therefore omit the most essential part of what they ought to instruct, namely, how to read a modern newspaper.

However, it remains to the great army of toil to read a newspaper press of its own, that truly will herald the cry of the masses. The interests have their papers, many and powerful. The working class is going to have—its already building its own. The beginning has already been made in other cities, yet the real great beginning will be made in the Mecca of Socialism, in Milwaukee on the lake. Here already the cohorts of labor are in possession of the local throne, and threaten the state's capital. Here, as nowhere else is labor's advantage ground. FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS in bonds, have already been raised for Milwaukee's great Socialist and labor daily newspaper. Organized and unorganized labor puts forth a helping hand. Last week the Wisconsin Federation of Labor subscribed for ten bonds, and the Brewers' union, No. 1, of New York City, welcomed us with fifty bonds.

It is the one duty of every class-conscious workingman to subscribe for bonds now. Every postponement means a greater expenditure of energy, time and money on our part in agitation for the daily. Remember, the paper is to look you in the face this fall.

Purchasers.	Bonds.
Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund, No. 211	1
Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund, No. 265	1
Cigar Makers' union, No. 367	1
Jewish Labor World, Chicago, Ill.	1
Workmen's Circle, No. 68	1
Brewery Workmen, No. 85	3
Brewery Workmen, No. 98	10
Socialist party, Pittsfield, Mass.	1
Cigar Makers' International union, No. 15, Chicago	3
Fifth Ward branch, Socialist party, Rochester, N. Y.	2
Central branch, Socialist party, Rochester, N. Y.	2
Rock Island branch of Socialist party, Rock Island, Ill.	1
Bakery and Confectionery Workers, No. 3, Brooklyn, N. Y.	1
Wallace local, Wallace, Idaho	1
Workmen's Circle, No. 170, Des Moines, Ia.	1
Bennington Socialist local, Bennington, Vt.	1
Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund, No. 40	1
United Garment Workers' local 24, Newark, N. J.	1
Workmen's Circle, No. 220	1
Branch 7, Socialist party, Local New York	1
Workmen's Circle, branch 269, Sheboygan, Wis.	1
Local No. 272, S. P. Beaumont, Texas	1
Workmen's Circle, No. 248, Los Angeles, Cal.	1
Branch Haledon, S. E., local Pas-saic, North Haledon, N. J.	1
English branch, Socialist club of Lawrence, Mass.	1
Workmen's Circle, No. 47, Eliza-	1

The Daily Bonds	This Week	Last Week	Gain
	\$44,680	\$43,020	\$1,660

## What Socialism Means

Socialism is a theory of Government which believes that the State ownership and control of all the means of production, distribution, and exchange, the abolition of all competition, and the destruction of the present capitalist system will ensure an improvement in the moral and material well-being of this nation.

### It entails the Confiscation of Private Property and the Abolition of the Monarchy

"I regard the existence of a King as a proof of lunacy among the people."  
"When coronets go into the melting-pot, crowns had better beware."  
—Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P.  
"Socialism is the end of Faith, Family, Monarchy, and Empire."  
—Lord Rosebery.

The Anti-Socialist Union of Great Britain appeals to the public for funds with which to extend their work, and to enable them to issue more literature and send out more speakers to counteract the 2,000 meetings held each week by the Socialists. We are now holding on an average 250 meetings a week.

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING AND CONSIDER WHAT IT MEANS  
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### How's This for a Scare?

Scaring the people against Socialism differs in different countries. In England the anti-socialists are using the "abolition of the monarchy" bogey, as the accompanying reproduction from a magazine advertisement will show. They wouldn't dare to spread such a thing in this country, the people would consider it highly creditable to the Socialists.

ist fight has been carried on by the poor old lords for several years, and the dear old chaps have the cold comfort of seeing Socialism advancing and actually thriving on the opposition that is raised against it. When capitalism comes out in the open to fight, people have a chance to see who capitalism is—and then they turn to Socialism!

In Milwaukee the trust interests are leading the fight on the Socialists, mainly through a hypocritical "tax-payers' league." And the people love us for the enemies we have made.

army contracts, played upon the blood thirsty war maniacs anxious for a man hunt, beside those natural trouble makers who like to start trouble for the fun of seeing it happen, this country was involved in a war with Spain. Thousands of our fellow citizens were decimated by powder or disease, and the same was true of the common people of Spain.

Now the experts who have been finally put to work raising the wreck say that the Maine blew up from the inside. Some want us to apologize to Spain, and some want us to still claim that even if the explosion was from the inside, some Spaniard may have been responsible. And anyway, what's an apology worth in such a case? If you shoot your neighbor down in cold blood, does it even up matters by telling his relatives that you made a mistake?

But no matter what is done, the fortunes made out of crooked war contracts are holding together, and the whole thing is a "closed incident" so far as big business is concerned.

"The fight in Milwaukee is for better and cheaper pavements. The man who gets in the way must stand the consequences. We are going to keep on fighting."

In these words Mayor Seidel has thrown down the gauntlet to a Milwaukee circuit judge who has commenced proceedings against him for alleged slander. The mayor, under the commenced proceedings, was to be given a chance to publicly apologize, but he respectfully and firmly declines to do so. The conflict will be salutary. Doubtless it will teach the courts that there are limits to the things they may safely do to embarrass city government.

It is easy for a judge, all swelled up with the "dignity" of his office, to abuse the authority of his position and grant to men with scoundrelly intentions an injunction that will paralyze a city's hands in the discharge of its duty. The court has the right to lend such aid, but the courts will know that the temper of the people is a thing that cannot be braved too far. There are a good many things a court can do that it would not dare to do, and it is to be hoped that Mayor Seidel's attitude will tend to increase the list.

The judge in question—an admittedly able lawyer, but not yet over the elation of his recent ascension to the bench, issued an injunction tying up the street commissioner's office. Mayor Seidel, like all good citizens, resented this and spoke his mind regarding it in a speech which he delivered shortly afterward. I do not know just what words the mayor used but the following is the statement which the papers imputed to him:

"A man can always be counted upon to do the dirty work of a political party even though you may have to go to the bench to find him. Our enemies succeeded in finding their tool in their hour of need. The whole decision was a political one, for a political purpose."  
The suit against the mayor is based on these words. Seymour Stedman, of Chicago, has been retained in the case by Mayor Seidel.



# Another Capitalist Tragedy

## Prominent Manufacturer Is Knocked Down and Doesn't Know the System Hit Him—By Silas Hood

(Written for The Herald.)  
**EVERYTHING** is fair in love, war and business—especially in business.  
 Frank Goewey Jones, capitalist, of Muskegon, Mich., was evidently of this opinion, especially in reference to business. He, up to a short time ago, was president of the American Electric Fuse company, a \$500,000 corporation of Muskegon; president of the chamber of commerce of that city; a 32d degree Mason; was also a regular reader of the capitalist press in general, and the Chicago Tribune in particular; prominent member of the Elks; director of the Hackley National bank, a leading figure in the Merchants and Manufacturers' association; prominent Republican, and generally was regarded as THE leading citizen in the community in which he lived.

In his big factory he employed 700 men, women, girls and boys, where the books show that "hands" received wages all the way from \$3 to \$40 a week.  
 Jones occupied a comfortable residence on Lake avenue, with his wife and child and servants; he owned an automobile, and was a man who enjoyed life frequently at the country club gatherings and at other institutions the capitalist game provides for its successful members.

**Capitalist Transformation Scene**  
 Now, where is Jones? He is behind the bars in the county jail in Grand Rapids, Mich.; his big factory is in the hands of a receiver with liabilities of more than a million and with considerable less than \$200,000 assets. And although the amount of bail demanded for the release of the "millionaire" manufacturer is but \$12,000, Jones has failed to find a friend with property who would risk the amount required. Friends gather when he was successful, but none with cash when he is down and out.

And how did this transformation scene come about so suddenly in this "perfect" capitalist state of society? Did Jones gamble in Wall street? No. Did Jones drink? No. Was he a lavish spender? No. Did he neglect his family? No. He was devoted to his wife and boy. Did he neglect his business? No, on the contrary, he was full of tireless business energy and up-to-date enterprise. He possessed a keen mind. His father chose a profession for him that at its best is an UNMORAL training—that of law. He graduated with honors from the University of Michigan, and later through a business transaction with one of his clients in Chicago he got

into the manufacturing line. His business grew, and along with it his credit was enlarged. His factory was doing a business of \$35,000 a month when the crash came. It was conducted, as every manufacturing plant is conducted, by dragging children from the playground and grinding them into dollars. But everything is fair in business according to the capitalist mind.

