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GREAT EDITORS IN MINE STOCK DEAL

Virtuous Victor Lawson Don't Publish Fake Ads In the Daily News, But Carries Them in the Record-Herald.

SUBSCRIBERS ARE VICTIMS

Letters Pour into Schemers' Office in Reply to Golden and Wild Promises in Tribune, Examiner and Inter Ocean.

Get-rich-quick companies today received a flood of letters from subscribers of the Chicago Tribune, the American-Examiner, the Inter Ocean and the Chicago Record-Herald.

A few days ago the Daily News, owned by Victor Lawson, was given credit in these columns with refusing to publish these advertisements. He reproduced our story in the News and patted his own virtue on the back in a fine editorial.

His disgusting hypocrisy is shown by the fact that his other paper, the Chicago Record-Herald, published the same advertisements he says are not fit for the Daily News.

It is hard to understand how any man can come before the public daily as the owner of two newspapers and display such absurd deception. Lawson is the limit, however, when it comes to deceiving the public.

Lawson's Hypocrisy.

These facts are given simply to show how hollow is his claim to respectability and in this community. If he will stultify himself and do something he admits is a crime for fifteen columns of advertising, what would he do for a street, car franchise, a telephone franchise or seventy-five columns of advertising?

Don't let him fool you with his newspapers next election.

How Schemes Get "Business."

The record for Sabbath advertising is fifteen full pages of mining advertisements in four Chicago Sunday papers yesterday.

One hundred and five columns, either display or classified, of mining propositions. All written in the most alluring style. The tinge of gold even attracting itself to the language employed in putting the proposals before the public.

A great portion of the mines mentioned are located in the Cobalt district, where a few fortunes have been made by those who were on the inside, but whether there are fortunes for all is yet to be seen.

If there is any connection between Webster's definition of the word cobalt and the mines in the Cobalt region, people had better keep their money at home.

"Cobalt—from the Greek word knave; so called by miners because cobalt was a poisonous metal and troublesome to miners."—Webster's Dictionary.

How the Great Papers Prosper.

The American and Examiner had forty-three and one-half columns of mining ads.

The Tribune had twenty-three columns.

The Inter Ocean had twenty-three columns.

The Record-Herald had fifteen and one-half columns.

These may not all be of a questionable character, but mining propositions have a bad reputation.

The means by which these propositions of get-rich-quick schemers put themselves before the public is through the daily papers and other respectable periodicals. The cost of the ads appearing in Chicago papers Sunday alone was thousands of dollars.

It is the golden language injected into these ads which catches the waiting sucker.

A full-page ad in the Examiner-American Sunday with such wording as this, "Money for you: 900,000 tons of gold ore; \$2,000,000 waiting for

our stockholders. 11-7-07 July 10 cents a share; \$1 par value; buy now, will advance quickly."

Showers of Gold for "You." Descriptive matter is also there relating how someone else got rich. All you have to do is give money to the advertisers and gold will shower all around you.

In this Cobalt district there are 250 properties, of which only fifteen are of known merit. So there is about one chance in seventeen of investing in anything in which there is any safety.

The total properties in this district are capitalized in the neighborhood of one billion dollars. This fabulous sum should warn investors if nothing else does. Promoters form associations with these fakes and call them "mine owners' associations" in order to give a solid appearance to the game.

It is the same in all parts of the country; great editor-business-men help make victims of their subscribers.

TELEGRAPH LINES HELP SWINDLES

Fake Dispatches, Mimographed, Spoil the Game—Operators Must Work For Schemers.

Telegraph companies have sided with the get-rich mining schemers. To-day all operators in Chicago and other places were ordered to help the game.

It is the custom for the promoters in Goldfields and the Cobalt region, in Chicago and St. Louis, to send out scores of telegrams "tipping off" good things to their "friends." They send these dispatches by the score.

They are all alike, and the operators decided to make mimeograph copies of one telegram and do the whole job at once. This method did not work at all.

The "friend" who was getting a quiet tip was handed a dispatch that evidently was a copy. Investigation was made, and it was found that any man suspected with having a savings bank account is the "friend" of these promoters.

Hereafter the tips will be sent out in different fashion. Each one will appear to be an original telegram, and not one of a thousand of the same kind and containing the same information.

ROBBER SHOT IN BATTLE WITH POLICE

Detectives Fight With Four Men Who Attempt to Rob Early This Morning.

Detective O'Brien and O'Donnell of the Stanton Avenue Police Station shot and wounded C. F. Collister, 3228 Wabash avenue, in a desperate duel early today with the man shot and three other bandits at 3236 Michigan avenue.

Collister's companions in the attack on the policemen are under arrest.

Their names are: W. D. Martin, 3128 State street. Roy Holland, 3128 State street. John Lovelance, 728 Dearborn street.

The thieves were robbing Michael Drummond, a coachman, when the man's shouts attracted the attention of the police.

GOLD REPRESENTED AT SPENCER'S BIER

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—One-third of the wealth of the United States was represented at the funeral of Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern railway, who was killed in a wreck on his own road.

Among those present were Vice-President Fairbanks, Justice White of the Supreme Court of the United States, Senator and Mrs. Foraker of Ohio, Senator Bacon of Georgia, Governor Swanson and Senator Martin of Virginia, Senator Kean of New Jersey, Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, Senator Weimore of Rhode Island, former Senator Henry G. Davis of West Virginia, J. Pierpont Morgan of New York, E. H. Harriman, Charles Stirling of New York, First Vice-President Andrews, Second Vice-President Finley of the Southern railway.

The services were held in St. John's Protestant Episcopal church.



AFTER THE WIDOW'S MITE

UNION BUSTERS IN SESSION

Open Shoppers Plan to Prosecute Organized Labor Under Anti-Trust Laws.

Union busters from all sections of the world met at the Auditorium this morning to open the fourth annual convention of the Citizens' Industrial Association.

William Collison, general secretary of the "National Free Labor Association" of Great Britain, an association dedicated to the "open shop" policy and opposed to the activity of labor in politics, is one of the principal figures at the convention.

Mr. Collison declared that he is not afraid of democracy, and appealed to the "educated classes" to do their duty in the matter of breaking up organized labor.

Charles W. Post of Battle Creek, Mich., who succeeded in making coffee out of bread crumbs, is another of the prominent members of the association.

Discussion of the possible prosecution of labor unions for "restraining trade" by strikes, boycotts and other weapons of organized labor, and the ways of depriving organized labor of every means of protecting itself against capitalism, formed an important part of to-day's session.

Mayor Dunne welcomed the delegates to "our beautiful city."

Battle Creek Post Speaks.

In his address Post attacked the American Federation of Labor as "the greatest trust with which the people have to contend," reviewed the organization of a propaganda to secure the "open shop," and declared that building, trades, printing houses and other branches of industry are gradually establishing again the open shop.

