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On and after March 5th 1902, this paper will appear under the name, 'THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST'.

Owing to lack of space a large amount of matter for publication has been held until next week.

Next week's issue of the Workers' Call will contain a lengthy and complete report from Comrade August Klenke regarding his three months' lecture tour through Illinois, which will be of especial interest to locals which he visited during his tour.

For the past week we have been collecting from the daily press evidences of 'prosperity' in the shape of suicides through lack of employment, cases of destitution and starvation amongst women and children, etc., in this city alone, but on looking over the mass of accumulated matter found it would be impossible to give even the merest notice of each case without sacrificing more space than could be conveniently afforded.

Party members are notified that the columns of this paper are now open for the discussion of the attitude of the Socialist Party towards municipal ownership in the coming campaign.

We note in passing that the Supreme Court of Ohio has upheld the right of railroad companies to 'blacklist' their employees.

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duce him to postpone introducing himself to the admiral, so he wandered into this office to relate his unparliamentary and un-American conduct, and didn't even seem to regret the chance he had missed.

Signs are not wanting that "public sentiment" towards tax dodging may soon undergo a change, as the capitalist press is evidently doing what it can to bring this "revulsion of feeling" about. Millionaires of New York city have seemingly found a haven of refuge in Rhode Island from the demands of the assessor, Mrs. William Astor having been one of the latest refugees of this stripe.

The problem of what to do with the "idle rich" is troubling Mr. William Dean Howells in his capacity of "Easy Chair" editor of Harper's. Mr. Howells cannot see of what use they are in society, which shows that he is unacquainted with the views of that eminent economist, Rev. Jos. Rickaby, who asserts that the idle rich are very valuable to society because from their ranks are drawn "our clergy, AUTHORITY, scientific investigators, musicians, artists, poets, the men who refine our tastes and brighten our lives."

The fact that Kaiser Wilhelm has lent his imperial approval to the utterances of a professor who lectured upon the "Babylonish Origin of Hebrew Ideas," has stirred up the orthodoxy of Germany which now "views with alarm" the doubtful quality of Wilhelm's theology. Three weeks before this however the Kaiser declared in a speech that all churches were equally dear to him and that his great aim in life was to bring about church unity, so there is really no cause for alarm.

"INALIENABLE RIGHTS."
It might be expected of course that the capitalist press would "denounce" the attempt of the policemen to organize in their own interests, but nevertheless these denunciations now and then contain wholesome truth that not only policemen but all other wage workers would do well to ponder over.

But when the wall of the British employer reaches the ears of American capitalism, he is at once informed that the trouble lies not with the workmen but with himself—he doesn't know how to drive them. Then follows details showing how the "willing American workman is manipulated so as to yield from fifty to hundred per cent more labor product than the European, and that if American methods of driving were adopted, this difference would almost if not entirely disappear.

JIM HILL ON THE RACK.
Just what a farce the Interstate Commerce Commission which is now examining Jim Hill, really is, may be seen from the following description of the demeanor of that gentleman during the proceedings.

Why Not Try Socialism?
The Austro-Hungarian consul at Pittsburg, Pa. has had his attention directed to the slaughter of his countrymen in the rolling mills and furnaces of that city, and asserts that nearly two thousand foreigners are sacrificed yearly to the greed and cupidity of the corporations.

tion of what the dominion of capitalism really means. Does any one suppose for a moment that the commission will dare to prevent Hill from intimidating the witnesses in this fashion? Presidents and traffic managers writing under the frown of the man who holds their future in his hands! These individuals now so nervous under the gaze of the boss, are quite as menacing in turn to their immediate subordinates, such as division superintendents, etc., and these again visit their displeasure upon theirs, until it reaches the actual operatives who having nothing lower than themselves to bully, must grin and bear it as best they may.

IT'S ALL IN THE DRIVING.
The question of how best to exploit the working class is one which is now receiving considerable attention in the capitalist journals of America and Great Britain, particularly those of the latter country, where it is being made a pretext for a concerted attack upon trade unionism.

And nowhere does the duplicity of capitalism stand out more prominently than in a discussion of this nature. When it becomes necessary around election times to recount to the American workman his superiority over all others, in order that his vote may be secured to his masters, he is told that this superiority is inherent; that he is so much more skillful, ingenious, intelligent, and enterprising than his class in foreign countries, that the latter are hopelessly handicapped in the race.

Friends of Mark Hanna in Cleveland have presented that gentleman with a magnificent full-size statue representing "Peace," in acknowledgement of his efforts to reconcile "capital and labor" at the recent New York conference.

It will be noticed that the capitalist press is careful not to decry the plan of the locked-out sweatshop girls, who evolved the brilliant idea of agreeing to reject any matrimonial suitor who did not wear the union label on his clothes, and other articles of personal property.

In order to wipe out the curse of convict labor competition" declares the president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, "we must secure control of the next General Assembly."

Extremes sometimes meet. The "intelligence" of the American workman unconsciously runs into stupidity, while the "stupidity" of the Britisher unconsciously evolves into intelligence.

From England comes the news that Lady Cook, formerly Tennessee Cladin, a woman well-known as a reformer, is anxious to spend her income in engineering a gigantic "purity crusade." She has an income of about \$50,000, but so far has not been able to persuade clergymen, bishops and other "proper" persons, as the press report says, to help her out.

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE

Judge Dimes of the Transvaal League in his speech before that body gave all and sundry to understand that he would throw no obstacles in the way of the coronation of King Edward, if the Britishers really were bent on carrying out that ceremony.

Perhaps the strangest event of the week has been the return of \$376,000 to the Chinese government, which was appropriated by the United States marines during the looting of Tien-Tsin.