**An Open Shop**  
 No labor unions were recognized in the Jones factory. The president didn't permit any walking delegate to say how long he should work "his" girls, boys, women and men. That was business—his business. As a result wages were low except for the slave drivers in the various departments.

But several years ago one of those capitalist depressions came along and Jones needed money to tide him over a period of too much wealth in the nation. Jones had his share of the too much along with the rest of the capitalists, but he couldn't find consumers with money to buy. So he had to have money to keep his part of the capitalist wreck afloat. He had been trained in college to go out into the world and get money, and his training included a disregard for conscientious scruples as to the manner of getting it. Get it honestly, if you can, but get it. Everything is fair in business. The capitalists don't say that, but they practice that method just the same. And Jones felt sure that he would win in the end. He was urged to get into the trust game. He laughed at these suggestions and said he intended to preserve his individuality. He persisted that the game of competition was a fair one, and he remained in the struggle with such competitors as the Western Electric company, the Bell Telephone company, the Cutler-Hammer Manufacturing company, and others equally as formidable. The result was that his profits fell, and in order to keep the business going he falsified the financial condition of his business and by repeated misrepresentations of this character, made necessary because of the losses sustained in the competitive game, was able to borrow \$200,000 from the big thieves who have money they never earned to loan in large slices.

**Thieves vs. Thieves**  
 Some of the creditors when the upheaval came were found to be national bankers. And these bankers say they intend to make an example of Jones as a warning to others not to

attempt in the future to rob them of their hard earned dollars. So they arrested Jones and they probably will make good their promise to keep him out of the competitive game for a few years. Such will be Jones' finish in the capitalist strife.

**Victims Hate Socialism**  
 Jones, ever since he left college, has been a bitter opponent of Socialism. He stoutly maintained that the capitalist system was the most perfect that could be devised. And the strangest part of this capitalist tragedy is that Jones from behind the bars at Grand Rapids is still a bitter opponent of Socialism and a staunch advocate of capitalism. And he promises, when he is released, that he will re-enter the game of tooth and nail, beak and claw, fang and hoof, and he feels confident, he says, that he will win in the strife. He doesn't agree that the capitalist system is even partly wrong. He has told me so since his arrest and over his own signature he has written that he "doesn't agree with me at all on Socialism, AND NEVER WILL."

To students of real life who can view the situation from the scientific point of Socialism, Jones didn't fall. He wasn't even pushed. He was KNOCKED DOWN by the relentless blows of competitive Socialism. And when this Napoleon-manufacturer was knocked down and dragged behind the bars of a capitalist jail, and when the situation left him worth half a million dollars less than nothing; with a loving and confiding wife; to remain out in the world to battle for herself and child, Jones even then didn't realize there was anything wrong with the system.

**Capitalism Befouling Its Own**  
 And what does this lesson teach us? It teaches us that capitalism is so stupidly relentless and so UNMORAL (a new word) in its teachings and training that it destroys its own adherents in high places to such a degree that they themselves are unconscious of the fact that they have been devoured and are willing to be sacrificed once more. Even when locked behind the bars they are too stupid to see.

Jones doesn't realize that the competitive game, so far as creating additional great captains of industry, is dead. The competitive game to that aim isn't dying; it is already a corpse. And when Jones has been sentenced to remain in bondage for a term of years at the expense of the public, and his family is being provided for by other members of society who are permitted to be at large, justice will have been satisfied according to our peculiar capitalist ethics. And when Jones comes out of his retreat, he not only will find the system a corpse, but he will find it, in my opinion, buried. He will not be permitted either to put himself up again to be knocked down.

Summing up this commercial episode in this vaunted age of 1911 civilization, what does it illustrate? It illustrates that Jones' case is just one more of the millions of indictments against the savagery of the system; simply one more piece of evidence that the whole capitalist monster deserves to die.

**Victims Below Saving Victims Higher Up**  
 And what a tragedy it is to realize that the intellectual proletariat will have to endure so much, not only to save his own class, BUT THE CAPITALISTS AS WELL. And the capitalists accuse themselves of possessing a mortgage on brains!

If the co-operative commonwealth could be ushered in suddenly—which cannot be—about the first thing the new order would probably decide to do would be to open the dungeons, slide back the penitentiary locks and give EVERY occupant—high and low—there a chance to be free men and women, a free chance to develop their individuality, and to be of service to themselves and the rest of society. They are behind the bars because of the brutality and insanity of the system—not because of faults of their own. The equal opportunity isn't here—not in 1911.

In conclusion, the writer is going to make a confession. None other than a class-conscious Socialist would make such a confession. This recent Muskegon victim of capitalist slaughter is a near relative of mine—same flesh and blood.  
 I am not ashamed for myself that my relative is to be branded with the penitentiary curse. I'm not ashamed of that. I am ashamed, though, of a system that claims so many victims, high and low, and I hang my head lower in shame when I have to admit that I am from the same family with a man who hasn't exhibited brains enough, up to the present writing, to realize that the monstrous capitalist disorder has knocked him down.

(Since writing the foregoing, Jones was sentenced to serve a term in a state institution at Ionia, Mich. The sentence was from four to fourteen years. The capitalist judge recommended that this victim of capitalism be denied the privilege of being any use to his family or to society at large for a period of TEN YEARS. Thus will justice be served under capitalism.)  
**Contempt for Judges**—John Hays Hammond of the National Civic Federation was the special representative of the United States at the recent coronation of King George the V. None of the labor "skates" identified with Hammond in the National Civic Federation received any invitations to attend the coronation nor were any of them selected to represent their country.  
 Why this discrimination?—Miners' Magazine.

**Verbal Chloroform**—"Here beneath the dome of our glorious republic there is equal opportunity for all."  
 If that is true, then the son of a scoundrel has an equal opportunity with the son of a banker. Does any sane man believe it? No, not even the orator who culls flowers from the garden of rhetoric to chloroform his auditors.—Ex.

**Comrade Boudin's Explanation**  
 New York, July 13, 1911.  
 (TO THE EDITOR.)  
 The Herald of July 8, contains an article by Comrade Ida Crouch-Hazlett, marked "written for the Herald," in which the writer gives what is supposed to be an account of my article in the June International Review criticising Comrade Berger's joint resolution offering an amendment to the constitution. As the article by Comrade Crouch-Hazlett is full of misrepresentations as to what I have said in the Review and is entirely misleading as to my position on the question, I must ask you for some of your valuable space for a brief reply.

To begin with, the very caption of the article, "Should the Court be Attacked?" is misleading in the extreme. It certainly suggests that I was opposed to "attacking the court," and criticised Comrade Berger for doing so. Whereas, as a matter of fact, I have devoted a good deal of energy during the past few years to the labor of "attacking the court," as Comrade Crouch-Hazlett, or at least the editor of the Herald, ought to know. And the gist of my criticisms of Comrade Berger's resolution was that it did not "attack the court" sufficiently or efficiently, which is, of course, another story.

Then, the opening paragraph says that I "criticise Comrade Berger's policy in congress." That is, to say the least, very inexact. There is not a word in my article about Comrade Berger's policy in congress. I have criticised only one of his bills. And in the same article I praised another one of his bills. "Why then should any one who does not desire to create a false impression say that I criticised his 'policy in congress'?"

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 "To be pure and healthy, soda water should contain three ingredients—pure fruit flavors, pure carbonated water and sugar, not saccharin or some other injurious sweetening. To sell flavors that are made of chemicals instead of fruits is criminal. Saccharin is injurious to every one and affects children seriously. Much of the carbonated water that is mixed with the flavors contains lead. Such a mixture should be prohibited by law. A great percentage of the flavor is made of various kinds of chemicals, all of which are more or less injurious to young and old alike."

abortive attempt. A glance at the newspapers of April 27 and 28, A. D. 1911, will prove this. The way Comrade Berger's resolution, which should have riveted attention upon the most subtle means of oppression, was treated by the newspapers is well reflected in the headlines put by them on this news item. The "principal club" and "most subtle means of oppression" was entirely ignored by some and treated as a minor matter by the rest. This is true even of the Socialist press. So the headline in the Chicago Daily Socialist reads: "Berger asks end of the U. S. Senate. Socialist declares it has become useless and obstructive body." And that is all. Not a word about the supreme court.