He referred to Representative Littlefield's victory over Gompers' forces in Maine as an example proving that the people will not submit "to the dictation of the labor or any other trust." He said about seventy-eight millions of the American people belong to no trust, labor or capital. "The great majority of these," the speaker said, "prefer to vote as American citizens, and not as a class opposed to public interest." The newspapers, too, discovered in the last campaign that the interests of the common people are not the interests of the labor trust. There has been a marked improvement in the freedom of the press from labor dictation.

Post called for concerted action to secure industrial peace, decried the tendency toward anarchy displayed by labor leaders, and concluded that the greatest step toward settled conditions in commerce and industry was made by the demand of the citizens for the open shop, no restriction as to number of apprentices, no boycott, no violence, no picketing and steady operation of industries.

GREAT SATIRIST JAILED.

Cobbler Who Made Royal Billie and His Army Look Foolish Must Serve Four Years.

William Voigt, the German cobbler and ex-convict, who, distinguished as an army captain, took command of a squad of soldiers and robbed the Koepenick treasury, was sentenced to four years in prison. German citizens sympathized with him and his exploit has done more than any other one thing in recent times to make German militarism ridiculous.

The idea that a soldier is to obey his superior officers even when his judgment tells him not to obey, was shown in all its folly by Voigt. As a result the whole world is laughing at the emperor and his army.

COAL COMBINE CAUSES ANARCHY

Wall Street Gamblers Control all Coal in Washington and Famine Prevails.

[By a Staff Correspondent.]

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 3.—A coal famine throughout the state of Washington exists. The people are making raids on trains carrying coal, and law officers are powerless.

Gould, Harriman and other capitalists have been stealing coal lands all through this part of the country so that the people are unable to obtain any but an inferior grade which is fit for nothing but for use on steamships.

The people are determined not to stand this condition of affairs much longer, and will obtain fuel even if they have to steal back what has been illegally taken from them.

The coal combine is supreme, and the "captains of industry" cannot supply their people with fuel.

WANTS TO KILL HARRIMAN.

Ruined Business Man Turns to Anarchy and Not to Reason for Relief.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Brooke Mackie, an old man retired from the real estate business, was arrested for making threats against the life of E. H. Harriman and other officials of the Union Pacific railroad.

He was examined by surgeons and adjudged insane. On searching him a letter was found addressed to Harriman making threats against his life.

[Comment: It is strange that the man was not called a Socialist. The Socialists don't want to kill Harriman, however, they simply want to put him to work. He works now, but so does a flea.]

BEBEL ATTACKS GERMAN SOLDIERS

Berlin, Dec. 2.—In the reichstag yesterday Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader, made a tremendous onslaught on the colonial administration, bringing atrocious charges against the colonial officials. He accused Von Arnim, Arndt, and Kardorf, three prominent members of the right, with intriguing to defend certain culpable administrators.

Herr Bebel worked himself into a trembling fury, which eventually communicated itself to both sides of the house. There was a tremendous uproar, insulting epithets were exchanged and for a long time the president was unable to quell the tumult.

Military Outrages.

Among the worst accusations, some of which are unprintable, Herr Bebel declared that a German lieutenant led an expedition to the village of the Co-hohos, a tribe of German Southwest Africa. The natives refused to submit and every inhabitant, except fifty-two children, was killed. The children were then put into baskets and thrown in the rapids of the river.

On another occasion, the German commandant being sick, his native mistress practically ruled the district, and on her causing three natives of robbery they were blown from the muzzles of cannon.

MEAT TRUST CAUSES RIOTS.

New York Retailers Will Ask the President to Protect Them.

New York, Dec. 3.—President Roosevelt is to be asked by the Kosher butchers of the east side to protect them and their patrons from the "beef trust."

In the last few weeks the price of meat has been boosted several times in the east side. This has led to near riots on several occasions, when outraged patrons threatened summary vengeance on the butchers, if they did not restore the old prices. The butchers say they are not to blame, as the trust has forced them to boost prices or starve.

MAY TIE UP WEALTH AS ARE FIELD RICHES

Otto Young, Dead Millionaire, May Live for Years as a Trust.

It is reported that Otto Young's estate is to be held in trust for his daughters for fifty years. Marshal Field tied up at least \$150,000,000 for longer than 40 years. Young left at least \$20,000,000 and this also is to be placed in trust, if rumors are correct.

A DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

Hamilton, Ohio, Dec. 3.—While lighting a coal-oil lamp at the supper table last night, the lamp exploded and Mrs. David Elevis, aged 58, was fatally burned. Her clothing was saturated with the inflammable oil and before assistance arrived life was extinct.

EXTEND AUSTRIAN SUFFRAGE.

Socialist Agitation Brings Results in Europe that Promises Others.

Vienna, Dec. 3.—The lower house of parliament passed the second and third readings of the new universal suffrage bill, which grants an equal franchise to every male Austrian more than 24 years of age who is able to read and write and has been a resident for at least a year in the place where an election is held. This ends a long fight initiated a year ago by the social democrats.

The upper house is not inclined to accept the bill, as the peers demand two votes for all married men more than 35 years of age.

SLAUGHTER ON RAILWAYS UNDER CAPITALISM.

Facts Show That the Great Captains of Industry, Mostly Gamblers, Can't Manage Lines.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has issued Accident Bulletin No. 20, giving the record of railroad accidents in the United States during the three months ending June 30, 1906, and yearly tables for the 12 months ending with June. The number of persons killed in train accidents in the quarter reported was 194, and of injured 3,031. The total number of casualties from train accidents and other causes was 16,937 (933 killed and 16,004 injured).

CHINESE TO MAKE COTTON GOODS

Japanese Capitalists Will Drive American Products Out of Asia.

Private letters received by Japanese Socialists in Chicago show that American traders are sure to lose the profitable cotton goods business in China and Japan.

The Mitsui company of Japan will erect gigantic cotton mills at Shanghai. The factory will cost 30,000,000 yen. Its product, turned out by the cheapest labor in the world, and, according to some authorities, the most efficient, when patient and unresting servitude is considered, will crowd out of Asia all manufactured cotton goods from America and European countries.

Other Factories Planned.

This project is to be followed by others of the same kind. Energetic Japanese capitalists will erect all sorts of plants in China. Skilled mechanics from America and Japan will teach the Chinese how to work in modern mills and factories. Chinese laborers will live on little or nothing and the product of these factories will be sent to this country, and, as the cheapest commodity always sells first, the condition will have a serious effect on conditions here.

Japan appears to be preparing to exploit China as a nation never was exploited before.

GERMANS DANCE FOR CAUSE.

Large Fund Raised for Socialist Press of Chicago Pleasant Gathering.

The entertainment and ball given by German Socialists at Brand's Hall for the benefit of the German Socialist press yesterday afternoon and evening was a grand success.

A program consisting of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and vaudeville sketches was given. Then the tables and chairs were cleared away and dancing was the order until midnight.

Several hundred dollars will go into the German Socialist press fund as a result of the pleasant affair.

ROOSEVELT FACES MORE TROUBLE WITH NEGROES

Washington, Dec. 3.—The same conditions as those facing the president in the Brownsville negro soldier incident, now confront him in the shooting of First Lieutenant Robert B. Calvert, company M, 24th regiment, in Leyte province, Philippine Islands. The entire company has been arrested, but like their fellow negroes in the 25th, they refuse to say who fired the shot.

