

TROUBLE IN ELECTRICAL UNION ENDS

Convention Decides on Plan for Reaffirmation of the Denver Agreement

WAR ON STEEL TRUST

Congressional Inquiry and Campaign to Unionize Tool-ers to Be Launched

BY A. M. SIMONS
Toronto, Ont., Nov. 18.-The trouble within the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was settled today by a plan calling for reaffirmation of the Denver agreement. Three men, one selected by Gompers and one by the McNulty faction and one by the Reid faction, are to settle details to the extent of calling a convention of the interested parties, if necessary. All suits growing out of the present split in the organization are to be withdrawn and the plan has been endorsed by both McNulty and Reid. The trouble which caused the revocation of the charters of many central labor bodies is now on a fair way to be settled.

Attack on Steel Trust

The greatest industrial struggle of modern times in the United States has been entered with strong spirit by the American Federation of Labor. The union here has thrown down the gauntlet to the United States Steel corporation, which with its tremendous financial resources and legal powers is reaching out to crush organized labor and reduce workmen to the pitiable conditions which caused the great strike at McKees Rocks.

The great campaign undertaken by labor is but part of the war of men against money, of the workers against the combined powers of law and capital, which make for the uttermost exploitation of the men and women who toil.

Subscriptions for Strikers

As part of that same great struggle the Swedish strike was endorsed by the convention assembled here and instructions were given to the executive board to ask all local unions in the United States and Canada to levy assessments to aid the Swedish strikers. A pamphlet was ordered to be printed which shall contain an account of the causes of the strike and the events which have taken place during its progress. Similar action was taken in regard to assessment of the members of local unions for the benefit of the 6,000 men now on strike against some of the underlying companies of the United States Steel corporation.

To Aid Working Women

The American Federation of Labor decided to throw its power into another fight, that of the working women of Illinois against such manufacturers as W. E. Ritchie.

Speeches had been made at former sessions of the convention relative to the ten hour law for the working women of Illinois, and there was great willingness on the part of the delegates to offer aid in that fight, at the same time strongly commending the efforts being made elsewhere to regulate the working day for women.

A Precedent for Others

The steel trust has started a precedent. Their action is the pivotal point upon which dozens of other concerns throughout America are going to swing around. I am of the opinion that this is a matter in which every delegate here is interested, and it should engage the attention of every delegate, and not merely one or two who happen to be on the committee appointed to report on it.

whole policy of passing resolutions and letting things go at that. "I would like to know what assurance we have that the executive officers will carry out the resolution?" he asked.

"You can laugh and you can smile, but after the resolution is passed that's all there is to it. You go away from this convention each in as many separate directions, and with as many different interpretations of the meaning of the resolution. Play fair with your own people. It is the rank and file that bear the burden."

Gompers Expects Extension

Samuel Gompers has some hope that his time for appearance at Washington will be extended till Monday, so that he may stay through the whole of the deliberations of the convention. He has written to Washington and expects a telegraphic response at any moment. The action of the convention in regard to his trip to Washington will not be taken till such time as he receives the reply.

The strike of the lake seamen, in which the United States Steel corporation, through Harry Colby, president of the Pittsburgh Steamship company, is taking the leading part, was discussed here by Victor A. Olander, general secretary of the Lake Seamen's union, and by J. Havelock Wilson, liberal-labor member of the British parliament. Wilson, who is a forceful speaker, depicted in the most graphic language the fight of the English Shipping federation against the seamen on British ships, and then linked the lake seamen's strike with it, saying:

Fight to the Devil

"The seamen will fight the English Shipping federation tactics to the devil where they are found. The fight of the seamen on the great lakes is only part of the fight of the seamen all round the world. The English seamen were reduced to slavery and the Lake Carriers' association is using English tactics with American trimmings. Harry Colby was sent to Europe to learn what they know over there about making white men slaves."

CITY WILL SUE M. H. M'GOVERN

Suit to recover the \$45,000 paid by the city to M. H. McGovern and Joseph Hanreddy, contractors on section D of the Lawrence avenue sewer, for alleged shale excavation, is to be started by the city, according to officials who are in the confidence of the investigators.

This is to be the answer of the city to the \$90,000 additional claim sued for by McGovern and Hanreddy through their attorney, Timothy J. Fell.

So much suspicion had been cast on the settlement with the contractors that a suit to recover the money will be brought unless it is proved that the 22,992 cubic yards of rock, as claimed by McGovern, were excavated. Lawyers for the city declare that there is no legal obstacle in the way of getting back the \$45,000 if it can be shown that it was paid either under mistake or through fraud and collusion of city officials.

Bonilla Aids in Revolution

New Orleans, La., Nov. 18.-General Manuel Bonilla, who was deposed as president of Honduras in 1906, is fitting out an expedition to Nicaragua to assist Gen. Estrada, leader of the revolutionary forces, in the overthrow of Zelaya. If successful, he will take charge of a revolution to restore himself to power in Honduras.

LOSE CITY JOBS FOR BELIEVING IN SOCIALISM

Employees of Public Library Say Janitor Objected Strongly to Their Political Beliefs

Two Socialists-Oscar Haasling, living at 1101 Townsend street, and John Carlson, 338 Roscoe street, window washers at the Chicago Public Library, Michigan avenue and Randolph street-have been discharged for the simple reason that they are Socialists.

Their views did not coincide with those of James J. Linehan, Democrat, who is head janitor at the library. In order to get his "discharge" past the civil service commission Linehan had to cook up a skillful plot against the two Socialists, which seems to have been successfully carried out.

Paused to Get Air

The two men claim that the dust became so thick they had to stand aside in the fresh air to let it settle. Linehan seems to have known this, for he had three employees at the library stationed where they could see Haasling and Carlson trying to get some fresh air. The men were charged with "loafing" as a result.

Haasling has been in the employ of the library for four years, while Carlson has held his position for three years, both of them antedating Linehan. Their records before the civil service commission have been the highest.

Say Linehan's "Soldiers"

While Linehan denies his men a few moments to escape a choking dust, he is not so particular about the time that he himself loses. Haasling claims, Haasling asserts, and is corroborated by Carlson, that Linehan is in the habit of coming down ten minutes to an hour late every morning. A new timekeeper kept note of this for two weeks. When Linehan discovered they were keeping tabs on him he ordered the timekeeper to give him a clear record which was done.

Linehan first objected to the political principles of those under him last winter. He has made his objections evident through a varied amount of abuse. The two Socialists claim that they only discussed their ideas with the other men while at lunch, which was their own time.

It is also charged that Linehan does not scruple at using the men under him to do work for himself, even if it takes several days. Such work has been done by the carpenter at the library.

"Why, I didn't know those two men

"THE RIGHT OF WAY"



MANY IMPERILED IN LOOP WHEN CRAZED MAN SHOOTS

A man caused a panic at Clark and Harrison streets today by drawing a revolver, shouting at the top of his voice and firing his weapon at pedestrians. One bullet shattered the window in James Lomax's saloon, another imbedded itself in the wall just above the head of the bartender.