Fifteen starving children, all under ten years old, were discovered and reported last week by Policeman Kennan of the East Chicago avenue station. Six belonged to one mother while another claimed four.

Referring to the increase of insanity, Dr. Hoyt, a former member of the Detroit School Board, states that unless it is checked the entire population of the country will have gone insane or foolish with 260 years.

Schwab has been summoned home from Europe on "pressing business" by his employers, the United States Steel Company.

THE MONOLOGUES OF A MILLIONAIRE.
Or Mr. Rockhanna's Soliloquies.
Soliloquy No. 5.

The Psalm of Life our poet wrought And laid the people sing, Is not the one we now are taught; It isn't just the thing.

THE PHILISTINE'S PSALM OF PROSPERITY.
Tell us not, Oh merciful grumblers, Prosperous times have not come back. Once again, Oh, doleful mumbler, We are on the beaten track.

Times are frisky! Times are humming! With new tariffs raised by gas, He who cannot see them coming Is a great consummate ass.

In a cloud of gold dust rolling From the Klondike far away, Confidence is hither strolling; Make you ready for the prey.

Grand rally at Lundquist's hall, 61st and Morgan streets. Opening of the campaign in the Town of Lake. Speakers, George D. Evans, R. A. Morris, J. A. Ambrose, R. T. Sims, P. J. Graberg, and William G. Wehrwein. Songs by Frank Finsterbach.

who is soon to visit this country, a Sunday paper gives this as one of the items: "He has the only democratic nature of all the royalties of Europe." The same paper publishes his farewell to the Kaiser, before starting on the recent Chinese looting expedition. His "democratic nature" on that occasion expressed itself as follows: "Most serene and Highly Beloved Emperor, King and Master and Lord, forever and ever."

A new idea in shooting strikers is being operated by a Boston transportation company which is at war with the local teamsters union. A photographer and camera is being mounted on each cab driven wagon, so that in case of interference or assault by union members the attack can be photographed and used as legal evidence in the subsequent prosecution.

A dispatch from Constantinople asserts that Miss Stone, the kidnapped missionary, is in reality working a graft with a gang of politicians known as the "Macedonian Committee," by keeping in the background until the ransom is increased.

A British military officer who took a prominent part in the war in South Africa is now lecturing in Australia. In one of his addresses he observed that education in Australia was defective in some respects and suggested as a remedy that "more rifle practice and more religion" should be taught.

Commenting upon the difficulty which British employers find in increasing the speed at which their laborers work, the Chicago Tribune remarks that this is the same problem which confronts the Socialist state, i. e., the difficulty of inducing men to work. However it advises the British employers to try increasing the wage, or at least to regard the current rate of union wages as a minimum.

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CORRESPONDENCE

For a Labor Press.
Peotone, Ill., January 23, 1902.
Editor Workers' Call:
I have been told that there nearly a hundred thousand members of labor unions in Chicago, I also understand that some of these organizations send petitions, or questions, to candidates for public office and find out which candidate for any given office will give the best pledge.

Another vitally important matter is this: There are a great many great papers in Chicago. Who supports these papers? Whose interests do they stand for? Whom do they misrepresent during labor troubles?

His Job is Safe.
It is possible of course that there may be more ingenious liars than William E. Curtis, special correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald, though we have never met them nor even heard of them.

Socialism and Gambling.
A correspondent asks "Whether it will be possible under Socialism to gamble with the medium of exchange, or employ it for purposes of usury?"

To Make Them Feel Good.
The same old game that has been and is still being played with such success upon the working class is also being tried upon the police force by their so-called "friends" in the Council.

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Entertainment given by the Socialist Dramatic Club at the Temple, 140 S. Western avenue, Saturday, February 1st, 8 p. m. Admission 10c Children 5c.

Socialist Pointers

If you cannot make a speech you can carry a petition around the ward and get signatures which are now so necessary.

Prince Henry is such a good fellow that the democrats might ask him to stay and run for president on their ticket.

In a nation where universal suffrage prevails it is the fault of the workingmen themselves if they don't run the government in their own interests.

Mr. Bryan's Commoner also has to submit to Madden's rulings, but the big dailies of the country are exempt. Madden does not want to lose his job.

Even in these days of prosperity Mayor Harrison informs the police that he can fill their places if they all quit. Prosperity stories do not always jibe.

It is a very edifying sight to see a laboring man who only has one shirt, get excited because the taxpayers' money is being squandered in high salaries.

Roosevelt will not be allowed to accept gifts from Prince Henry, but a smile will be ample payment for all the head of this republic can do for royalty.

In the future Nelson Morris & Company won't employ children under sixteen years of age, thus depriving parents of the last chance to become capitalists.

The ward that gives the largest vote next spring will be the one that has the largest list of Workers' Call readers. If you want your ward to make a showing, get busy.

Admiral Schley will speedily forget about the fact that his book is being produced by scab labor. Admirals have troubles enough without taking up the troubles of the workmen.

If there are a few sections of the Interstate commerce law the railroads overlooked, they will proceed at once to have them declared unconstitutional if the law attempts to worry them.

By the time for the next national campaign Socialism will be such a lusty infant that democratic reorganizers who cannot find an issue may have one thrust on them.

Emperor William is more popular than ever before on his forty-third birthday, and we have it from his own subsidized papers that he is. Meanwhile he dare not call an election lest the Socialists should get him.

Over one-fourth of the dwellers in English cities, according to an investigator, are living below the "poverty line," and that with municipal ownership of the street railways and nearly everything else.

Dr. Parkhurst, who questions the immortality of the soul, will lose his job if he is not careful. The capitalists would not know what to do without the New Jerusalem to hold up before the workmen as a reward for privations in this world.