HOST AT SEELEY DINNER ARRESTED.

New York, Dec. 3.—Herbert Barum Seeley, host at a famous dinner, where "Little Egypt" and her naughty dance were the features, is in trouble with the police. He is under arrest, charged with running a skating rink, to which were admitted girls and boys under the age of 16.

TIE LABOR WITH LEGAL CHAINS

Real Issue in the Shea Trial is the Sympathetic Strike.

LAWYERS TO MAKE NEW LAW

Unionists See Hand of Clever Retainers of Capitalists in Court Struggle — Bosses Use Sympathetic Strike and Boycott.

Organized labor of Chicago views the stress which the States Attorney lays upon the confessions of Albert Young and his associates, in the Shea trial, as a side track to draw the attention of the working class away from the real question involved in this trial.

"The question involved in this greatest trial organized labor has ever seen, is whether a sympathetic strike is a conspiracy," said Edward N. Nockels of the Chicago Federation of Labor. "The prosecuting attorney says he will prove that it is. Organized labor will never agree to it."

"The truth of the matter is, the Employers' and Manufacturers' associations are back of this trial in a desperate attempt to break the ranks of organized labor and to deprive labor of its most effective and practically only weapon—a sympathetic strike."

"The various employers' associations have been working on this case for over a year. The States Attorney did not compile all this evidence. This was all done by corporation lawyers for him."

"We can see very well how a law making a sympathetic strike a conspiracy would make the employers' associations the real lords of the labor situation, but this will never be permitted to become a law."

"If it is conspiracy for workmen to assist their fellows with a sympathetic strike the assistance the various employers' associations render each other when it comes to break a strike is also conspiracy. Yet no judge or states attorney ever viewed the case that way."

Others Hold Same View.

A similar view of the situation was taken by L. R. Straube, business manager of the Allied Printing Trades council.

"If it is conspiracy for one labor organization to assist another it ought to be conspiracy for one employers' organization to assist another employers' organization when it is involved in labor difficulties," said Mr. Straube. "Yet this is not the case. Everyone knows that the Employers' association is back of the Employing Lithographers' association and lends it assistance in order that it may crush the lithographers' union. Yet nobody would ever think of calling this conspiracy."

"The fact is the employers' associations are becoming alarmed over the tremendous rise of class consciousness among the working people which manifests itself through trade unionism, and they are seeking to stem this tide."

The action of Young is regarded by every labor leader as a cowardly and treacherous attack upon Shea and it is believed that the very readiness with which Young makes this contention will awaken suspicion as to its truthfulness and his sincerity.

"ROCKY" EATS MINCE PIE.

John D. Rockefeller, although he does suffer considerably from indigestion, was able to digest a mince pie Thanksgiving day, which he says he relished very much. He says it is not like "the kind that mother used to make," but he stood the effects very well and says he relished it. He lays his troubles to dieting, which has deprived him of the things he most desired in the way of eating. It has not deprived him of his desire to own the earth, though, his main desire may yet be satisfied. He is buying up Africa now, where there are no anti-trust laws.

Will be Warner. Generally fair tonight and Tuesday. Warner Tuesday.

THE RECORDING ANGEL

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CHAPTER IV. "Till we meet again."—Old song.

The picture presented in that quiet room in the house on the river road in the town of Steelton, at the moment when Charles Arndt looked past the lamp which stood on the table between him and the body of Angus MacDonald, was one which he would never have forgotten; but he saw nothing except the face of that dead man.

And thus he sat as if paralyzed—with-out making the slightest sound or motion—minute after minute, which the tall clock in the corner ticked out second by second. He afterward remembered that he had a knowledge of the ticking of the clock, and that, mechanically he had counted as he sat there, gazing across the table as if waiting for Angus to speak.

"Three hundred!" he involuntarily said, aloud, and the sound of his own voice as it broke the silence caused him to start to his feet with the exclamation, "And Nettie must be told! Great God! It was my hand that struck the blow! Oh, Angus, Angus, why didn't you tell me, Charlie?"

At this moment the doorbell rang, and Arndt hastened through the doorway by which Nettie had so recently passed; and noiselessly crossed the few feet which lay between it and the front door.

This he quickly opened (as it was not locked for the night, owing to his presence in the house), and it seemed so natural that it should be Dr. Kennedy who stood there that he only said "In there" and pointed to the open door through which the lamplight was streaming into the darkness of the hall-way.

The lamp at the foot of the stair had gone out; so neither the doctor nor he saw Nettie as she came down the stairs—mechanically buttoning her dress at the throat as she descended.

Arndt, softly, shut and fastened the front door and followed the physician so closely that the two men entered the room at nearly the same moment; and as the doctor saw the face of the man who sat on the opposite side of the table—with the full light of the lamp upon him—he exclaimed, "Too late—too late! when did it happen?"

Then Arndt told the story as they busied themselves in getting the body on the gurney and tried restoratives. Neither of the men saw the figure of the silent woman in the hallway who listened to every word and watched every motion—but who never moved a step after she caught sight of her father's face.

"Well," said Kennedy at last, "I'm awful sorry you told him so suddenly. He might have survived the losing of his position at the works—for many years—had the news been broken to him softly. It's partly my fault, however. I ought not to have consented to let him keep his condition secret; but he said that you and others relieved him at the shop of all heavy work, and that all he had to do was oversee—and he insisted that I should not tell him, and that he could do that much as well as any man for many years to come—provided the company didn't find out how it was with him. For, said he, they don't want men around who are liable to make any one lose a minute. And so, I consented—after cautioning him about excitement; and I likewise told Nettie that her father must be kept as quiet as possible."

"I was passing the house, and as I had heard a rumor that he would be discharged I thought—when I saw the light—that I would prepare him as best I could. But that is all we can ever do for him. Now, we must think of Nettie."

As the girl heard her name the first time it was mentioned she staggered like one who is suddenly awakened while walking in her sleep, and while the doctor was still speaking she rocked to and fro upon her feet as if she would surely fall—but this the men within the room could not see. Upon his second utterance of her name she regained control of herself; and as they straightened themselves they both involuntarily looked toward the doorway and saw her as the first step brought her within the rays of light of the sitting room lamp.

Dr. Kennedy has seen many strange sights and may forget the one which met his eyes; but Charles Arndt never will.

Here was no "Little Girl" as Arndt lovingly called as he sprang with outstretched arms toward her.

She motioned him to stop. There stood before them a woman, who appeared to have grown at least six inches since Arndt saw her last. Her face was absolutely white, and Arndt—who had a passion for watching and comparing shades of color—found himself gazing at that whiteness and wondering when a tinge of red would break the terrible resemblance to a mask.

Her eyes had a glitter in them which betrayed their blackness; and her face showed not one sign of the sorrow or mourning which might assuredly have been looked for there; a hatred intense and deadly such as none could wish to see if the hatred were for him or one he loved, was stamped on every beautiful feature, and her voice—low and clear—had a note in it which neither man could recognize as hers, as she rejected the doctor's proffered chair and said, "Thank you, Doctor, for what you have already done. I wish you to remain a few moments before you go to attend to the necessary arrangements for me. Won't you be seated?"