Sgt. Arthur Danahy and Policeman Rose of the Harrison street squad rushed at the man, who leveled his revolver at them. Before he could pull the trigger the weapon was knocked out of his hand. Then a fight ensued. With the seemingly superhuman strength of an insane man, the stranger fought the officers. Civilians went to the assistance of the police and then handcuffs were snapped on the wrists of the man, who was hurried to a cell in the Harrison street station.

CLEMINSON CASE WILL GO TO JURY ON SATURDAY

Dr. Haldane Cleminson resumed the witness stand in his own defense before Judge McSweeney yesterday. The searching cross-examination to which the alleged wife murderer had been subjected by Assistant State's Attorney Northrup was continued mercilessly.

At the end of the cross-examination the closing arguments will be begun by Assistant State's Attorney Rittenhouse. He will be followed by Attorney McKinley for the defense. The last speech for Cleminson will be made by Attorney Joseph Burres, chief counsel for the doctor.

LADIES' TAILORS DECLARE STRIKE

The Ladies' Tailors' association, recently formed under the auspices of the notorious Employers' association of Chicago, has been quick to show its hate of unionism, for it has caused the discharge of several employees of Kerr & Schmidt, located in the Krans building, 78 State street, the employees losing their jobs because of their activity in union agitation. Following the discharge the Ladies Tailors' union met and called a strike on the shop. Ten men and sixteen women walked out.

The bosses admitted that their employees were efficient mechanics, but were discharged for reasons which the union men knew to be so slight that union agitation is the real explanation. The employers are really trying to force the union men and women back to the nine-hour day, while the union has secured the eight-hour day by its recent contracts. Action which will provoke a strike is expected from other firms. The union is united and will fight to a finish.

See Victory for McCann

Friends of Inspector Edward McCann predicted today that Judge Barnes, in the Superior court, would grant the police official a new trial on charges of grafting.

had brains enough to be Socialists," was the manner in which Linehan answered questions about the discharge of the two men. "They don't know what they are talking about. I always thought that it took a man with brains to be a Socialist."

Poverty Among Miners' Families

Investigation develops the fact that poverty and distress among the wives and children of the survivors is widespread and severe. Many of the women, distracted by grief, have been driven to a state of mental derangement and in some cases have committed suicide. The condition into which news of the disaster threw them.

This distress became definitely known today when the relief committee, composed of Ernest P. Bicknell of the Red Cross, Mr. Kingsley of the Associated Charities of Chicago, Duncan McDonald, Patrick Carr and Local President Haney of the United Mine Workers began a systematic investigation. Many of the children were practically barefooted and without sufficient clothing to protect them from the cold north wind, which blew a terrific gale all day.

Women Watch With Dead

When the committee began their meeting yesterday afternoon to map out a practical system of relief, the Knights of Pythias hall was soon filled with women and children, whose tear-stained faces bore evidence of their terrible suffering.

All applicants were given one dollar with which to purchase eatables for the day until a more practical and complete system could be inaugurated to care for their other wants.

In several instances investigation brought to light the fact that the widows of entombed miners were sitting forlorn and forgotten in their bare rooms, surrounded by crying children without a soul to comfort them. In other houses the widow and her children kept silent watch by the coffin of a dead husband and father, who sacrificed his life by volunteering to act with the rescuing party Saturday.

BOYS' LIVES TAKEN TO SWELL COFFERS OF MINE COMPANY

Hungry Families of Murdered Mine Workers Shiver in Bitter Cold

DESTITUTION APPALLING

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FORNARO GIVEN TRIBUNE SPACE

After maintaining an utter silence during the entire trial of Carlo de Fornaro, convicted of libeling the Mexican government, the Tribune this morning finds enough room in its spacious columns to use a colored interview with Fornaro. The headline says: "Claims Sentence Ends Free Press." But then the Tribune, not being "free," perhaps the case does not apply so much to that publication.

Silent During His Trial,

Paper Now Prints Inter-

view With Author

BY C. H. UTHOFF

President of Peru Trades and Labor Council, Cherry, Ill., Nov. 18.-The fire at Cherry is still raging and gives every indication of growing fiercer. The chance of recovering the bodies of the dead miners becomes more and more remote as the fire continues. It is regarded as "likely" that the bodies will never be recovered. Six funerals were held Tuesday, when the remains of the rescuers who perished Saturday were interred.

Eckert Housed by Railroad

State's Attorney Eckert of Bureau county is on the ground and has established his headquarters in a Pullman car brought to Cherry by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway. The fact that Eckert is occupying one of these traveling drawing rooms is being criticized freely by the miners and their friends.

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BUSSE IS READY TO INVESTIGATE HIS OWN OFFICE

He Also Favors Extending Probe to All of the City Departments, So He Announces

Fred Busse, the great public speaker—the suave, the jovial, the slender and adroit Frederick Busse—is the jolliest mayor Chicago ever had, for he allowed his dear friend T. A. Cummings to make any sort of billings, choosing his own weights, overweighting mostly, and then Frederick, the Great, stood aside and let Cummings tap the city treasury for \$40,000 graft.

Just imagine Busse and T. A. Cummings and Michael McGovern standing before the city's cash box, while Busse turns to both of them, turns with a smile and a wink, and says: "After you, my dear Alphonse."

In brief that is the way Busse allowed McGovern to "get away" with \$45,000 for shale rock which was clay, and Cummings was allowed to present bills for iron castings for which he charged the city of the value of spurious weights and excessive prices till he got about \$40,000 gratis.

"Unser Fritz," as he was called before the election, is surely good to his friends.

Busse Makes a Noise

Busse made a public statement yesterday. It will be hereafter quoted, it should have been read after the "City Hall" chorus had sung "Mother, Mother, Mother, Pin a Rose on Me," and pointed to Busse, who would stand blushing and coy. For here is what Busse said:

"I am in favor of a fair and full investigation of every department in the city hall. I was in favor of such an investigation when the Merriam commission was appointed and I am still in favor of it. I have nothing to conceal, nor any one to protect.

"I have believed, and still believe, that the heads of the various city departments are the best men that could be selected for the position, and I do not believe that any of the department heads have done wrong.

Blames the Newspapers

"The trouble with the newspapers is that they jump around here and there and do not give all the facts of any one particular case.

"I would like to have the Merriam commission go into all the facts in every case and investigate the whole system of business methods of the city. When I picked out the members of the commission I did so with a view to getting men who would get at the true facts. It wasn't a whitewash commission, or anything of that kind.

"It is not fair to pick out certain things concerning one department and not give all the facts relating thereto. All the facts should be given. I am in favor of a thorough, complete and exhaustive investigation of every department in the city hall."