And the headline in the New York Call reads: "Abolish senate, Berger demands." This in double column, with display type. And then in single column, and in much larger type: "Shows house of lords to be relic of feudalism. Supreme court and president's veto shorn of power in Socialist's resolution."  
 Again the "principal club" has decidedly the worse of it in the matter of "riveting attention."

And it is not the fault of the newspaper men, either; but that of the resolution itself. For, among its other faults, it has the undeniable one of "riveting attention" upon the senate, instead of on the "principal club of the government" and "the most subtle means of oppression."  
 L. B. Boudin.

**At the Top**  
 "The Hon. Victor L. Berger, the Socialist congressman, is manifestly entitled to rank with the Hon. Woodrow Wilson and the Hon. George Judson King as a vital and promoting force in the campaign for 'real democracy.'—New York Sun."

Who the dickens is George Judson King? Dr. Wilson is making a gal-

**Clean Work**—Never before in the history of Butte have those parts of the city inhabited by the working class been kept in as clean and sanitary condition as during the present Socialist administration. Wonder if this is one of the "blue laws," the resurrection of which is charged against the Socialists. We haven't heard the "roar" as yet—from the workers.—Butte (Mont.) Socialist.

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# The Power of German Socialism

The following account, somewhat boiled down for the sake of brevity, is written by a Jesuit priest for the Catholic paper, America. It contains a very good estimate of the greatness of the German Social-Democratic movement.

Numbers and organization are synonymous with power, then the Social-Democracy of Germany is a political and social force of the first magnitude. Its steady and rapid growth since its rise in 1875 is the more significant, because with the march of time and the change of events, it has shown no signs of abatement or decrease. A brief summary of Socialist progress in Germany should be of interest to thoughtful Americans, since what has come to pass in Germany is at least possible in America.

At the first reichstag elections—1871—the Social-Democracy received 120,000 votes and ten years later, though restrained by the "Socialist laws," it nevertheless counted 312,000 adherents. With the cessation of governmental checks the party waxed strong, and in 1890 it polled a total of one and one-half million votes. In 1898, the two million mark was reached, followed by three millions in 1903. At the last national election "Die Social-Democratic" registered 2,260,000 votes, and today even their enemies are willing to concede that in the impending January election they will come close to four million votes, making them by far the strongest party in the fatherland! The Socialists themselves are more confident, and look for higher figures. They base their estimates on the fact that in the last five years, 1906 to 1911, the number of their organized party members has almost doubled, having risen from 384,000 to 720,000. Never has their agitation been more vigorous than today, and if local elections are any forecast of the coming national struggle, the Social-Democracy is fully justified in its hopes. It will be of interest to study this development of power in detail, for in studying the various factors, the resultant becomes plain and tangible.

The finances—always the sinews of war—of the party are most nourishing as is evidenced by the fact that the party income for the last year (July, 1909-1910) was no less than 935,400 marks. To this amount, their leading organ, Der Vorwaerts, contributed its annual profit of 113,000 marks. The manner in which the 300,000

marks were used for agitation purposes gives a striking confirmation that the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. The annual report of 1909-10 states that 29,826 members were added and 13,814 public meetings were held; that 23,162,440 tracts gratuitously spread "the glad tidings of the future," and that calendars and pamphlets were distributed to the number of 2,545,811. Thus, as an example of their propaganda, the farmers received an "agitation leaflet" in the form of a personal letter, in which the city comrades lovingly addressed their country cousins as "Dear Relatives."

But by far the most potent agitator for German Socialism is the press, and here a veritable campaign of printers' ink comes into view. In 1910 the party controlled seventy-eight dailies, issued from fifty-seven of their own establishments, and these papers counted 1,160,086 subscribers—just double the amount given for 1904—only six years before. Der Vorwaerts, the leading party organ, daily sends forth 140,000 copies, giving it rank with the chief newspapers of the empire. Another influential journal is Die Gleichheit, the official organ of the women Socialists. Last year it had 85,000 subscriptions. The literary weekly, Neue Zeit, claims nearly 100,000 readers, while the more learned Sozialistische Monatsheft is almost equally popular. Comic papers are not wanting, and the leader, Der Wahre Jakob, dispenses smiles as well as Socialism to nearly three hundred thousand interested readers. To this mighty array of printed power must be added the influential press of the Socialist trades unions, an influence which may be measured by the fact that in 1907 these unions had 1,837,146 members and 33,000,000 marks in their treasury. It is difficult to get a clear concept of the magnitude and intensity of this press propaganda; it must be seen, especially in the large industrial centers, to be fully realized.

Perhaps the most fearful feature of German Socialism is the astonishingly rapid and almost meteoric growth of its Frauenbewegung—its female propaganda. Since the first conference of Social-Democratic women in Mainz, 1900, it has advanced with leaps and bounds. The German female Socialists are veritable amazons in the cause.

In 1909 62,000 women were members of the party organization; one

year later they numbered 20,000 more, and today they loudly claim to have a hundred thousand members.

The official journal of the women is Die Gleichheit (Equality), which enjoys an ever increasing popularity (27,000 subscribers in 1909; 85,000 in 1910).

Nor have the Socialists been un-mindful of the aphorism, "Whoever has the youth has the future." Their Jugendbewegung is simply amazing in its extent and variety; no means is left untried in the effort to capture the coming generation. Beginning in 1904 with societies and journals nominally indifferent, they have gradually developed a propaganda as insinuating as it is effective. This propaganda includes the youth of both sexes, and its influence finds its way into the remotest country school.

But beneficent Socialism is not content to supply the mind of youth with nourishment; the body, too, must receive its attention, and hence sports and entertainment play an important part in the winning of the younger generation to the cause. Clubhouses have been established in 105 places, 70 of which are provided with free libraries and—a point to be noted—these clubhouses are open to both sexes, certainly equality with a vengeance. In connection with this "uplifting" of the youth the annual report for 1910 chronicles 1,434 lectures and entertainments, 38 courses of instruction, 259 theatricals, 215 visits to museums, 1,466 outings, etc. Here too, printers' ink is not spared.

German Socialism, though checked by the might of monarchy and an opposition ministry, has not worked altogether in vain in its efforts to seize the reins of government. Thanks to class elections and other political agencies, its representation in parliament is in no proportion to its political strength. This fact fills the Socialists with wrath, and they are

## A Socialist's March

We have heard the sullen tramping of a hundred thousand feet. We have marked the moneyed banners of our foes in full retreat. We have followed where the fray was hot, and blessed that iron heat. For we fight to make Man free.

From the sun-embowered farm and muted forest they have come. Like a flood of battered souls that froths between the lees and scum, But now matters through their swarms a dark, defiant surgent bum, And we rouse to make Them free.

We shall see the shackles stricken from a million bleeding limbs, And that Cup filled with wine of life Which now with gall o'erbrims, And our crimson standard rolling o'er the shibuts and prayers and hymns Of the hosts whom we make free.

Then forever onward—Comrades, till the utmost goal is reached, Till the tyrants' farthest fort is won, their final bastion breached, Till we establish that New Earth and Heaven the Hebrew prophet preached, Till we make the last Thrall free.

—S. A. Eliot, in Harvard Illustrated Magazine.

## To the Shame of Womankind

Figures that seem almost incredible were given by Mr. James Buckland at the last meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute to prove how appalling is the havoc among the beautiful birds which, according to the lecturer, "are shot in thousands, and in some places by the ton, to figure as women's ornaments."

"So great is the slaughter," he said, "that the lyre bird, the emu, the regent bower bird, the plume egret of Australia, the blue bird of paradise in Paqua, the monal pheasant of North India and the ruby throated hummingbird is almost extinct."

To show how great is the slaughter in the mid North Pacific, Mr. Buckland quoted from an official report of a United States inspector of birds and animals, which said that in the last two years in his visits to the low coral islands in the North Pacific he had been appalled at the destructions of birds on these islands by plume hunters.