But neither man made a motion. The doctor was looking at her professionally, expecting a collapse at any moment. Arndt was simply waiting.

And so they stood there for a little while with that dead body in the background, covered only by the shadow of Nettie's form as she stood and looked at it and then finally moved over toward it. Then the words of Poe, "And my soul from out that shadow shall be lifted—Nevermore!" rang through the brain of her lover, suddenly, as he saw the blackness spread until it covered the whole side of the room as she paused beside the table—and, reaching across—took up her father's pipe, kissed it, and then quickly placing it upon the glowing coals of the fire quietly closed the door of the stove and turned away.

Toward her father's body she made no movement after that, but broke the silence by the remark, "I heard every word that you said, gentlemen."

"Well," said Kennedy, "I think you are holding some one responsible for his death; and I have only to say that he has been liable for several years—to die just this way, and—"

girl, "but I heard you say that he might have lived for years if he could have gone on with his work without any sudden shock. There is but one man responsible for this night's work—and he may never suffer for it. But there are others who will suffer; I for one, and, looking straight at Arndt, "you for the other, Charlie."

"She waited an instant as if for him to speak; but he never moved his lips. Then the doctor said, soothingly, "You are excited now, Nettie, and will think differently about it this to-morrow."

But Arndt motioned him to be quiet—he knew the girl and was impatient at the delay.

"I say again," said Nettie, "that there is one man guilty in the sight of God and all just men of deliberate murder, and not in this case only; and his name is Robert Endy, Jr. He is using a terrible system to further his ambition. He, and men like him, are making the system daily and hourly more and more intolerable. You," returning to Arndt, "are a victim, even as I; and the reason the murderous system exists to-day is that there has not been found one man unselfish enough to give up his own pleasure and happiness and devote his life to the slaying of the monster. Such men don't seem to be born these days. But, maybe, I can find a man to redress my wrongs, even if he will not redress those done to himself. I tell you now that until the life of Robert Endy is made a failure, absolutely and complete, I will never be your wife! So help me God! Then after an instant's pause, terrible, intense: "I call on God's Recording Angel to register my vow."

As she stopped, Arndt stepped forward and cried—"Not that, Nettie, not that!" but quickly recovering himself he said—as he straightened as one does when saluting a superior, "I accept your conditions, dear; only, remember that I am yours and you are mine—though our hands may never meet."

Here Kennedy broke in: "You are beside yourselves. This is simply nonsense! You two are out of your heads to-night."

"Oh," said Nettie, quietly, "perhaps so; but it is with trouble. I suppose the rich think that all who do not like the results of their methods, assuredly are crazy. I only hope they also think that we have forgotten our injuries (because for the present, we do nothing). And now, doctor," she concluded, "will you be so kind as to attend to the other matters for us. Mr. Arndt will stay with me here until you can bring your wife. I am certain that she will come."

So those two waited in the presence of that dead man who had been as a father for many years to the man—and father, brother and sister to the girl—since the days of early childhood; and of the thoughts that passed through their minds as they stood hand in hand and looked at that peaceful face, none should speak—

—if they are too tender for words. But, as they turned away and seated themselves they looked into each other's eyes, and they thought other thoughts; of thwarted hopes, and of retributions; and, of his methods—and of those thoughts neither should any be told—else might Robert Endy, Jr., hear of them.

After the arrival of the doctor and his wife, as they parted at the outer door Arndt said, "I will see you often, dear," and she replied, "Why, of course, as long as we are in reach of each other."

Then he said, "That system has slain my best friend and ruined my life's happiness, and from this day I fight it, openly and above board and with whatever weapon comes to my hand; though the end will, for us, I think, be failure."

"There was no tremor in her hand," Nettie said. "The system may be too strong for us; but I think that we can, very certainly, get at one man."

But Arndt shook his head as he replied, "No! I think that we must strike him through the system. You, nor I, can never take a personal revenge in any other way. The man is the result of the system. He was not a cruel boy. I think that he will even be truly sorry for you."

"But the woman cried out sharply: "I want one of his sympathies! Will his sympathy undo his work? Will it restore the dead to life? You, with your Quixotic ideas of creating the masses, may fight a system—as you have fought, and you will fail—as you have failed. Your workmen's unions are just as selfish in their way as are the rich men's methods; it is all for self or a class. Show me a movement that insists upon equality of opportunity and equality of remuneration for all, and you by means of it may reach these murderers!"

"Let me tell you! Men make systems—and such men as Robert Endy make these iniquitous conditions. A product of Evolution, you say? So are rattlesnakes and boa-constrictors. We kill the first before he strikes. Why shall we not at least make an effort to kill the latter when it is already folded about us and we feel the monster crushing the life out of us?"

Then Arndt said soothingly, "Hush, child, hush! There are too many people who are thinking that way already."

But the woman broke in again: "I wish in heaven's name that there were millions more, hundreds of millions more of them; then we might succeed. But, failure or no failure, I'm in the fight till death!"

"And I," said Arndt, "Good-bye, my love, until we meet again."

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Labor Union News

The opinion of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania in Patterson vs. Wyoming Valley District Council is regarded as of unusual importance. The court holds that where the decree of a court enjoining a labor organization and its members from maintaining a boycott has been disobeyed, the officers may be compelled to produce the books and records in contempt proceedings, and that such proceedings are civil in their nature, and not criminal, within the meaning of the federal and state constitutions. The court further holds that the individual members of an unincorporated labor organization are in much the same position as the members of a business partnership, and may be punished for a contempt committed by the organization.

The Citizens' Industrial Association of America opened its convention at the Auditorium to-day. By this evening, it is expected, that about 600 delegates will be present.

The Musical Mutual Protective Union and the Theatrical Protective Union of New York, were suspended from the Central Federated Unions for not ordering a strike in the Metropolitan opera house to force Corred to reinstate chorus singers.

EXTRACT FROM ORIENTAL SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER. Agitation Methods of Japanese Met by Methods Common Everywhere. The following is from "The Hikari," Tokio: THE HIKARI. (The Light) Central Organ of Japanese Socialists. Issued 3 times a month. No. 25. Oct. 25.

OUR PAPER TRIED. The press laws violation case of the leader headed "War Between the Rich and the Poor," issued as an extra of our paper on the 24th ult., was brought up for a public trial on the 5th inst., at 9:30 a. m. in the second courtroom of the Tokyo Local Court.

DEATH OF WILLIAM BOND. William Bond, a switchman of Grand Crossing, was killed Saturday. He was knocked down while attempting to couple cars, the trucks of one car passing over his body. He was married and leaves a wife and three children. It was the "safety automatic" coupling that caused the accident. Scores of deaths and hundreds of cripples are the result of these couplings. Thrifty railway companies do not keep the couplings in repair. It appears to be cheaper to fight damage suits.