Grey Garb for Officials

Meanwhile State's Attorney Wayman seems to think that dainty garments of grey, indifferently tailored, might look well on certain city hall officials, and so Wayman has appointed a conference with Shelby M. Singleton, secretary of the Citizens' association, who will meet the "speechless" prosecutor this afternoon. In showing the sort of fraud practiced in the interest of T. A. Cummings, Busse's chairman, the Inter Ocean presents the following specified example:

When the first bills were presented the Cummings company put \$45 a ton as its price, although it had offered to do the work for \$23.49 a ton.

Juggled to Aid Cummings

This price of \$45 a ton—and, at 500 pounds each, four covers weigh a ton—made it incumbent upon the city officials to hold the orders to a maximum of forty covers each to keep them inside of the \$500 limit.

But the company later reduced the price, when the Inter Ocean investigation was known, and by April, 1908, was making them at \$23.55 a ton. So it was possible to put fifty covers into one order.

The weight, however, was still the same. Each batch of fifty covers went in at 25,000 pounds, and came out at that weight—except on this fatal April 24. It must be a black holiday in the calendar of the Cummings foundry.

On that day three of these batches were put on the scales. The first weighed 21,375 pounds, the second 19,250 pounds and the third 27,750 pounds. That the covers which were delivered just ahead of these and just after these would show similar discrepancies no one will doubt. But they were not weighed, and they went in merely at 25,000 pounds each.

McGovern Wants More

After a stormy scene with Commissioner of Public Works Hanberg and Corporation Counsel Brundage, Joseph McGovern instructed his attorney, Timothy J. Fell, to file suit against the city for \$150,000 "extras" on the Lawrence avenue sewer on behalf of himself and his partner, M. H. McGovern. The suit was filed late in the afternoon.

Spurned Wife Ends Life

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 18.—With the words "God bless my baby" on her lips, Mrs. Helen Burns, a spurned wife and sister, died as a result of injuries received when she threw herself in front of a speeding street car.

Two Men Killed in a Collision

Dayton, O., Nov. 18.—A freight train, westbound, drawn by two engines, and a passenger train, northbound, on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road, met in a head-on collision a few miles north of this city shortly after 6 o'clock this morning. A fireman and a brakeman were killed.

Send notices of your union meetings to the Daily Socialist.

GENERAL GRANT AND WIFE ROUTED FROM HOME BY FIRE

General Frederick Dent Grant, U. S. A., commander of the department of the lakes, and Mrs. Grant were assisted down ladders by firemen when flames attacked their home at 1406 Dearborn avenue early today. The household was sleeping when the stifling smoke was first discovered at 6:30 a. m. When the fire companies dashed up in front of the historic old home in which the Grants lived the general and his wife appeared, scantily clad, on a second-story balcony. Smoke was pouring from the windows and crowds were collecting.

The fire was soon under control, though not until the house had been soaked with water from attic to cellar.

SEEK TO ABOLISH COUNTY BOARD OF TAX REVIEWERS

The wiping out of the Cook county board of review, which, it is charged, has undone much of the work of the board of assessors and practically nullified the labor of the assessors, will be recommended to the General Assembly at the special session this winter by the Leader Investigating committee.

This recommendation was decided on yesterday by the investigators at the close of an all-summer inquiry into taxing methods in Chicago.

BRITISH HOUSE OF LORDS TO GO

Defeat of the English Budget Spells the Abolition of Upper Body

London, Nov. 18.—Great Britain's House of Lords is progressing toward a suicidal operation, it is said, as a result of Lord Lansdowne's formal notice of his intention to move for the rejection of the budget bill. It comes up next Monday. The defeat of the so-called "Socialist" budget means the beginning of the abolition of the House of Lords, it is declared. According to Lord Lansdowne, his motion will be expressed thus:

"I move that this house is not justified in giving its assent to this bill until it has been submitted to the judgment of the country."

All the Unionist peers hold the same commanding position in the upper house as do the radicals in the House of Commons. Lord Lansdowne's motion undoubtedly seals the fate of the financial bill and assures a general election in January.

The terms of Lord Lansdowne's motion to reject the budget were communicated to Premier Asquith and discussed by the cabinet council during the course of the day. The Unionists expect that 300 peers will support Lord Lansdowne, while the supporters of the government in the House of Lords number only forty.

To Condemn Peers

On the rejection of the budget bill it is expected that the premier will move in the House of Commons a resolution strongly condemning the peers' action, affirming the sole right of the House of Commons to deal with matters of taxation, and declaring the peers' attempt to force a dissolution to be unconstitutional.

What further course Premier Asquith will take is not yet known, but it is unlikely that the cabinet will resign unless the government is defeated at the elections.

Mr. Balfour, the leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, is to deliver a speech at Manchester tomorrow night, which probably will outline the Unionist party's election manifesto. In the meantime Winston Spencer Churchill is first in the field with a manifesto from the Liberal standpoint. In a letter on the situation he claims that the power to force dissolution is the prerogative of the crown and that finance is the exclusive privilege of the House of Commons.

ECKERT GUEST OF MINE OWNERS

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served in the office for the information of the company, the inspector and all other persons interested, and this record shall be made each morning before the mine is opened to descent into the mine (as amended May 27, 1907, in force July 1, 1907).

Indictable for Manslaughter

If higher officials of the St. Paul company ordered the plating of the hay "here it was placed, then the responsibility shifts from the mine manager to them, and they are indictable for manslaughter and on conviction the penitentiary stares them in the face.

KARELLA SPEAKS AT BARNES HALL

An enthusiastic audience listened to Anthony Karella, Socialist candidate for Congress, in the special election in the sixth district, and Attorney Thomas J. Morgan, at the meeting held last night at Barnes Hall, 1979 Ogden avenue. Plans are being laid to make the meeting at Tabor hall, Thirteenth street and Forty-first avenue, tomorrow night the big gathering of the campaign. A large amount of literature, especially prepared for the Bohemian voters, has been prepared and will be distributed at this meeting.

3,000 LETTERS ON SOCIALIST BALL

Three thousand letters are being sent out today from the county office to the membership of the Socialist party in Cook county, drawing attention to the tenth annual Socialist ball, to be held Saturday evening, December 11, at the Second Regiment armory, Washington boulevard and Curtis street.

The letters consist of two tickets for the ball, a coin card and envelope to return the price of the tickets, with postal cards advertising the affair thrown in for good measure. Fifteen thousand postals have been printed to advertise the affair. Most of them will be distributed through the branches. The next meeting of the entertainment committee having the ball in charge will be held tomorrow evening at the county headquarters. A full attendance of the committee is urged.

WOMAN GUILTY OF PANDERING

Progress of the warfare against panders and their trade between Chicago and St. Louis was marked yesterday by the conviction of Julia Van Bever in one case. David Garfinkle, agent for the Van Bever resorts, also was placed on trial.

Testimony showing that David Garfinkle of St. Louis has been assisting in bringing girls from that city to resorts in Chicago was introduced before Judge Goring. Chief of Police L. P. Creedy of St. Louis testified that Garfinkle had confessed as much to him.