On Marua Island one of the largest albatross colonies had been destroyed, and everywhere on Easter Island great heaps, waist high, of dead albatrosses were found. Thousands upon thousands had been killed with clubs, their wing and breast feathers stripped off to be sold as hat trimmings. The same official reported the capture of bird pirates in these islands, with the feathers of 600,000 birds in their possession.

**Anti-Socialism in England**—In England they are going direct to the working class to combat Socialism. They are establishing settlement works in slum districts, and from them sending women as missionaries to discuss Socialism with the unfortunate. The women will cause some of the workers to open their eyes, and when they do it will mean more Socialists. In fact the British Socialists view all the opposition that is organized against them as good-naturedly, as they realize that it is really helping their cause.

The British plutocrats are raising a \$500,000 slush fund with which to smash Socialism. The money will be handled by the Anti-Socialist Union. A number of the lords and dukes who married American heiresses are contributing liberally of the coin produced by the exploited American workers to the slush fund—Cleveland Citizen.

promising themselves an ultimate victory and an awful day of reckoning. Nevertheless, in 1909, they held in nineteen of the provinces nearly two hundred seats in the respective diets, while in the various city and town councils they were represented by no less than 7,533 members—often a majority—and these numbers have been increased by the last elections.

This is German Socialism in the year of grace 1911. It is a giant octopus, extending its feelers into every corner of the empire, to be seen with the naked eye or deciphered in the columns of unemotional statistics. It has grown thus in forty years, in prosperous times and in a land economically the best situated on the continent, and among a people hitherto regarded for their intelligence and conservatism. Could history thus repeat itself in our land of freedom, and plenty? Would a change or check in our "good times" for they cannot continue forever—precipitate such a movement and lead to like results?

A few years ago, Professor Werner Sombart, the well-known German sociologist, came to America to study its conditions, and on his return to Europe he published his results in a work entitled "Why Is There No Socialism in the United States?" The book discusses the economic, political and social conditions which have thus far made impossible the successful propagation of continental Socialism in the United States, and yet Sombart closes his volume with this remarkable sentence: "All the factors that have up to this time retarded the evolution of Socialism in the United States are on the point of vanishing, or of changing into their contraries, and, as a consequence, Socialism will, in all likelihood, during the next generation attain in the union its highest development." Here is a statement to make Americans pause. Is it possible? Is it probable? Frederick Siedenburg, S. J.

presence felt in municipal elections. In Freiburg the Socialists polled the highest vote, although not a complete majority and secured fourteen members in the city council against four at the previous election. The other parties have a total of 18. In Karlsruhe the Socialists elected a total of 24 councilmen against a total of 80 for the old parties. In Pforzheim six seats were gained for the first time, the other parties obtaining 27. Gains were also made in many of the smaller places.

**Still More Victories**—In a special election just held in Galicia the Socialists carried the district, making a total of 81 seats in the new parliament of Austria. The Polish section of the Austrian party increased their seats by two, among whom are Daszynski, who toured this country last winter. He carried a strong Catholic peasant district and had 14,000 votes in the city of Krakow alone.

**Trusts in Australia**—We have been told that there are no trusts in Australia. Charles Edward Russell in the Coming Nation says they told him that on a recent visit to the Antipodes, but he discovered that the only difference was that they called them "combiners" on the other side of the world, and that under this name they were just as powerful and as remorseless as under any other title.

## Friends and Enemies of Socialism

**Sit up and take notice!** By permission of the Boston Socialist clubs, we have reprinted the **Menace of Socialism**, by Father Gasson, and the rejoinder, by Comrade James F. Carey. Here goes:

"Who broke up the homes of those hundreds of thousands of women, that are going down into the darkness of these streets here in Boston? Who broke up the homes of the two millions of married women who are working for wages in the mills and factories and shops of this country? Who broke up their homes? Who breaks up the homes of that great army of children under 16 years of age, working for wages?"

"When you have an industrial condition such as we now have, where there is the constant competition of the married man and the unmarried man of the working class, there are great tendencies that operate to break up the homes. Lack of employment; the man goes off to look for a job; he may never return, he may be beaten down to the level of a tramp. His family works along as best they can, and are finally absorbed in the night of the working class. Look at Lawrence, Lowell, Fall River, and every city. See the homes! See the great increase in the tenement houses, the lunch counter and the lodging house. You don't need to go there. Here in Boston the question of families has become a joke upon the stage."

"The most miserable and insulting jokes, insulting of the relations that ought to exist properly between man and woman."

"Then, too, I might suggest, that if you go down to the cafes, and the hotels, respectable and otherwise, you see young girls and young men. I do not wish to describe it. How do these places exist? By the law! Who makes the law? Democratic and Republican voters. I defy any man, clergyman or other, to produce a single man that owns, controls or holds a lease of any of those hell holes, to produce a single one that is a Socialist."

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"When a troop of soldiers enters a town," says the Voice of Poland, "both officers and men expect the limit of hospitality and entertainment. If this is not provided, someone must pay dearly. They found this out at Czestochowa; when the hoof-clatter was heard the villagers quickly sought their cottages. On a side street two little girls were at play. A corporal cut off their hands. At Warsaw, soldiers and police went about with clubs cracking forearm bones of boys and girls."

"In our twentieth century, not yet twelve years old, czarism has deserved and provoked the execration of human kind for its political attitude towards Poland. Since 1904 it has become atrocious, bestial; it has added the shame of cowardice to atrocity and stupidity to barbarity. It is not simply that one soldier has pillaged and outraged, even murdered out of greed and lust, but officers, drunk and greedy, have given orders to the signal of attack—themselves descending to the most brutal cruelty, pretending to gain glory from the massacre of unarmed men, women and children."

## Socialism is the New Patriotism

HUMAN life depends upon food, clothing and shelter. Only when these are assured are freedom, culture and progress the least possible. To produce food, clothing and shelter, land and machinery are needed. Land by itself does not satisfy human needs. Human labor is the material and food out of the soil by creating machinery and using it upon the land. Whoever has control of land and machinery has control of human labor and with it of human life and liberty.

Today the machinery and the land used for industrial purposes are owned by a rapidly increasing minority. So long as machinery is simple and easily handled by one man, it does not make its owners so powerful that they can dominate the source of human life. But when machinery becomes more and more complex and expensive, and requires for its effective operation the organized effort of many workers, its influence reaches over wide circles of life. The owners of such machinery become the dominant class.

THE MASSES IN SUBJECTION. In proportion as the number of such machines compared to all other classes decreases, their power in the nation and in the world increases. They bring ever larger masses of working people under their control, reducing them to the point where muscle and brain are either only productive property, or formerly self-earned property of the industrial workers. The helpless wage slaves of the industrial masters. The more the economic power of the ruling class increases, the less useful does it become in the life of the nation. The overwhelming bulk of the useful work of the nation and of the world is done by the classes that either have not other productive property but their manual and mental labor power, the wage workers—small farmers, small tradesmen, small traders and small farmers. The ruling minority is steadily becoming useless and parasitic.

"In 1908 orders were given: 'Risk nothing in killing fugitives, but slay as many as you can. Make an impression on the people.'"

And it is to the tender mercies of this fiendish, lawless, ruthless barbarism that our fellow countrywoman is to be left, on the plea, forsooth, that according to Russian law—such "law"—she is a Russian subject! Holy Russia! To what degradation has Great Britain sunk by her alliance with such a criminal power!

We gave the other week the statement of the Warsaw correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette, as to what constitutes an "illegal society" there. The same authority states that: "During the first three months of the present year no fewer than seventy-five mutual improvement societies, Russian and Polish, were declared illegal. The punishment for persons found guilty of aiding or belonging to illegal societies of this kind varies, but generally consists of a fine of 100 to 300 roubles and a few days' to a month's imprisonment."

The correspondent adds: "From an interview with one of the lady's many Polish friends who, needless to say, also belongs to a so-called 'illegal' society and does not wish her name disclosed, I learned that Miss Malecka is supposed to have been denounced to the police by some person or persons unknown to her—possibly an agent provocateur—as being an active member of the Polska Partya Socjalistyczna (Polish Socialist Society)."

"This party goes a good deal further than the 'illegal' societies just mentioned, as it advocates, and even practices, terrorism, and is always at war with the authorities. Whether the police really charge her with this, or only arrested her on suspicion and are looking through her papers in their usual dilatory fashion, remains to be seen. Though they said, a few weeks ago, that their prisoner confessed to being a member of the party in question and was 'proud of it' they now neither confirm nor deny this statement."