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JAPS GET ALL WORK IN HAWAII

Skillful Asiatics Capture Uncle Sam's Island and Look For Others.

Honolulu, Nov. 16.—It is probable that part of the distress attributed by white traders and white artisans to an increase in Japanese competition is in reality the result of the depression that Hawaii is feeling on account of the reaction from the "boom" that marked the early period following annexation.

This depression in any event adds to the acuteness of the competition. Increasingly successful competition on the part of the Asiatics, if it corresponded with an increasing demand for labor, would not be so severely felt nor so quickly observed, but with trade and work falling off the competition is more keenly felt and more quickly resented.

It is probable that in some lines the Japanese are actually displacing white labor and that in other lines they are merely holding their own, while diminishing business is driving the whites out of the occupation and sending them back to the mainland. In either event the percentage of Japanese in the various trades is likely to be increasing, even if their absolute number was stationary or even diminishing.

Invade New Fields. In some lines of work the Asiatic competition is of very early date, and not only is an increasing control of these trades evident, but new trades are being invaded. The clothing trades are almost entirely in the hands of Asiatics.

A few white tailors are engaged in business in Honolulu, and there are several white tailoring firms in the town of Hilo, but all of these, with the exception of one firm, are reported to employ Chinese or Japanese workmen.

There are practically no white wage-earners engaged in making men's garments or boots and shoes, although a few whites find employment independently in repairing and cobbling. The preparation of food and drink affords employment to a number of workers, who are mostly Asiatic.

The Chinese take naturally to culinary vocations, often graduating from domestic service into the systematic manufacture of food products. Most of the bakeries, confectionery shops and hotels and restaurants employ Chinese help, or, as a second choice, Japanese. Practically all domestic servants are Asiatics.

STREETS AND ALLEYS GIVEN FREE TO RELIGIOUS SECT. The city council voted to give a West side Catholic institution perpetual use of valuable city land free of cost so long as it is used for educational or religious purposes.

The property the generous city fathers voted to vacate is between Jackson boulevard and Van Buren street and consists of portions of two alleys and all of Troy street between Van Buren street and Jackson boulevard.

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LIFE IN A GREAT CITY

Realistic Scenario of Traction Travel

This is a little "scenario" of a drama in real life, enacted at the corner of Armitage and Central Park avenues at 7:10 o'clock almost any morning.

All the actors are waiting in the rain and mud for the arrival of one of the Union Traction "arks" to take passage down the worst line in all this transportation system, the worst in the world.

Policeman (six service stripes on his arm)—Cars run once a week. If this keeps up I'll be an anarchist.

Paperhanger—I've waited 25 minutes for a car and I'll be late. But the boss will have to stand it.

Woman-Clerk—Every day I waste enough time on this corner to take a year from my span of life. I'll make up for it by loafing, girls, when I'm married.

Stenographer—These long waits for this execrable service help to brutalize people. I find my mental condition after one of these intolerable delays makes me make mistakes in letters.

Professional Man.—Human cattle patronize this street car line. Wonder when the switch track will be put in to lead them to the stock yards. Some are fat and sleek and would look well dressed up for export.

Painter (works for Ald. S.—)—This service is enough to make even an alderman riding on a pass demand his money back.

Machinist.—What's the use of howling among ourselves? The company's offices are not connected with our lawless telegraphy plant. Whatever my employer has to pay me for time not spent in work, he will charge to the man who gets his work done there, that's all.

Cash Boy—I lose from 15 minutes to 40 minutes each morning that I might spend at the table. Breakfasts cut short make me hungry all day. But then my time at \$4 a week is worth nothing more than the price of my fare.

Housewife.—"Shop early, eh?" Well that means starting from this point at 6 a. m. to reach the stores down town by 9 o'clock. We would be better off to shop in Milwaukee. It takes less time to run up there.

Saleswoman.—Time was when we tried to get out early to catch cars to get seats. Now we get out early to catch cars to save our jobs. Delays every day press us to the limit for new excuses.

Conductor.—Fare please—don't blame me, friends, I'm just as muddy as you are, just as weary and just as disgusted. More cars would mean an easier time for me.

Motorman.—The air brake motormen pity us fellows who handrake these weak motor cars that have to drag trailers.

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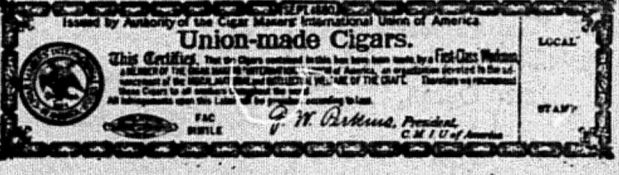
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DYNAMITE AND FIRE FOR SCAB PLANTERS

Farmers of Kentucky Refuse to Be Exploited by New York Schemers.

RURAL UNIONS MILITANT

Country Workers Take Violent Steps and Violate Law to Preserve the Product of Their Labor for Themselves.

(Special Correspondence.) Princeton, Ky., Dec. 3.—Public opinion here will make impossible any prosecution of the members of the mob that destroyed the tobacco "stemmeries" of John Steger and John G. Orr Saturday morning.

Tobacco growers in this state were at the mercy of the tobacco trust for several years. They now have a union that is enabling them to get a living wage from the soil.

Union laborers often use violence to prevent their hard won victories being taken from them by weak or vicious members of their class, and the destruction of the stemmeries here is the development of the solidarity of the growers.

History of the Movement. This is the third time within the past few months that factories have been destroyed by night raiders; two having been blown up recently, one at Fredonia and one at Eddyville.

Several years ago the planters of Kentucky were receiving good prices for their tobacco crops. After the formation of the combine, the prices began to fall.

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Wilbur Glen Voliva announces that he will organize a community that will be ruled by "autocratic socialism."

The nucleus of the new Zion is to consist of ten chosen families, which will be selected by Voliva.

At Zion City yesterday John Alexander Dowie went insane. He raved and rambled on the platform before his followers until they, broken-hearted, led him away.

CONGRESS MEETS FOR SHORT SESSION

Platt and Chauncey There—Law Makers are Jolly—What They Did—Message Tomorrow.

(Scriven-McRae Press Association.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—The legislative branch of the government resumed business at the old stand at the stroke of 12 o'clock.

Railroad rate, pure food, meat inspection, immigration, national quarantine and Panama canal laws, as well as gigantic measures for public buildings.

This session is unique in the fact that the senate has a full membership for the first time in more than three years.

The galleries missed the great floral display that used to greet them in other years.

The convening of the senate was as solemn as the traditions surrounding that dignified body.

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LABOR FEDERATION TO DEFEND SCHOOLS

Address by Louis F. Post and Margaret Haley Show "Business Interests" Opposed to Working Class.

"Business interests and other graft interests who seek to control the public schools of Chicago" were denounced at the Chicago Federation of Labor yesterday.

Louis F. Post, the principal speaker, charged that the "trust" press, not only did not enlighten the people upon the school question, but actually distorted every statement made by the board of education in such a manner that upon seeing it in the papers the members of the board were unable to recognize it.