Upon the testimony of Marie Thiele, who escaped from a South Chicago resort owned by Fred. Bolar, Thomas England and John Paul were fined \$500 each and sent to the bridewell for one year by Judge Stewart in the South Chicago court. The girl testified that she was taken to the resort on November 7 by England.

INDIANA STATE TREASURER IS SUED FOR A DIVORCE

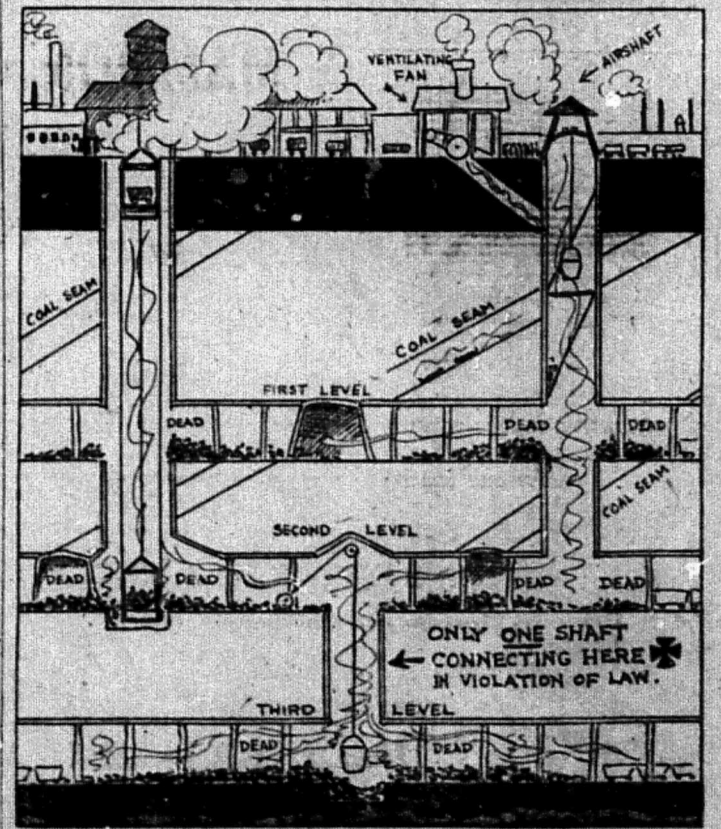
Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 18.—Desire for an imposing appearance in society is believed to be the real cause why Mrs. Emma Hadley, wife of Oscar Hadley, treasurer of the state of Indiana, brought suit in Danville, Hendricks county, against him for absolute divorce and \$20,000 alimony yesterday.

DARROW SPEAKS ON 'OPEN SHOP'

Clarence Darrow, well known for the part he took in defending the officials of the Western Federation of Miners in their fight against the mine operators of Colorado in the trials held at Boise, Idaho, will lecture on "The Open Shop," under the auspices of the Young People's Socialist League, at the league assembly hall this evening at 180 Washington street.

Darrow also acted as counsel for the Political Refugee Defense League in the Rudowitz case, successfully combating the attempt of the Russian government to seize political refugees in this country and have them shipped back for slaughter. Darrow is now defending Fred D. Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, in his fight in the federal courts for the rights of a free Socialist press.

HOW THE MINE OWNERS DEFIED THE LAW



CROSS (X) IN DIAGRAM SHOWS HOW THIRD LEVEL WAS REACHED FROM HIGHER LEVELS BY A SINGLE SHAFT; TWO SHAFTS FOR EACH LEVEL ARE REQUIRED BY LAW.

In the construction of the mine the law was violated. The law says the shaftway should be substantial in the escapement shaft. It was of wood and burned. The law says that the mines must each have two means of egress, accessible from all parts of the mine. The diagram shows this was not complied with. The law in that regard is explicit. For its violation resulting in death indictments for manslaughter should be found. The law reads: "For every coal mine in this state worked by shaft, slope or drift, there shall be provided and maintained, in addition to the hoisting shaft, or other place of delivery, a separate escapement shaft or opening to the surface, or an underground communicating passageway between every such mine, and some contiguous mine, such as shall constitute two distinct and available means of egress to all persons employed in such coal mine."

"The escapement shaft at every mine shall be equipped with safe and ready means for prompt removal of men from the mine in time of danger, and such means shall be a substantial airway set at an angle not greater than forty-five degrees, which shall be provided with hand rails and with platforms or landings at each turn of the shaftway."

HENRY GEORGE, JR., TO DEBATE HERE WITH ARTHUR M. LEWIS

The negotiations for a debate between Henry George, Jr., and Arthur M. Lewis, the Garrick lecturer and editor of the Evolutionist, have just been brought to a successful issue. The son



HENRY GEORGE, JR.

of Henry George will defend the theories of his celebrated father, while Lewis will pit against them the social philosophy of Karl Marx.

The debate has been set for March 13, when Henry George, Jr., will travel from New York for the occasion.

LEGISLATORS AT LEWIS LECTURE

Milwaukee, Nov. 18.—Last night a large crowd gathered at the Freie Gemeinde hall to listen to the first of a course of weekly lectures to be given here by Arthur M. Lewis of Chicago. The lecturer's fame as a man who crowds one of Chicago's finest theaters (the Garrick) every Sunday morning preceded him here, and the hall was crowded beyond its legal capacity.

The subject was "Darwinism and Its Relation to Socialism." The applause was enthusiastic and frequent and both at the opening and close the lecturer received a great ovation.

Alderman Seidel occupied the chair. Elizabeth H. Thomas, state secretary of the Wisconsin Socialist party, and Carl D. Thompson, state representative in the Wisconsin legislature, were observed to be interested listeners in the front rows.

The platform was decorated with a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums presented to the lecturer by the Milwaukee Christian Socialist Fellowship.

TENTH WARD SOCIALIST CLUB NOT COMPOSED OF SOCIALISTS

G. T. Fraenkel, county secretary of the Socialist party, wishes it understood that the members of the Young Men's Socialist club of the Tenth ward are not members of the Socialist party, and that the Socialist party does not hold itself responsible for any action taken by this club. It is understood that this club has been giving entertainments claiming that they were under the auspices of the Socialist party. Efforts will be made to expose other organizations of a similar nature in other parts of the city.

RAILROADS SPAR WITH EMPLOYEES

Plan Campaign to Offset Demand for a Higher Scale of Wages

Railroad officials are now beginning to spar for advantageous positions in the conference to be held with their employees who are demanding increases in wages. The sessions of the conference are scheduled to begin Friday. This meeting will be similar to that held two years ago when the representatives of the workmen on 47 railroads gathered to present their grievances to their employers. An even larger number of railroads will be represented at this meeting.

The date of the meeting was set at the request of the switchmen's union, which asks for an increase of 6 cents an hour in the St. Paul and Minneapolis switching district, but it is uncertain whether the meeting will be held in Chicago or St. Paul.