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## Lest We Forget

By William Norris

THEY have been having a series of hearings before a committee of the senate on that amiable form of diversion called the "Third Degree." After Samuel Gompers and Leo Rappoport had described the arrest of the McNamaras (which, by the way, had all been brought out before by the Berger investigation), Senator Borah of Idaho admitted that it was a clear case of kidnaping, but nothing could be done to prevent further similar outrages under the constitution. And that settled it for the senator and for about nine-tenths of the rest of the people. It is a dastardly outrage, but the sacred constitution offers no redress, so we must endure it forever and ever, world without end. Amen.

But that does not settle it for me, nor does it for the hundreds of thousands of Socialists. So, therefore, let me review a few facts for you, so that you should decide whether it should settle it for you, too. In the convention that framed the constitution, there was a considerable party that favored monarchy. They were those men who had been tormented during the revolution, like James Wilson of Pennsylvania, or their personal attorneys, like Alexander Hamilton. The latter is one of the most powerful and sinister figures in our history, and one of the most misunderstood. He was an avowed monarchist, and he fought for a constitution that would absolutely wipe out the last vestige of the voice of the people in government. He proposed a plan of government in the convention that staggers imagination. He wanted a governor elected for life, by electors, elected by electors, elected by a qualified vote of the property-holders. And he said that his ideal was the English King, "Nor am I afraid of the word king," said he. He wanted a government in which the last vestige of democracy should be eradicated. That man dominated the convention, for although he could not get his plan adopted, yet the constitution that we are now living under is largely inspired by him. Said he, in reference to the senate, saying that his model was the best legislative chamber in the world, the house of lords, that is, "a permanent barrier against pernicious innovation." Pretty

good for a nation born in a revolution? That was the tone of the man whose ideas got into the constitution. It is signed as unanimously adopted by the states. That is, a lie. The convention was held behind closed doors, whereas the people raged, but it is known that there were earnest and acrimonious debates, that more than once the delegates were on the point of quitting altogether, and going home, and they were only held together by the compromises that fill the finished product. In order not to go home without having accomplished anything, these "fathers" were willing to give in one to the other in many essential matters. Many thought that it was sin to recognize slavery, but they allowed a fugitive slave provision to creep in, and a provision for the regulation of the hellish slave trade. Others were willing to give up their sacred states rights for other advantages. Altogether, the finished product is a tissue of compromises, and of the fifty-five delegates, only thirty-nine were willing to sign.

And then, Hamilton went before the people and told them that that instrument was better than nothing, that they had better adopt it or drift into anarchy. And the president of that convention, the great Washington himself, said, "I am not a blind admirer, for I saw the imperfections of the constitution I aided in the birth of, before it was handed to the public, but I am fully persuaded that it is the best that can be obtained at this time."

Written by a band of men who had no authority to do so, filled with compromises to save the faces of a few individuals, repudiated by some of its authors, damned with faint praise by its stanchest supporters, as the best thing that they could get AT THE TIME, the product of a moment, and there can be no redress for infamous outrages one hundred and twenty-three years after it was written because there can be none under it—and we stand for it! Washington, D. C. Spargo wrote a book for Socialist children. It's full of fine tales and pictures. We are selling it at half price. Cloth, 50—11 cents postage; paper, 25—7 cents postage.

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Word comes that at the Women's Congress recently held in Stockholm, Sweden, Selma Lagerlof, winner of the Nobel prize for literary effort, acknowledged herself a Socialist.

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Who Destroys the Home?



The Dream of Home But Capitalism Gives This Instead

Government by the Few

By Morris Hillquit

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our appointed public functionaries are of a higher caliber than the elected officials. The contrary is probably more universally the case. For no matter how indifferent the average voter is, no political party would dare to present to the electorate men of such objectionable characters and of such unsavory reputations as are now frequently rewarded by lucrative political appointments.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of the Short Ballot pamphlet, which has been widely circulated in the United States. We would deem it a great favor if you would read it and give us an expression of opinion on the principle which it advocates.

The short ballot movement is substantially based upon the time-honored "good-man" idea in politics. Mr. Richard S. Childs, the secretary-treasurer of your organization, and probably the most conspicuous exponent of the short ballot, sums up the theory in the following language:

"Good government is entirely a matter of getting the right men in the first place. Nothing else is so vital. No system, however ingenious, will make bad men give good government or keep good men from getting superior results."

The advocates of the short ballot assert that one of the greatest obstacles to securing good men for public office, is the "long ballot," i. e., the large number of public officials elected by popular vote. The voter, they argue, has no personal knowledge of the merits of the opposing candidates, and the newspapers cannot afford to discuss the qualifications of the host of minor candidates who present themselves to the electorate of all large communities at general elections.

The remedy proposed is to "shorten the ballot," i. e., to take the election of the majority of public officers from the people, abolishing them altogether wherever feasible, or making them appointive instead of elective. It is also proposed to enlarge the functions and to extend the terms of the elective officials. The ideal ballot suggested by Mr. Childs would limit popular elections to the offices of president and vice president, congressmen, governors, state senators and assemblymen, county supervisors, city mayors and councilmen, and extend the term of all state and municipal officers to either four or two years. It is argued that in this manner the citizen would never have more than three candidates to vote for in any election; that such candidates would necessarily be subjected to closer scrutiny by the people, and the political parties would be forced to put forth their best men.

This, I believe, is a fair summary of the reasoning underlying the short ballot movement. Like many other modern movements for "electoral reform," such as the "commission form" of government, the direct primary and the Massachusetts ballot, it seems plausible and sounds radical to the superficial reasoner, but on closer analysis it proves ineffective and reactionary.

There is no good ground to assume that a "short ballot" would produce a better grade of public officials. It can certainly not be said today that

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The Builders' Column

By A. W. Mance
A New Milestone

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Thirty-five Socialist mayors and scores of other elected Socialist officials will hold a conference in Milwaukee from August 11-15.

This conference will be the most significant gathering that has taken place on the American continent for a century. In all probability it will be the first of what will in the future become a great annual national gathering to consider great social problems by Socialist legislators and executive officers, municipal, state and national.

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Washington Letter
(Continued from 1st page.)
pelled to do the work now done by 6,000 but they will have to work for lower wages, and, of course, longer hours.
Throughout the country the forts and army posts are surrounded by little cottages in which happy families are now living. But they are just beginning to realize that their homes are to be destroyed. They are learning that their breadwinners must live within the forts the dreary lives of soldiers if they are to continue work-

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Last week we showed a picture of the residence of F. Tasse, on Lloyd street. It was assessed at \$3,360—full value and a quarter! It is due to state that the assessment has now been fixed up and placed at \$2,850. The new free swimming school at Locust street bridge, Gordon park, is open and doing a good business. It serves a large working class district in the Twenty-first ward. Dressing rooms have been provided for both men and women with a man and a woman attendant on duty.

Somebody should jasso Mr. Mortimer and compel him to ride in his own street cars during the rush hours, especially on some of the lines that run through the working class districts. Such broken down cars and such rotten service should react on the officials of the company—they should be forced to take their own medicine.

How still the newspapers have kept about the tax scandal! Newspapers that are supposed to keep people posted about what's going on and not a word about the scoundrelly uneven assessing that will gouge money out of the small home owners. About the only peep from the capitalist papers has been some alleged funny editorials about Hoan's sarcastic reference to the "best people." And these editorials were simply to throw dust in the people's eyes. The newspapers are protecting the crooked assessing!

A word ought to be said relative to the properties on Prospect avenue extended, which is not an especially swell district. The owners came to

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THE UNION LABEL
The courts have not yet taken from us the right to employ this means to the end—labor's freedom. While we may, let us USE ITS POWER

State Federation Convention

The La Crosse convention was a good one. It meant more miles to travel for more delegates than at any convention in recent years.

What Was Done

The results of the convention might be set down as follows:
1. Necessary and important matters of business were transacted.

2. New enthusiasm for organization, for labor agitation, for closer co-operation between all cities, was generated.

3. Delegates gained knowledge of new labor legislation, and acquaintance with men who helped devise the laws and men who will help administer the laws.