Mr. Post then warned the people against a school board made up of "business men" as this would place the schools out of reach of the workman.

The utter lack of system in appointing teachers and in discharging them was exposed.

"The newspapers," Mr. Post said, "began their attacks upon the school board by declaring that the mayor was filling the board with Catholics and tried to make this Catholic issue a prominent feature of their campaign against the mayor and school."

Margaret Haley, the next speaker, was greeted with a storm of applause which lasted several minutes. She said the chief hostility to the teachers was due to their affiliation with labor organization.

Miss Haley pointed out that several hundred girls who were graduates of the Chicago Normal school, are annually refused positions as teachers in the Chicago schools and their places are given to teachers from other states for the simple reason that business interests controlling the public schools fear that these girls who live in Chicago might more easily be affected by the "isms" of the teachers.

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WOMAN SELLS BABY TO PAY BOARD BILL

Deserted by Husband She is Helpless—Child Adopted by Purchaser.

Passaic, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Mrs. Maria Mucina, of this city, has signed papers releasing her 3-year-old child to Mr. and Mrs. William Bacher, a childless couple, of Monroe and Third streets, as compensation to Mrs. Anna Wutch, of Monroe street, for an \$8 board bill.

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SOLDIERS PROTECT CHESTER GILLETTE

Prisoner Writes to Mother and New Sweetheart—Mobs May Attack Him.

Herkimer, N. Y., Dec. 3.—Martial law will practically prevail in Herkimer tonight, when the jury retires to determine whether Chester Gillette is guilty or innocent of killing "Billy" Brown.

While on the streets with Mrs. Wutch the child was seen by Mr. and Mrs. Bacher, who took a deep liking to it.

Mr. Post then warned the people against a school board made up of "business men" as this would place the schools out of reach of the workman.

Margaret Haley, the next speaker, was greeted with a storm of applause which lasted several minutes. She said the chief hostility to the teachers was due to their affiliation with labor organization.

Miss Haley pointed out that several hundred girls who were graduates of the Chicago Normal school, are annually refused positions as teachers in the Chicago schools and their places are given to teachers from other states for the simple reason that business interests controlling the public schools fear that these girls who live in Chicago might more easily be affected by the "isms" of the teachers.

Mayor Dunne refuses to close workingmen's drinking places while the big clubs have their "booze" any time they want it.

Charges made against the city attorney's office have caused the ire of Acting City Attorney Ayers to rise to such a height that he confronted Mayor Dunne this morning and demanded an explanation of the charges.

Colonel Lewis says playing in Mr. Ayer's office have been laying into the hands of persons suing the city for damages.

A resolution demanding that if any telephone company be granted a franchise a clause be inserted protecting union labor was referred to the legislative committee.

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News and Comment

Affected by the kindness and skill of the sisters at St. Elizabeth's hospital, Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson, while being treated at the institution, embraced the Roman Catholic faith.

Air ships, when they become practical, will make smuggling easy and enforce absolutely free trade, according to discussion in London.

Wrapping its virtue around itself, the Chicago Tribune uses the testimony of Albert Young in the teamsters' trial to discredit the Teachers' Federation.

Mrs. Helen Williams Post, a mental healer, confessed in court at Jacksonville, Fla., that she was a fraud, and paid \$500 for fraudulent usage of the mails.

The tomb of Cicero has been discovered at Formia, Italy. This is a very important archaeological discovery.

The pope is having his railroad carriage reconstructed. It has not been used since 1870.

Loss of life and the sinking of the navy tug Powhatan by a railroad car lighter, was only averted by Rear Admiral Coghlan.

Wes Young, a negro, yesterday shot and killed A. F. Middagh, Chicago, at Valley Park, Miss.

Conductor E. E. Friday caused a Santa Fe train to back up thirty miles in order to pick up his brother who had fallen off the train.

Richard J. Street and Holmes Hoge, two old officials of the First National Bank have retired.

Dr. Lappone the pope's famous physician is dangerously ill. He is suffering from blood poisoning.

Obtaining funds by appealing to the stomach, through bazars and entertainments, will be discontinued in the Christian Church of Austin.

A street war in Paris, dashed into a wagon containing 67,000 eggs, throwing the driver of the wagon into the eggs and nearly drowning him in the yolks, besides breaking both his legs.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., discussed the life of David with his Bible class yesterday.

Prof. N. T. Doeha of Roumania, and John Riets, 1740 Milwaukee avenue, took the "cold water treatment" at Diversey beach, yesterday.

The Rev. J. G. Rawlings of Valdosta, Ga., who is to be hanged Tuesday for murdering two little children, does not want his sentence commuted.

Senator Mills, in summing up for Gillette, congratulated the jury that the case had come to its close.

Senator Mills charged that the district attorney had failed to prove statements he made at the opening and that he had presented the statements to influence the jury.

Senator Mills launched into a violent denunciation of the yellow press.

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TO AROUSE PUBLIC ON SCHOOL ISSUE

"Business Interests" and Big Newspapers' Part in Education to Be Told.

What the fight over the public schools really means will be explained at the mass meeting which will be held at Saenger Hall, 9231 Houston avenue, Tuesday, evening, December 4.

The meeting will be addressed by Emil W. Ritter, president of the board of education; Louis F. Post, John C. Harding and Raymond Robbins, members of the board.

All present will be given an opportunity to ask questions. This is to be one of the first of a series of meetings to awaken working people to their interests in the school question.

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AMUSEMENTS

COLISEUM SIXTEENTH AND WABASH

SECOND ANNUAL SOCIALIST MASQUE BALL

Saturday Evening December 15, '06

Greatest Event of the Season \$300.00 in Prizes for Groups and Individual Costumes

MUSIC BY KELLOGG'S BAND

Tickets 25c a person

Typical Costumes of International Socialist Movement

GALA EVENT OF THE SEASON

Tickets on sale at 163 Randolph St. Room 14

FIFTH ANNUAL MASQUE BALL

WILL BE GIVEN BY THE TEAMSTERS' UNION NO. 742 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

AT CALUMET THEATRE HALL Saturday Eve., December 8, '06

MUSIC BY KRAUS

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The Service of Capitalism

There have been plenty of editorials on this page showing the evils of capitalism. By capitalism we mean the social stage where capital—the things with which the work of the world is done—are privately owned by capitalists. It is one of the great social stages through which the race is passing on its road onward and upward to better things.

Many and great are the evils of the social stage of capitalism, but just now let us see some of the benefits which it has conferred upon humanity.

CAPITALISM HAS SOLVED THE PROBLEM OF PRODUCTION.

It has found a way to produce enough to satisfy all human wants. There wants are not all satisfied today, but the reason for that is another story.

This is no mean achievement of capitalism. It is the solution of a riddle at which all creation has been working since life first existed.

Since the day when the first man stood upright amid some primeval forest, the one great problem that has always confronted him has been how to produce enough to satisfy his wants.

So long as he worked upon his surroundings only with his bare hands he was constantly on the verge of starvation.