The employees, headed by F. T. Hawley, grand master of the Switchmen's union, asked for a conference on Monday at St. Paul, but the managers preferred to have it in Chicago.

May Go to Arbitration

The railroads will be represented by the committee appointed at the time of the labor disputes two years ago, which were finally settled by arbitration and resulted in increased wages for nearly every branch of the service, as far as the western roads are concerned.

It is predicted that the wage question will be submitted to arbitration ultimately, as it was two years ago, as the railroads insist that their earnings and traffic are just becoming normal again after the panic.

The situation at St. Paul and its ultimate settlement will probably serve as a criterion for the readjustment of wage scales in many other cities, if an advance is finally determined upon, as the scale for switchmen is now the same in Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Denver and other large switching centers.

Up to the Switchmen

The Chicago switchmen, who have asked the roads centering here for a raise of 5 cents an hour, will be conferred with after the conference with the men from the northwest.

5,000 SOLDIERS DESERT IN YEAR

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—Continued extensive desertions from the United States army during the last fiscal year form the leading feature of the annual report of Adj. Gen. Almendorf. After showing that 4,993 men deserted from the enlisted force of the regular army, Gen. Almendorf concludes that only a strict enforcement of severe penalties will diminish materially the practice of taking "French leave" on the part of the soldiers.

He regards as alarming the fact that the number of desertions during the last fiscal year was greater than in the preceding twelve months. Of the whole number of enlisted men 4.97 per cent deserted during the last fiscal year, while the desertions of the preceding year amounted to 4.59 per cent.

SORROW OVER SON'S DEATH CAUSES FATHER TO SUICIDE

New York, Nov. 18.—Robert Morrison, the owner of the celluloid factory at 150 Columbia street, Brooklyn, which was destroyed by fire a week ago, causing the loss of eleven lives, including that of William Morrison, his son, committed suicide early today by inhaling gas in the bathroom of the home, 49 Strong place. Despondency over the destruction of his factory and the death of his son as well as of so many of his employees is believed to have upset his mind.

BOY BURNED AT ASYLUM IS DEAD

Frank Groux, whose injury while an inmate of the asylum for feeble-minded children at Lincoln, Ill., caused a legislative investigation two years ago, died Monday noon at the Sisters of St. Francis Institute, Jefferson, Wis. Death came two hours before the youth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Groux of Chicago, reached the Wisconsin institution.

Frank Groux was a few days over 19 years old at the time of his death. A sufferer of epilepsy, he was sent to the Illinois asylum December 12, 1907. During the holidays of the same year it was reported to his father that the boy had been burned by falling against a steam radiator. Since that time the boy had suffered more severely. It is said, and hemorrhages were added to his other ills.

The body was brought to Chicago yesterday.

DENEEN SAYS HE INTENDS TO OUST GRADE CROSSINGS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—Railroad grade crossings in Illinois must go, Governor Deneen has fixed upon the reform as one of the achievements of his administration and the Illinois railroad and warehouse commission has been carrying on a quiet investigation of a practical solution of the problem. It is the governor's ambition to have Illinois set an example.

This information transpired yesterday at the opening session of the twenty-first annual convention of the state railway commissioners.

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Dunne Charges Witnesses Against Frank Moy Are Being Intimidated

That efforts are being made to discredit and intimidate witnesses in the gambling cases against "Mayor" Frank Moy, and other leading citizens of Chinatown, is charged by former Mayor Edward F. Dunne, counsel for the merchant faction among the Orientals.

The first attempt to get a witness out of the way was made in the arrest of Chin Hung, charged with robbing the laundry of Low Sang Man at 1537 West Twelfth street. Mr. Dunne claims the charge is ridiculous, saying that at the time the robbery is said to have been committed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, three other men besides the defendant were in the laundry.

"It was a frame-up," says Mr. Dunne, charging that detectives were waiting outside the laundry to arrest Chin Hung.

There are over fifty indictments against Frank Moy as a result of State's Attorney Wayman's Chinatown raid. About twenty other Chinamen are also involved. Their cases will come up next week. Chin Hung's case was continued yesterday at the Maxwell street station until Nov. 29.

MANY VALUABLE PRIZES AT BIG SOCIALIST MASQUERADE

The annual prize masquerade ball of the Twenty-second ward branch of the Socialist party will be held Saturday evening, November 20, in Mozart hall, 1538 Clybourn avenue. Every effort to make the affair a success has been put forth by the ward members. Fifteen dollars in gold will be given away, in addition to 50 other prizes.

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Profits Vs. Men

A great, black hole, yawning hundreds of feet down into the earth, sprawling itself out into rooms and passages, through which men crawl and clamber like inhabitants of some infernal region.

Such is a mine.

Saturday morning, hundreds of men and young lads went down this gaping mouth in Cherry, and the earth swallowed them up.

These men and boys had no choice. It was grim necessity that day and night sent shifts of men to burrow in those black depths and face dangers of gas and fire and explosion.

Today there are two representatives of the disaster in the little mining town. There are widowed mothers and fatherless children. And there are the officials of the mining company.

Far different will this mine horror affect these two.

For the company it means the loss of certain dividends, a brief delay in the creation of profits.

For the families it means the loss of father, husband, son; the suffering of those children that remain; a bereavement that nothing heals.

In a little while the property of the company will be repaired. The officials will call for other men to come and create dividends, the bell will ring, the cage descend, and other miners will go down the shaft to face death, but to pile up profits.

"Due to the negligence of a fellow servant!" cries a capitalist paper. This old and worn-out subterfuge of employers does not explain the fact that this mine had a shaft built entirely of pine-wood, that not one precaution had been taken by the company to safeguard the men, that a flaming torch was kept burning near the shaft, that after the danger loomed threatening no alarm was sounded to the workers, but coal continued to be hoisted.

The boasted modern appliances applied only to the cheap and rapid handling of coal. That meant profits. Not one appliance protected the miner.

When the history of this mine disaster is written it will be the story of PROFITS.

It was for profit that the mining company failed to build the shaft of brick or concrete.

It was for profit that it failed to put in iron stairs leading from level to level.

It was for profit that the mine ran on by the aid of torches when the electric lights were out of repair.

It was for profit that the men were kept to work underground after the fire started.

It is because a group of men, who never toil, who have never dug a pound of coal, who have, many of them, never been down in the black pit of a mine, but who live on profits, own this mine, and with it the possibilities for livelihood of the workers and their families, that these miners were not protected and met an unspeakable death.

To the working class this disaster must drive home a bitter fact. With the power to elect representatives of its own class, it has left representatives of the coal and other corporations to make the laws. The protective laws secured have only been obtained after hard and bitter fights.

It has, then, left other representatives of the mining class to execute the laws. As a result, the laws enacted have not been enforced. The least of the lessons that labor can learn is that more and better protection must be secured.