4. Methods for educating unorganized workers and teaching the general public of the state the benefits of organized labor, were advanced.

fully his service and his loyalty. But the principle of having a manufacturer as an officer of the federation, they said they were opposed.
Defenders of Brockhausen stated that he was still a regular member of the cigarmakers and that the cigarmakers should not reduce Brockhausen from full standing in that union before bringing such a matter to a state federation convention.

Compensation Law Described
Hot resolutions condemning the anarchistic kidnaping of McNamara were passed and \$100 appropriated for the legal defense fund.

Concentration and Success
At the Thursday night banquet an address was made by Mr. Doerflinger, proprietor of the large La Crosse department store.

News of Organized Labor
Conducted by Walter S. Fisher
Address all Communications to Room 206 Brisbane Hall

La Crosse, Wis.—Organized labor has been busy here the past few months and several new unions have sprung into existence.

Iron Molders Win
The Toronto iron molders have won their strike for an increased wage rate. The old agreement called for a minimum wage for molders of \$2.90 per day and core makers \$2.65 per day.

Hardwood Finishers Win
Philadelphia—The hardwood finishers to the number of 300 went on strike a short time ago for an increase in wages to 36 cents per hour.

Engineers Get Increase
Cleveland—From the general offices of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers it is announced that an increase of 6 per cent in wages has just been secured on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, effective July 1.

Result of Arbitration
Joplin, Mo.—As a result of a short strike of the street car men in this city, the questions involved relating to wages and hours were left to a board of arbitration and the men returned to work.

Glove Workers' Union
Chicago—Secretary Treasurer Agnes Nestor reports that local unions of glove workers have recently been chartered at San Rafael, Cal., Spokane and Centralia, Wash., and also adds that there is a splendid and increasing demand for the glove workers' label throughout the west.

Vancouver Strike
Vancouver—The great contest being waged by the building trades against the open shop in this city is being prosecuted with vigor.

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Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, Executive Board Session.

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### "Taxpayers' League" Busy

Thousands of bulletins have been mailed to Milwaukee citizens. This article tells you why the Big Fish are trying to fool the Little Fish.

To read the bulletin of the Taxpayers' league one would imagine that the present administration was trying its level best to run the city into a financial reef. It is wonderful, this sudden awakening of civic pride.

For years we have had business administrations, conducted by so-called business men, and during all these years the cry of the men who comprise the Taxpayers' league for improvement in municipal affairs, when compared with the howl they are now raising, was like the mew of a kitten compared with the roar of a lion.

One would imagine that the Social-Democratic administration, during the year and a quarter in which it has been in power, had so tangled and debauched the affairs of our city that bankruptcy and municipal ship-wreck is the result of their acts.

**Ship-Wreck Was Threatened**

Yes, Mr. Citizen and Taxpayer, bankruptcy and ship-wreck is threatening your city. It has been threatening your city during the last fifteen years, but you didn't know anything about it until the Social-Democratic administration entered and let in the light on the true condition of affairs confronting you. You never were told much in bygone years of the things which were going wrong in the city hall until a few years ago, when the Social-Democrats forced an opening wedge into the mysteries of municipal government.

**Why Money Was Borrowed**

The present administration is accused of borrowing money. It must plead guilty to that charge. But why was it compelled to borrow money? The answer is, because the previous administration left the city in debt to the extent of \$217,000, and failed to make provision for the payment of that debt when they made up their budget, in January, 1910. The bills came due and had to be paid, and to save the city from a financial black eye, because of the debt left by the other fellows, the present administration had to borrow money, and when they did this they did not borrow it on the sly; they let the citizens of Milwaukee know they had borrowed it.

**Left in the Dark**

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you that the former Rose administration borrowed \$100,000 at the end of the year 1909 without letting the public know what it was doing. They left you in the dark as to what they were doing, and all the while they were running you to financial ruin. The Social-Democrats have let you come on the inside and have been open and above board.

Read the Taxpayers' league bulletin and instead of placing the blame for the present condition of affairs on the Socialist administration, put the blame on the previous administrations, where it properly belongs, and you will have a better understanding of the situation.

**O. That Deficit**

The Taxpayers' league further charges the present administration with increasing the budget for 1911 over the budget of 1910. In the first place, the 1910 budget was lower by \$17,000 than it really ought to have been. This is the deficit which the clever financiers incurred, who ran the city before the present administration took hold. That deficit should have been provided for in the 1910 budget, but was cleverly omitted. It bobbed up when the Socialists got out their first statement showing the actual condition of the city's affairs. This was the first time in many years, Mr. Taxpayer, that you really knew there was a deficit.

**Bookkeeping on the Square**

When the Social-Democratic administration made up its 1911 budget, it determined to do it "on the square." It included the deficit. Naturally, the budget was immediately increased to the extent of the deficit, where the former administration's budget was decreased to the extent of it making a difference of twice the amount of the deficit between the two budgets. Do you catch the point? Besides the deficit which had to be provided for, there is a natural increase in the expenses of the city in the fire, police and other departments, and you, Mr. Taxpayer, surely understand that as your boy grows larger he needs larger clothes and larger clothes cost more money. Likewise, when your city grows larger its expenses become greater, and the budget naturally increases.

**That Park Land Bunco**

The issuing of refunding bonds was due to the same causes which led to the borrowing of money and the increase of the 1911 budget over that of 1910. The former administration bought park lands on land contracts and instead of paying any installments on the principal they simply paid the interest, and when these land contracts fell due this year they had to be paid or you would have lost your parks, together with all the money you paid in for improvements.

So here again the present administration had to assume the responsibility for the sins of inose of the past and had to provide for the payment of these land contracts. "The only way possible to get the money was to issue refunding bonds, and they provided for \$160,000 worth.

**Instead of a Deficit**

The refunding bonds have just been authorized to be issued by the common council, and, Mr. Taxpayer, the Social-Democratic administration so conducted the affairs of your city during the past year that instead of showing a deficit for their own conduct of the city's affairs, they show a surplus of nearly \$66,000. Therefore, they were able to reduce the amount of the refunding bonds to \$100,000 instead of \$160,000.

This does not look as though the present administration was squandering your money, does it?

Space does not permit us to go into a discussion of the remainder of the Taxpayers' league bulletin in this issue. It will be taken care of in due time.

**"Paying for Dead Horses"**

One thing, Mr. Citizen and Taxpayer, be sure and remember. The matters with which they are trying to scare you are really the results of the mismanagement of the former "business" administrations conducted by "busy" men without business principles.

It took the Social-Democrats to let in the light and you know that those who like darkness and dark places cannot thrive while in the light.

"There's a reason."

**Who Pays the Bills?**

Mr. Taxpayer, you are requested to become a member of the Taxpayers' league and are informed that there are no dues or financial obligations.

I t is our reminder you that it takes money to conduct taxpayers' leagues and publish taxpayers' bulletins, and if you do not pay the bills, who does?

The old party politicians never had any money of their own to conduct expensive campaigns. But they spent a lot of money just the same, and you formed your opinion as to from where it came. Now form your opinion as to where the money for the Taxpayers' league comes from. You will just about strike the same source.

You know what interests were back of the former administrations, and by putting two and two together you can tell pretty nearly what interests are back of the Taxpayers' league. Draw your own conclusion.

### Such Cool Shirts

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\$1.00 shirts, this sale..... **79c**

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### Neglige Shirts

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### Work Shirts

Light and dark blue or gray Chambray Work Shirts, collars attached, worth 50c, this sale..... **39c**

### Underwear

Choice quality of Men's Fine Ribbed Underwear, in blue, brown, cream or black, worth 50c, this sale..... **35c**

Extra Fine Blue and White Figured Lisle Shirts and Drawers, worth 75c, this sale..... **49c**

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### Fancy Wash Vests

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**\$13.95** Buys one of our \$22 to \$25 Suits, any color or style you may select excepting blue serge or black, at this price you command a most beautiful and desirable range of suits, and it's really a crime to price them as cheaply as \$13.95, but our stocks must go.

Hundreds of Men's and Young Men's Very Nobby Suits are included in this range of price, suits that have style and tone, combined with excellent workmanship, lined and trimmed with the best of materials, for dress or business wear, suits worth \$16.50, \$18.00 and \$20.00

In this assortment you will find suits for them. Suits that are cut in this that are guaranteed to wear and give \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$13.50 suits.