Then some wiser, more inventive primitive savage tore a club from a tree and chipped the edges of a stone, and made TOOLS. At once a long step upward was taken.

Ages passed, and there came a time when these tools had become more perfect, when plants and animals had been domesticated, and by hard labor a man could produce a trifle more than enough to feed himself.

THIS MADE POSSIBLE THE LEISURE OF A FEW AT THE EXPENSE OF THE SLAVERY OF THE MANY.

By taking a few minutes of leisure from each of millions of workers there could be secured the days of leisure for the few necessary to the development of art, literature and science.

There was still no possibility of producing enough to satisfy the higher wants of all. There could be no hope of leisure and culture for the many.

This was the situation until capitalism came. It remained for this social stage to solve the problem that had been vexing man since his first appearance on the globe.

Capitalism transformed the tool into the machine and hitched this new means of production to steam, and wind and water, until it produced beyond the wildest wishes of man to consume.

The work of days was done in hours and minutes. Science discovered new methods, substances, energies, elements and placed them all at the disposal of the producer of wealth.

THE AGE-LONG CONTEST WAS WON. MAN WAS VICTOR OVER NATURE.

This capitalism has done. It was the longest step upwards ever achieved by humanity.

It has made possible leisure for all if all did their share of the work. This is what capitalism has done.

It now remains for Socialism to enter upon and enjoy this achievement.

The Tariff Question Again

With the opening of Congress it is announced that the tariff is to be once more "made an issue."

While there are no Socialists in Congress nor high up in the ranks of those who are directing the destinies of government today, we can state on the most authoritative information that the tariff will never be an issue in the United States again.

This may be hard on the "lowa idea" men, Moran and Douglas of Massachusetts, and some others, but it is the plain and simple truth.

This is not because Congressmen and politicians and newspaper editors and the writers of political platforms will not try to make it an issue. They would be very pleased to see it once more the focus of political attention.

The time is past when these people can make political issues. The time has gone by forever when squabbles between different capitalist factions can be made to occupy the minds of the workers of the United States. At the very least such squabbles must be bigger than the question of who will receive a few dollars bounty from the national government.

INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS, NOT POLITICIANS MAKE POLITICAL ISSUES.

The industrial conditions of this country, as of every other great capitalist country have decided that the issue for the next few years shall be the distribution of the laborer's product.

The political battles of the immediate future will be fought around questions of wages and hours and conditions of work.

They will be but the skirmishes in the great battle that is to decide whether idlers or workers, producers or parasites are to rule in America. The workers of this country have decided to make their own issues.

THEY WILL NOT ONLY MAKE THE ISSUES BUT THEY WILL USE THEIR POLITICAL MAJORITY TO GAIN VICTORY FOR THEIR SIDE.

Japanese Capitalism

A few years ago Japan imported American cotton goods. Now Special Consular Agent W. A. Graham Clark reports as follows:

"At present Japan is a better field for the sale of machinery needed to make finished products than for the manufactured products themselves. In no line of business is this truer than in cotton manufacturing. Japan is straining every nerve to change from a consuming to a producing nation, and a great amount of money will be put into textile machinery in the next few years. The tendency of all the mills is to add looms and make cloth for the export trade."

Soon Japan will reach the next stage—that of making her own machinery. China has just begun to enter upon the age of importing looms. Before long both will be ready to send the manufactured goods and machines to America to compete with those produced here.

This will be much more effective in reducing American wages than direct immigration of laborers.

Public Utilities and the Charter Convention

In the report of the Committee on Public Utilities to the Chicago Charter Convention there are provisions for the payment of all damages to property holders, for the regulation of rates, for the methods of leasing, and purchase—in fact, for almost everything except the conditions under which the men who work upon those utilities should be employed.

WHY ARE THERE NO PROVISIONS FOR AN EIGHT HOUR DAY, SAFETY APPLIANCES AND UNION WAGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES?

If it was conspiracy for the teamsters to work together to injure the business of Montgomery Ward, what is it when a district attorney uses supposed defendants as spies upon men who are fighting for justice, and then springs "confessions" from these spies at the last minute?



THE BEGINNINGS OF BATTLE
For defense, the Standard Oil Company has engaged a lawyer at a salary of \$150,000 a year, or three times the salary of the President of the United States.

A PERFECT PARABLE

Christ taught much in parables, and there is in a modern novel, White's "Conjurors' House," so perfect a parable of the church, woman suffrage and socialism, that I cannot do better than to redraw the outlines of the story for those who love good stories, and are good lovers. Perhaps no purer, healthier story was ever written. There are in it no harem heats of decaying plutocratic society, no morbid suggestions such as those with which Anthony Hope tickles the base sentimentality of the overfed and unjust rich, who become in the words of the Psalmist like "stalled fed horses each one neighing after his neighbor's wife," because they have no good work to do, able them to digest their surfeit of oats. But White tells us a tale of the northern wilderness, wholesome with frosty airs and balsamic odors, such a background as that in which "Against a Paynes gray sky stand out the netted silhouettes of trees, and light by light goes glimmering out. And all things seem to freeze and freeze."

Ah, he makes us feel the cold as the Lithuanian family felt it in the profit-cheaper frame house in Sinclair's annuals of the stockyards' Jungle, but against that bitter black background, heroism and devotion stand forth as bright stars on a Christmas eve.

Conjurors House is a trading station of the Hudson Bay Company, a great cruel monopoly whose master spirit in this region is Galen Albrecht, chief of the post. This great despotism has lost its legal authority to exclude independent hunters and trappers, but it has the power of lawless suppression, and uses it to the death to maintain its profitable monopoly. The things that are done to daring independents seized upon the monopolized territory, are told in whispers, with a fearsome hush. Only the women dare gossip about them.

Ned Trent, an independent trapper, having once before been seized, and warned to leave the country is again caught, and brought in captive by a band of company traders from a northern post and being brought before Albrecht defies him, and asserts his right under the law. The sentence of death upon him is to wait until the berries are gone, and the young birds can fly, then send him out without a rifle to starve in the wilderness, and lest that should fail, to trail the fugitive with Indians commissioned to put arrows through his heart in some wild spot, where there would be no scandal or report of the crime. Trent was allowed his liberty. The surrounding wastes were prison walls enough, but every rifle at the station was registered, and the prisoner was watched.

Seeking escape, Trent's first appeal was to the minister at the post, through whom he sought to get a shotgun, explaining the righteousness of his cause, and the fact that he had been prepared for him. But the religious man was craven. He feared the power of Albrecht, that if he helped, he would lose his place, and the mission for the salvation of the souls of the red men would be discontinued. The refugees turned upon this representative of religion as Christ execrated the pharisees and hypocrites, exposing the hollowness of his ceremonial shams, his mocking ethics of salvation, but no hand of help when real salvation might have been given, and was weakly denied. It is impossible to review this situation without seeing in it a cheap un-Christian ministry of retainers under the shadow

of capitalistic despotism, choosing to serve mammon where the living is richest, and offering the husks of other-world promises to those who perish under their heavy burdens.