Labor will learn another lesson, perhaps, from Saturday's disaster: That it is only by the united, intelligent action of the workers in the political and economic field, in gaining control of the means of livelihood, that mine workers, steel workers, railroad workers, and all the other toilers will be protected and similar horrors stopped forever.

And over the victims of this horror labor will eventually raise a monument. Not of marble. It will be a monument built through the united efforts of labor. THIS MONUMENT WILL BE A NEW SOCIETY IN WHICH PROFIT WILL HAVE DISAPPEARED.

It will be a monument that means protection of the life of the worker and secure to him the full results of his toil, because he himself will own and direct the mines and other instruments with which men work.

Property will not then be put above the lives of men.

Cost of Production

Thoreau has said that the largest element in the price of an article is what it costs in human life.

An article created out of child labor is the most costly one that society can produce. No savage tribe was ever yet found that destroyed its young and strong children. The continuance of the tribe depended on these, and they were protected with care. Yet modern civilization presents the phenomena of a society that feeds on its future social asset. It maims and destroys its young.

The cost of such production can never be counted. It can only be estimated in the stunted mental and physical life of the child workers.

Goods produced by the labor of women under insanitary conditions and through long hours of labor are too expensive for any society. Yet the employers go merrily on with their fight to secure the recognition of the eighteenth century "freedom of contract" theory in order that they may exploit the women of Illinois as many hours as they desire.

Goods produced by anyone under conditions that weaken, mentally or physically, the worker and in the production of which he has no pleasure, are dear in human life.

Any society that puts the production of goods above the perfection of human life, and makes it an end in itself, is wrong.

But it will only become effectually wrong when the majority of the workers themselves control production.

CIVILIZATION

BY FRANK MIDNEY

Nothing in the world is so hard to define as this thing called "civilization," and nothing is more certain that we have been using wrong terms. Can civilization be defined in terms of industrial progress? In terms of material advancement? Can it be defined in terms, commonly used by the ruling classes, such as "world power," "export trade," "railroad mileage," "libraries," "electric cars," "flying machines," and so on? No; so far we are on the wrong track.

We find ourselves in the midst of a state of society undesirable. We call it civilization. It is a sort of disease through which many forgotten races have passed. Our present stage of culture has been reached and exceeded by many nations now extinct.

There must be some supreme test by which we can measure society. Our present day is devoted to the development of coal mines, railroads, steel industries, pork packing plants, armies and navies, cannons and smokeless powder, grafters and sinners. All this and for what? That a few may have life's comforts while the many have—mentally, morally and physically? No, people have the right to call themselves civilized until they learn that man culture is the only worthy aim of man. The perfect man is the supreme need.

We know how to grow corn, wheat, short-nosed hogs, hornless cattle, two-minute trotters, sheep—all wool and a yard wide—new flowers, white blackberries, spineless cactus, and so forth. We have our Burbanks in horticulture, our experts in agriculture, our scientists and chemists working in nature's laboratory, but human culture is a neglected field. The farmer plants his crops in the sunlight and under the shadows. The horticulturist plants his roses far enough apart to afford sufficient air, sunlight and nourishment. Human plants are stunted in the foul, airless, overpopulated cities; heeded in small rooms like cattle in a slaughter pen. And all this we call civilization!

Man needs cultivation in three directions, namely, physically, mentally and morally. Is he developing as a trinitarian being? What is he physically? All authorities agree that instead of improving he is in reality degenerating. We are a nation of physical degenerates. You remember that in America there are 60,000 physicians who are tinkering with us internally, then you will readily see that we must be in bad shape. More than 25,000 drug stores are feeding us dope of some kind. We are consuming 20,000 barrels of patent medicine each 365 days.

This does not include doctors' prescriptions and pills.

We probably use pills enough to equip every vehicle in America with ball bearings. Yet, in spite of all the physicians, drug stores and medicine, 700,000 die each year. Consumption (all authorities agree) that 90 per cent of these cases are curable, and more than 2,000,000 are afflicted.

What's the cause of consumption? Poor nourishment, foul air and overwork. Wipe out the tenement districts, ventilate the mines and factories, shorten the hours of labor, and you have solved the problem. We have abolished hog cholera, but not consumption, because it costs more to buy a hog than a laborer.

One-third of all the children of the poor die prematurely from preventable diseases and undernourishment. Thirty thousand men are killed and 2,000,000 injured on our railroads every year. This frightful slaughter is

almost entirely unnecessary and consequently criminal, and if justice were done the men responsible would be declared guilty of manslaughter! This would put a stop to it at once.

This much for the physical man; now what about his intellectual progress?

The average young man of today is a cane-sucking sport, interested in none of the great problems of the day. He reads the Diamond Dick stuff, the Police Gazette, or the sporting page of our daily paper. If he buys a newspaper he couldn't be induced to read the editorial section.

He pulls out the sporting page and throws the balance into the gutter. He can tell you every ball player and prize fighter's record, both here and in Europe. But he does not think. He only thinks he thinks! The children of the poor have their vitality prematurely sapped in shop and factory. All finer sensibilities destroyed or stunted mentally, morally and physically. We still expect him to father the citizen of the future! Can we expect anything but rubbish?

Our present system is to blame. We have "societies" for the prevention of cruelty to animals, but none to demand a change of an industrial system which damns the many as well as the few! What a howl goes up from these people when a farmer attempts to work an immature calf! But child slavery is to them a question of no importance.

The mad rush in business and industry is responsible for the nervous unrest of today. Poverty, or the fear of poverty, is the dominant emotion and the fear of it. All these are responsible for our overcrowded lunatic asylums and the increase in the number of suicides. Drunkenness is also on the increase and cannot be checked until you take from men the need of a stimulant.

Again, let me remind you that this is the age of property. Property is the chief consideration today. Armies, navies, policemen, militiamen, all are engaged in the protection of property. Man is only a secondary consideration. Our courts are also instruments in the hands of the property owning class and safeguard their ownership.

Dear friend, go home tonight and whip your wife until you have covered her tender, white skin with bruises, and if you are haled before a judge he will fine you or send you to prison for about three months. Steal a ham and keep her from starving and the judge will give you three years.

You see, he is paid to watch the ham, and he does his duty well.

What is this civilization (so-called) doing for man? This, and this alone, is the chief consideration. How is he housed? How is he fed? How is he clothed? How is he educated?

He, the laborer, is the builder of all houses, yet has none of his own.

He, the laborer, is the creator of all food, but is himself starving.

He, the laborer, is the weaver of all cloth, but is naked.

He, the laborer, is the builder of all schools and theaters, but has been reduced to the university of the street and the moving picture show.

Tollers, are you satisfied? Does life mean nothing to you, but beastly toil?

You produce all and have nothing. Those who have all produce nothing. Is it not time for a change?

Wise "Widdy"

H. K. Adair, a western detective, was being complimented in Grand Rapids, says the New York Tribune, about an absconding banker he had run to earth.