### Men's Trousers

An excellent and most choice assortment of Men's Trousers for working, street and evening wear, extra well made and finely shaped trousers, worth \$2.00 and \$2.50, this sale..... **\$1.45**

\$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00 pants, this sale..... **\$2.95**

### Boys' Suits

Boys' Bloomer Pants Suits, smartest tailored and made of woolen materials. Many of these suits you would find hard to match at \$4.50 to \$5.00. This sale..... **\$2.45**

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### Odd Lot of Shirts

Men's Work Shirts, collars attached, also band shirts, no collar, also white unlaundersed shirts, 50c and 75c values, sizes 14, 16 1/2, 17, 17 1/2 and 18, this sale..... **25c**

### Straw Hats

Boys', Men's and Children's

Every hat we have in stock—and some are beauties—will be closed out at this sale at half their regular price.

\$3.00 Hats this sale..... **\$1.50**

\$2.00 Hats, this sale..... **\$1.00**

\$1.00 Hat, this sale..... **50c**

### Felt Hats

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### Belts

Men's Fine Leather Belts that were bought to sell at \$1.00, this sale..... **69c**

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### Men's Hose

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The Eighteenth Ward branch, S. D. P., will hold their meetings every Saturday evening of the month at the Pleasant house, 970 North Water street. Every member is urgently requested to attend these branch meetings, as very important business will be transacted.

The Town of Milwaukee Branch, No. 2, S. D. P., has arranged for a picnic, to be held at Jones' grove, Sunday, Aug. 6, 1911. Comrade Carl Minkley will deliver a lecture in the afternoon. There will be games for the children in the afternoon and dancing for the adults in the evening. Everybody attending this picnic is assured a good time.

The Hungarian branch, S. D. P., will hold an open air meeting every Friday evening of the month, at the corner of Twelfth and Hibernia streets, at 8 p. m. The success of the last two meetings prove that great results can be derived from these meetings, as the Hungarian branch is making fine progress. The regular meetings of this branch are held every Saturday evening of the month at Heuman's hall, 526 Chestnut street (third floor), at 8 p. m. The Hungarian comrades have also arranged for their third annual international "weilsefeier," to be held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 24, at the Liedertafel hall, corner Seventh and Prairie streets. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

The East Side Socialist Women's club has arranged for a prize card party every Tuesday of the month, at their meeting place, Jung's hall, 603 Third street, and the ladies are cordially invited to attend. Play starts at 2:30 p. m.

The Twelfth ward branch, S. D. P., has arranged for their annual picnic to be held at Huelbeck's park, end of Tippecanoe car line, for Sunday, Aug. 16. Dancing during the afternoon and evening, also a program of games, speeches, etc. Everybody cordially invited to attend. Speaker will be announced later.

The Frei Saengerbund meets every last Monday evening of the month at Cate's hall, 300 Fourth street, at 8 p. m.

Comrade Charles Mueller has a beautiful grove located at the south end of the city limits, which he is willing to rent free of charge to the

### Live Questions

A Milwaukee afternoon paper which has been making a pretense of conducting a "labor page" might reprint the following important utterance. It appeared in the Bridgemen's Magazine for July, under the signature of John J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, and was written in Los Angeles, California. It is this:

"I deem it wise to warn our readers to take lots of salt with the ordinary newspaper reports coming from this time on, as far as our cases are concerned.

"They will be highly colored. Depend upon official reports and the Socialist press. At the same time MILWAUKEEIZE your own town."

### Candy for Janssen

The first man to get down to the bottom of the murder near Washington park this week was Deputy Sheriff Lehman.

The daily press of the city attempted to create the impression that the swift discovery and arrest of the guilty man and woman were due to John T. Janssen, chief of police, under whose personal direction the investigation was conducted.

No one contends that there was any remarkable detective genius displayed by the deputy sheriff who was first on the trail. Ordinary fidelity to duty and a little hard work by any member of the police department or the sheriff's force would have located the

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**Monster Social-Democratic Mass Meeting**

AT THE **Auditorium Building**

Sunday, Aug. 14th, 1911

8 P. M.

**SPEAKERS**

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Washington Park—Vanassk.  
Lapham Park—George Bach.  
Humboldt Park—Zeitz.  
Mitchell Park—Clauder.

Tuesday Evening, Aug. 1  
Lake Park—Brunkhorst.

Wednesday Evening, Aug. 2  
Washington Park—Joseph Clauder.

Thursday Evening, Aug. 3  
Mitchell Park—Hugo Bach.

Friday Evening, Aug. 4  
Kosciuszko Park—Paul Langheinrich.

Saturday Afternoon, Aug. 5  
Lake Park—Joseph Clauder.

Saturday Evening, Aug. 5  
Juneau Park—Brunkhorst.

Milwaukee County Campaign Fund

The following have contributed since last week:

Amount previously acknowledged.....\$753 92

From State Executive Board..... 75

James Davies..... 1 00

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Total.....\$758 17



# OUTRAGEOUS!

## Rascally Assessments Clearly Shown--Little Home Owners the Victims--What the Figures Show--The People Must Act!

For men who claim to have done nothing wrong the tax commissioner and his force show a surprising lot of uneasiness. The fact is, they are considerably up in the air. Their books are already full of erasures, erasures to hide the flagrant under-assessing some of them have been guilty of. They kept the Socialists at bay as long as they could, they said their books were not finished, and gave one excuse after another, to eat up the time that would be left before the books would be closed by law. But it didn't work as well as they expected and so the books have been erased, and erased, and they are still at it.

Last week we printed pictures of over-assessed homes and under-assessed palaces, and gave facts about them from the books in the tax com-

missioner's office, with our comments. Evidently the tax commissioner did not relish them. So a funny thing followed. Tax Commissioner Schutz insisted that Frederic Heath be subpoenaed to appear before the board of review and show why the assessments along Prospect avenue were too low. Just as if he were an expert on real estate values!

**Silly Intimidation**

The move was ridiculous, but quite in line with Schutz's grandstand tactics. The board has no power to subpoena anybody, and the trap caught no one. The Herald is doing its duty in acquainting the people with the facts. Intimidation tactics will not silence us.

**Patched Up!**

Scarcely had The Herald reached the assessors last week than there was a scramble to straighten out the bum assessments on the properties we called attention to. By the time the paper reached our readers generally throughout the city, some of the things specifically complained of by us had been "fixed up." We give the assessors credit for it.

The pity is that these are only three or four out of a city full of wrong assessments. But we shall keep on pointing out the unstraight ones.

would be glad to leave town till the feeling blew over.

**Shameful Work**

Examination of the figures in the tax commissioner's office, and investigations into them has brought out the following conclusions regarding the wards thus far scrutinized.

The assessing in the Twentieth ward has been quite well done, with very few exceptions. Twentieth warders will pay their full taxes, all right. But, alas, they will pay their own, AND THEN MORE, to help make up for the tax dodging in other parts of the city.

**22d Warders Look Out!**

In the Twenty-second ward the real estate is fairly well assessed, and especially since some corrections have been made in the first figures, due to our exposures. But Twenty-second ward improvements (buildings, etc.) ARE OVER-ASSESSED ABOUT 45 PER CENT.

Twenty-second warders better look sharp. They should go to the tax commissioner's office, fifth floor, city hall, front, and see the figures for themselves. It is a public office. The men there are public servants, and are required to freely show the figures.

In the Twenty-first ward the assessing has been very badly done. It

has assessed the house, full value, at \$35,000 and the land at \$44,120! The thing is monstrous. And we understand the assessor, whose name is Swain, when confronted with these evidences, put a cheeky face on it, and insisted that it was an honest piece of assessing.

And for a contrast, we have this—

At 1267 Sixth street stands a little frame cottage on a wood foundation. Last year the little home was assessed at \$880 and this year the house and lot

was assessed last year at \$800. This year it is assessed at \$1,900. If \$800 was 60 per cent a year ago, then on a full value basis this year, Mr. Michi is assessed \$600 too high this year. In 1909 on a 60 per cent basis his lot was assessed at \$640. This year it is assessed at \$1,500. His taxes last year were \$43.21. But the assessor told him this year that his taxes would be \$65. Perhaps the assessor had in mind the fearful tax dodging by the rich under this



**Beyond the Dreams of Avarice**  
Banker Peit's mansion is a sample of those in the favored rich districts. No double assessments here!

have been raised to \$1,730! Soak the little fellow!