"Oh, the man gave himself away," said Mr. Adair. "He shied too much. Everything seemed in his morbid mind, to point suspicions at him. He was like the old 'widdy' woman."

"An old 'widdy' woman went to an undertaker to order a coffin for her deceased husband."

"He was very, very, very good to me," she said, "and I'll have a coffin of the best yellow pine."

"Yes, madam. That'll be \$14," said the undertaker. "And what kind of trimmings will you have on the coffin?"

"Trimmin's!" cried the 'widdy' woman. "And right well you know, ye spalpeen, that I'll have no trimmin's at all, when it was trimmin's that the poor lad died of, bad luck to 'em."

Surely

When we think of Ireland's woes, our hearts go pity Pat-Lippincott's Magazine.

Experts of Nation Go Abroad to Make Biggest World Map

Bailey Willis and S. J. Kubel of the geological survey have been sent to London as representatives of the United States government in a project to make the greatest map ever undertaken by men.

At the fifth international geographic congress held at Bern in 1891 a proposition was presented that the enlightened nations of the world unite upon a plan to make a general map of the world. The proposal was that it be on the scale of 1 to 1,000,000, or about 16 miles to the inch, and that the separate sheets of the map should be so bounded by meridians and parallels that any two sheets representing adjacent areas would match.

This led to nothing but talk for some years, but at the ninth international geographic congress in Geneva in 1893 a resolution offered by Henry Gannett of the United States geological survey and providing for an international com-

mitted to take up the big map idea, was adopted. By authority of that resolution Great Britain recently invited the United States, Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and Spain to send their representatives to attend a meeting to be held in London beginning Nov. 16. This is the affair Messrs. Willis and Kubel have gone abroad to attend.

The geological survey has for some time been engaged in compiling maps of portions of the United States on the scale of 1 to 1,000,000 in accordance with a plan which embodies the principal features on which agreement with other nations is expected as the result of the London meeting. When the big map is completed it will be the standard authority of the world in all respects, including boundaries, topography, names and spelling.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Why You Should Be a Socialist

BY THERESA MALKIEL

The following is published as a leaflet by the Progressive Woman:

You who live under a system of society where a few revel in luxury and riches, while the many struggle and labor in the sweat of their brow for a daily existence, must realize that things are not as they should be, that there is something wrong somewhere.

You who are a working woman, do you revere how little you get for your hard labor? Do you consider the fact that between work and sleep there is very little time left for you to live in? Are you affected at all by the indignities you have to undergo before you get a job? Do you take notice of the "help wanted" ads in the papers—the bosses as a rule want hands. You, personally, do not count. They want your muscle, and when that is gone and you are not good looking enough to find a provider, you are thrown out into the street.

You work hard and steady, while your employer robs you of the greatest part of your earnings, so that he may lead an idle life. He revels in luxury without working, while you lead a miserable existence in spite of your hard labor. He alone benefits by the numerous inventions of machinery which go to increase your hardships, for with every new invention hosts of workers are thrown out of their jobs and some day it may affect you directly.

You, who do not get paid for your labor, who are the wife of a workingman, do you grasp the misery of your position? You work from early morning until late at night. You drudge day in and day out without reward in the present, without hope for the future.

And you who consider yourself better than the former two, you who are a middle-class woman, do you know that you are only a toy in the hands of those upon whom you depend for a living? Should they fall in the game of life, you, too, would have to go. Do you realize that you have no individuality of your own, that you would find yourself tradeless and professionless, and thus be compelled to sink below the standard of day laboring girls?

You, every individual woman who reads these lines, may think that whom ever else these truths may concern they cannot affect you; then stop for a brief moment and consider the army of wage-earning women.

A look at their pale, worn faces, their emaciated hands and their story will speak for itself. And yet they are better off than those who want to earn an honest living, but cannot find work and are thus compelled to sell their bodies in order to avoid starvation.

do you ever think of the children who live and die in the gutter? They are all born innocent and pure, equal in everything to the prince or millionaire; why, then, should they face such a fate?

You, who whirl and buzz through life like a butterfly, without a single thought of all the world's injustices, beware, for you yourself may be hit some day; it will be too late to think then.

You may think that all this talk is only a waste of time, that the world has always gone on in this way and there is no remedy for it. But you are wrong, my sister, you are utterly wrong. There is a way out of all this human suffering. The world does not remain at a standstill, but keeps constantly changing, and it depends now upon the workers themselves, you included, to bring about the new change for the better.

This is the main reason why you should be a Socialist.

The Socialists have studied the history of the world and its gradual development from savagery into civilization. They have examined carefully the change from chattel to wage slavery and have come to the conclusion that if the workers were the owners of the tools of production they would then receive the full fruit of their labor.

In other words, under a co-operative system of government, or under Socialism, the workers would not have to give up a lion's share of their profits to their employers, which would mean a better and easier living for themselves. Instead of living to work, they would have to work to live, a few hours a day and enjoy the advantages of civilization the rest of the time. Every step of progress would then be made for all. Every new invention of machinery would thus become a blessing instead of a curse to the working class.

You may think that the question of government does not concern you, for you are deprived of a vote on all political questions. But this is another good reason why you should be a Socialist. The Socialist party is the only political party that demands an equal standard of rights and morals for both men and women.

You may not be aware of the fact that it is to the advantage of every person to be a Socialist, and never think of the fact that women will benefit most under Socialism. That in no other system of society can woman hope to achieve the freedom she is bound to have under Socialism. Politically equal to and economically independent of man, she will for the first time in history become mistress of her own destiny.

You will then be able to exercise her

mental powers and choose her own occupation on such fields as are most suitable to her.

The hours of labor will be short and every woman instead of being a burden to somebody will be glad to do her share toward creating the world's wealth.

The final goal of woman's complete emancipation, her perfect equality with man, is possible only under a regime that will abolish the rule of man over man, which is the Socialist regime.

Socialism is bound to come. The day is not far off when the world will wake up to the realization that as long as a few own the tools with which they make have to work, so long will the many have to bow before the will of the few. And as soon as that happens, the citizens of this land will elect a government that will take over the ownership and management of all the tools of production from private hands and operate them for the benefit of all the people.

Thus will Socialism benefit pauper and prince alike. It will redeem the world from greed and graft. It will put an end to the wholesale slaughter for gain. It will save children from being robbed of their mother's care and accord them a real equality of opportunity and not a sham one as it exists today. It will put an end to the struggle for bread and thus give the people a chance to choose their occupation according to inclination and natural ability, perfecting and strengthening the character of the individual. And this is just the very reason why you should be a Socialist.

Rise, sister, and join the ranks of the progressive working class, that the toilers of the world may come the victors into their own. You will be welcomed into the Socialist party—your work is needed there. On you depend the Meats of our future generation, the last but not the least reason why you should be a Socialist.

Two of a Kind

The dean of a western university was told by the students that the cook was turning out food not "fit to eat."

The dean summoned the delinquent, lectured him on his shortcomings and threatened him with dismissal unless conditions were bettered.

"Why, sir," exclaimed the cook, "you oughtn't to place so much importance on what the young men tell you about my meals! They come to me in just the same way about your lectures!"—The Argonaut.

Just Like Peary

"Isn't that just like a man?" exclaimed the Arctic explorer's wife.

"He's eaten nothing but pemmican for two years, and today he kicked just because I had a warmed-over dinner."—Detroit Free Press.

HOW SOCIALISM HURTS THE UNIONS

BY ROBERT HUNTER

I have told how Socialism hurts the Unions. Now I want to show how Capitalism helps the Unions.

There are two instances worthy of serious thought.

The most notable is the case of the National Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

In 1892 that organization had about 24,000 members in good standing. Today is has at most 10,000.

Yet so far as I know there were few Socialists in that Union. Certainly no Socialist can be accused of disrupting it.

This association believed in the brotherhood of capital and labor. It believed that what was good for capital was good for labor. It believed that big profits meant big wages.

As a result it worked politically with the bosses.

It left the American Federation of Labor at one time because the Federation removed a plank from its platform declaring for the Protective Tariff. In other words, it broke away from its comrades to help the bosses.

In 1892 occurred the celebrated strike at Homestead. Carnegie & Co. undertook to force a wholesale decrease in wages. It was midwinter and the men pleaded with the bosses not to force them to strike at such a time.

They declared that the profits of the company had vastly increased under the McKinley Tariff and maintained that there was no occasion for a reduction of wages.

Carnegie & Co. refused to give way. They discharged all who refused their terms and declared they would have no further dealing with the Union.

This Union had helped Carnegie & Co. to get the Protective Tariff. It had marched for the Republican party, passed high tariff resolutions and sent them to Congress.

The Tariff bill was passed, the profits of Carnegie soared higher and higher. But that winter a fence three miles long and twelve feet high, covered with barbed wire, was built about the works of Andrew. He then sent for 300 armed Pinkertons.

For almost the first time in this country privately paid assassins were introduced into a labor dispute. A battle ensued which lasted for two days and scores of men were injured.

Wholesale arrests were made. The labor friends of capital were imprisoned. The strike was broken and the men returned to work as non-Union men.

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Contrast this with the condition of the Metal Workers of Germany. They are led by Socialists, yet in 1908 instead of having a mere handful of organized men they have 380,000 in good standing.

Their financial condition is such that they were able to vote the other day to the Swedish strike \$125,000. You see how Socialism hurts the Unions.

Another instance of the value of brotherhood between capital and labor can be shown in the history of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union.

A shrewd, clever capitalist named William L. Douglas awakened one morning to the fact that a Union label on shoes is good business.

He got hold of Union officials, made all his shoe Union shops. He employed two of the ablest Trade Unionists to work for him. They were to be joint representatives of capital and labor.

Douglas began then to advertise Trade Unions. Trade Union men were employed to preach the Trade Union label AND DOUGLAS SHOES.

He established stores all over the country. He made for himself millions of money.

He then ran for Governor of Massachusetts. The Unions supported him. He was a Union man. He was labor's friend. He became Governor, opened a fight on the Trade Unions and now he is at war with the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union.

The men he employed became traitors to their fellows and now the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union is trying with might and main to teach the workers of America that Douglas shoes are non-union shoes.

They are now trying to break the man they made. Trying to kill the giant they created. Trying to induce the workers to withdraw their patronage from the man who for years THE UNION has sought patronage.

This another instance of the value of brotherhood of capital and labor. It is another instance to prove how Socialism hurts the Unions and how Capitalism helps the Unions.

THE CULT OF THE UNFIT

BY A. R. COOPER.

"The occasional restitutions of the Rockefellers and the Carnegies make little impression. They are taken too often as hush money. Sometimes they are even rejected, rejected with scorn. Neither thankfulness nor amnesty follows them. Two more unpopular Americans do not live."—H. W., in Courier-Journal, Nov. 6.

The proudly placed people of the earth never tire of telling us that they have won and hold their favored positions and all their abundance of goods, by virtue of the great biological law of the survival of the fittest.

They further tell us that the great mass of humankind are doomed by the same law never to know the sweets of plenty, and always to be hewers of wood and drawers of water. And yet these same lords of the earth kindly allow that the lower classes, the name the workers of the world are known by in the upper circles, are better off than they once were and are steadily advancing in general well being. But they do not tell us that if these lowly people shall ever advance so far as to become smart and strong enough to take and keep the wealth they produce for their own sole use, then there will be an end to the whole system of unearned revenues, which make the high people of the earth and all the pomp and luxury of their life.

When this day comes, if it ever comes, there will no longer be upper and lower classes, but all will be of one class. And who shall say that this is not the drift of things rather than towards the perpetuation of the existing division of society into upper and lower warring classes?

This claim of our rulers to be the fittest is the modern version of the old doctrine of divine right. In name at least that old doctrine has been given up, and something very different—true democracy—seems to be coming in its place.

Instead of saying, as our ancestors did, that kings and nobles and priests rule by divine right, or that capitalism is ordained of God, we now account for social classes by the natural law of the survival of the fittest. In other words, the scientific basis of modern plutocracy is the right of predatory might to be lord of all, with property as the supreme object of its worship.

The greatest heroes of this golden cult are those terrible beasts of prey, the multi-millionaires. Over the portals of their Pantheons we read, not "liberty, fraternity and equality," and within are the statues of Astor, Vanderbilt, Gould, Sage and Harriman, and notice the empty niches reserved for certain lesser and greater magnates holding unclouded titles to high rank in the celestial upper chamber of the rich.

Of course, it must needs be that the fittest must survive and flourish. Where there are weak and strong, how can it be otherwise than that the strong shall outlive and outlast the weak? With competition as the rule of life, this must needs be the outcome. But suppose competition exhausts itself in monopoly, and this is followed by co-operation or collective control, will it not then result that the tooth and claw type of fittest will become extinct and a new fittest, which is now also the best, will take its place?

Then may come the end to that form of struggle which Rockefeller so unctuously lauds in his Sunday school talks, and which means, we suppose, the struggle for plety or conduct, or any kind of non-material eminence, but solely for bloated boards of lucre and other forms of solid pelf. He certainly cannot mean the struggle of the laborers for industrial union or the Socialist for the co-operative commonwealth.

In the long run, it is the process of nature that the fittest must be the best, or downwards we will go. The old forms of upper class arrangements, held their ground as long as they were able to stand, but they went down when they had lost this superiority.

It will be the same with the present upper classes. So long as they serve the public weal, they cannot be dis-

placed, but if evils and troubles arise beyond their power to remedy, then the law of social self preservation will assert itself and bring about the condition and consciousness of better times.

In this way it has always happened that the fit among classes and systems of one age have become the unfit of a later age. The burden of all written history has been the struggle of the fit and unfit classes for supremacy.