Take the mansion of Mrs. Berthe



**Soak the Little Ones!**  
A home at 1267 Sixth street, that is over-assessed.

Frank, Prospect avenue. This year she was assessed on the property \$45,000. She refused an offer of \$50,000 for it not long ago, and asks \$60,000. Finally the tax commissioner's office was confronted with these facts and the assessment was raised to \$57,700.

Now turn back to a poor man's ward, the Twentieth. Take, for instance, the modest little house of L. Michi, at 1715 Clarke street, was as-

Unfortunately the law does not require the tax department to send a notice to each property owner of what he has been assessed at. So the little home owner remains in the dark. Then the time elapses in which under the law he is permitted to make a kick, a tax time comes round and he has to take his dose and kicking will do him no good.

The time to find out what you are assessed at is NOW, and we advise you to go to the city hall and look into the matter. If you are timid about going alone take several neighbors with you. Make yourselves into a sort of neighborhood club. It is your duty to go, bear in mind. But even personal investigation as to your own assessment will not give you complete protection.

And that is why these articles are being written. We are bringing into public view the things that you, individually, would not easily find out in your visit to the tax commissioner.

When you go to the tax commissioner's office and find that your little home has been properly assessed—that is, that the assessment is the same as what you consider it worth—don't imagine from that that you are safe from being cheated on your taxes.

**The Home Owners' Duty**

If some one else is under-assessed YOU will have to help make up for it when tax time comes round.

If a foxy tax commissioner frames things up so that rich and favored men can pay LESS than their share YOU will have to pay MORE than your share. You will pay your rightful share. AND THEN SOME!

But kicking at tax-paying time will do you no good.

Your only chance to kick is now, and the tax department doubtless figures that you will not kick now because you have no means of knowing about the under-assessments.

**A "Job" Shown!**

And now come the facts about the assessment, on a full value basis, and of those upper river lands are found to have been valued by the assessors at about the same prices asked in the options the city secured! And on top of this is the fact that where property is sold on land contract the price is always higher than for spot cash. All this puts those real estate experts in a fine light! The naked fact about it is that the real estate committee was trying to job the city.

In today walks tomorrow. Schiller.



**Banker Ray Licensed to Dodge**  
The low assessment of such palatial homes must be made up by the little fellows when tax time comes.

and every assessment we succeed in getting brought up to its proper size means just so much less taxes for the people at large to make up.

This may be a bitter pill to Neacy and Kieckhefer's "taxpayers' league." The minute that rascally aggregation of schemers, scoundrels and dull dupes saw that we were exposing the crooked assessments throughout the city, it rushed out a leaflet for household-to-house distribution, to turn the people's heads the other way and confuse them with puzzling figures, and it also included slips asking homeowners to join its organization.

**Investigate the League**

Now, it would not be a bad idea for the small home-owner to join—and then demand an investigation as to who is back of the whole dally affair—also to demand that the Taxpayers' league stop its dishonest and foxy knocking in the interests of the big tax dodgers and investigate and make public the crookedness of the taxation work of the tax commissioner's office. Incidentally it might be well also to demand an investigation into the conspiracy that resulted in the recent appraisal of the upper river park property by certain members of the Real Estate board committee.

But we have no time to waste here on the so-called Taxpayers' league. It is too crooked. We have no hesitation in saying that every one of the leaders of that piebald affair is a flagrant tax dodger, and the most of them are swindling the city most fearfully on their personal taxes especially.

**Let the Poor Man Sweat**

This week we have some more facts about the shameful assessing that has been going on in this city. There is such a mass of material that it is hard to know where to begin and where to leave off. However, we select a few typical cases as eye-openers this week, and will get at much of the rest in good time.

It is our candid opinion that if all the facts about the present assessment were clearly known to the people that the tax department would be so generally execrated by the defrauded people that its most guilty members

ed as the most imposing palace on that rich residence thoroughfare, and it was one of the sights of the town. Since then some wonderful palaces have been erected. But Ray's home stands today with its wealth of space and material, its costly furnishings and all would put a friendly assessor up against it. Even to favor its owner he would have to put down big figures. Yet what are the facts? Last year, at the 60 per cent basis, the house was assessed at \$30,000 and the beautiful and extensive grounds at \$30,000. This year the nervy assessor

**Easy on the Palaces**

Only a few years ago the towering stone mansion of Banker Charles Ray, on Prospect avenue, was regard-



**One of the Victims**  
The home of L. Michi, Twentieth ward; a sample of over-assessment.

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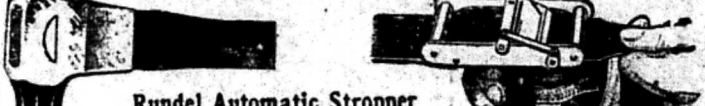


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## Queer Work, Mr. Schutz!

The law is plain about it. A tax assessor, where uncertain, is commanded by the law to require a man to sign a statement as to his personal property, (as stocks, bonds, debts due, money, etc.) especially in the case of people prone to have the same.

But Mr. Schutz has defied this law and so have his assessors.

It is impossible for an assessor, be he ever so honest and conscientious and full of gumption, to make a safe estimate of the personal belongings of a big financier.

Where is the man, for instance, who could say how much Charley Pfister is worth, or Tom Neacy, or the Falks and Kieckhefers?

So the law provides that such men shall be required by the assessor to make a statement as to their property and to sign the same.

This has its value, for should it be shown at any time that the statement is false, the man can be haled into court on a charge of perjury—and perjury is a serious thing to be charged with, even where a man is rich enough to employ the most criminal and high-priced of lawyers to help him out.

In case a property owner refused to make a signed statement the assessor is given the power under the law to bring pressure to bear by putting down what he thinks is a full value of the man's property, even though it is five times higher than it should be, thus compelling the man to appear before the board of review and to them make oath to his holdings in case he is dissatisfied.

All this is a dead letter with such chaps as the tax commissioner. When the state tax commission was called to Milwaukee a week ago by the city attorney, there were only SIXTEEN such sworn affidavits on file in the tax commissioner's office, and these were from "little" people, mostly widows and guardians, etc.

**The Friend at Court!**

Why hasn't Schutz required the Pfisters, Kieckhefers, Falks, Bigelows et al, to make sworn statements as to their wealth?

Have these men a "FRIEND AT COURT?"

The enormity of this dereliction on the part of the tax commissioner and his "rich ward" trustees stands out in almost criminal light when it is remembered that the state of Wisconsin requires Milwaukee to pay a state tax on twenty million dollars of such money and credits which the city itself has not taxed "because it could not be found!" Schutz pretended to make an effort, it appears, and did get five millions of it. But what about the other fifteen million? It would be easy to get on the track of this by means of the statements that he has neglected to get.

The American Bank Reporter, an authority and a standard on the subject, shows that there is on deposit in Milwaukee banks eighty-three millions of dollars. Easily one hundred millions escape taxation in this city. The city might be a good fellow and "help business" and not "scare the rich" by winking at this fearful tax dodging were it not for the fact that such dodging means that little home owners must be over-taxed to make it up!

This is the hellishness of the situation.

You, Mr. John Smith, or Johann

Schmidt, or John O'Smith, don't want to pay other people's taxes. But you DO, and you WILL as long as the tax department is in the hands of friends of the rich tax dodgers.

You have doubtless winked at the under assessing of business corporations, feeling that we were getting a lot out of them anyway. But once you get it into that head hard of yours that they are dodging taxes at YOUR expense, you will not feel so philanthropic—and you should not.

It is a downright shame, Mr. Smith. It is a damnable shame, because Milwaukee ought to foster home owning. Home owning makes good citizenship. But overtaxing the little homes discourages people from trying to get little homes of their own.

There is no reason why a man who pays taxes on his wealth when it is in real estate should be permitted to escape paying full taxes on that wealth if he sells his real estate and puts his money into bonds, mortgages, or other valuable securities.

We have spoken above of the millions on deposit by Milwaukee people in Milwaukee banks. And right here comes a suggestive little piece of information: Within the last few weeks two Milwaukee banks (the First National and the Wisconsin National, we understand) have transferred two millions of the moneys on deposit to Chicago banks, to be kept doubtless until the storm blows over. Very honorable business!

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