Now Galen Albrecht had a daughter Virginia, who was the pet of the post, and the girl's curiosity was aroused by the presence of the handsome young stranger, isolated from the rest, and surrounded with an air of mystery. All to whom she appealed refused to tell her anything about him; even the man himself whom she found opportunity to question was too manly to complain to a young girl, and lightly avoiding her inquiries set his face grimly to meet the fate in store for him.

But the petted, willful Miss, accustomed to have her own way, persisted in finding out the secret, and from hints dropped by the women of the post, and the exercise of no mean ingenuity, point by point unravelled the whole plot. From that moment the doomed man was her hero, nor is it a matter of wonder that she became his angel. The girl had as a gift the only unregistered shotgun at the post. This she brought him, urging him to escape, but stipulating that he should return the weapon to her when she should visit in Toronto. These true lovers might well be accepted as analogues of Socialism and Woman Suffrage which brings to Socialism of the intellect what Alice Henry has happily styled the Socialism of the heart. Ned Trent was a "hardy frontiersman, and might well have made his escape, but the rescuing angel had won the hero's whole heart, and he came back once more to feel her gentle caress, and reassure her of his unflinching devotion. Then they were seized by hirelings and Indians guided by the spying minister of the post.

Galen Albrecht had once done a great wrong, just as the Capitalism which he represents has done great wrongs. He had jealously caused the death of a high officer of the Hudson Bay Company, and then found that there was no cause for his jealousy, and suffered remorse. In re-examining Trent, at a stroke it was developed that the young man was the son of the man who had been done to death by a secret plot, and that Albrecht was the evildoer, whom the son sought, that he might avenge his father.

Apart from the profession of profit, which so often makes artificial monsters of men of natural affection; Galen Albrecht liked the man whose death had become a haunting reproach; he admired the manliness of the son, whom his code of honor admitted to have right of revenge; he loved his daughter who had given herself passionately to this young man. He stood at the summit of his power, like that rich man in the Scripture, to whom the word came: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee," and faced the issue, and offered the young man his revolver. Of course Ned Trent did not use that revolver in revenge, just as it is a matter of course that Socialism will not cherish revenge for the past sins of the Capitalism from which it is evolved.

It was arranged that the old man should retire, and that the young one instead of being sent out on the fatal journey with hired murderers on his trail should go in charge of the battalion which would escort the chief's daughter to Toronto, and that on their return, the young man should have charge of the post. So the story closes with a *fin de joie*, as the persons typical of Socialism and Woman Suffrage sit side by side in

their canoe entering upon the prelude to their bridal journey.

Mr. White's story does not tell anything further about the clergyman who figured in this tale. Probably there was a new minister at the post, for it is to be hoped that under Socialism and Woman Suffrage there will be clergymen who will be able to find that courage of their convictions which Capitalism so often stifles.

CHARLES FITCH.

A Laugh or A Smile

By P. B.

The Reason for it.

"Is Bjenkens as easy person to get acquainted with?"
"I should say he is. Bjenkens is always looking for some person who will lend him money."

Count Boni regards that offer of a head waitership in New York as an insult. The restaurant man is more sensible. He regards it merely as an advertisement.

A clerk stole some money from J. Pierpont Morgan's bank, and got caught. He should have picked an easier victim.

Standard Oil stock has dropped so much in value that it is doubtful now if John D. Rockefeller is longer a billionaire.

If Mr. Harriman is really sincere about desiring to escape the worries of a railroad financier, Mr. Fish will cheerfully assume all his burdens.

Well Qualified.

"Secretary Taft is a great orator. He does more talking, I believe, than any other man in public life to-day."
"Yes. What a popular pugilist he would have made."

Since petroleum has been discovered in Louisiana, that state may some day achieve the distinction of a Standard Oil inquiry.

Boss Ruef of San Francisco can have something to be thankful for, anyway. He wasn't killed in the earthquake.

When a railroad is heavily fined for giving rebates, who settles the bill? Is it not the shippers and other patrons of the line?

It would be good money thrown away for Senator Tillman to employ a press agent.

Plenty of Time Yet.
"My husband," said the bride, "has been a model young man."
"Goodness, me!" replied her friend. "I would hate to be his wife when he first finds out how nice it is to be naughty."

Now that the president is back in harness, perhaps Secretary Taft can find time to make a few speeches once more.

When Senator Tillman begins to find life too dull in South Carolina he comes up north and makes a speech or two on the negro question.

If you don't believe that Christmas is coming, just look at the covers of the December magazines.

The Role of the Russian Student

By ANNA STRUNSKY

The traditional role of the Russian student is to go to Siberia to prison and to the gallows for the cause of the people, and the traditional role of the University is to furnish the conspirative home of the revolution.

The students have gone into the factories and have organized the workingman. They have penetrated into the barracks and have helped disorganize the army. They have carried the teachings of Socialism and revolution into the villages.

If we have a peasantry that understands the magnitude of the principles underlying the revolution, and that knows how to unite at a time of a general strike with the movement in the cities, and when to rise for freedom, praise must be given to the student youth of Russia.

If we have an organized working class, capable of striking on a given day, and enjoying the support of the whole nation, praise, first of all, to the students.

If we have recruits take a solemn vow never to raise a gun against the people, but, on the other hand, to fight whenever possible in their cause, praise again to the student youth.

With the rise of the fortunes of the revolution the scope for agitation of the Universities has grown. The small underground meeting has been succeeded by enormous open meetings, lasting in times of excitement, such as at the first general strike, from morning to night, and night to morning, for ten days running. "We will study only when possible, but at all times we will use the Universities as a popular tribune. We will act as a class and use our prestige as a class. Long live the Russian revolution!" This was the resolution passed unanimously by all the Universities a few weeks ago.

So let the Western European and American worlds look to the youth of Russia and take heart. Let them cease to believe that students must of necessity play at life like children, or seek their own welfare like dotards, or turn into strike-breakers, embittered and foothardy enemies of the advancing people.

All honor to Russia's heroic and martyred youth.

Now

The Dreamer dreams in his easy chair

Of deeds he may live to do;

When he has an hour or two to spare

Ah, then we will see them thru,

But for you and me in the cause of Right,

Now is the time to do and to smite.

The Poet sings of a Time to Be,

A day that has yet to dawn;

The birth of a happy liberty

On some far distant morn;

But for you and me in the cause sublime,

The day of Freedom is in our time.

The Preacher tells of a world above,

A home that we all may win;

'Tis there he looks for the life of love.

The soul that is freed from sin;

But for you and me is a duty clear—

To build up heaven and build it here.

The Dreamer dreams of a deed undone,

The Poet of days to be;

The Preacher tells of a heaven won

Beyond earth's misery;

But for you and me in the midst of wrong,

Now is the time to live and be strong.

Now is the time for the manly heart,

The time for the noble deed.

Now is the time for the hero's part,

And now the time to succeed;

And for you and me in the strife, somehow

The only time that there is, NOW.

—Gus Anderson, in Painter and Decorator.

Scientist on Socialism

I was yet so much influenced by the individualistic teachings of Mill and Spencer, and the loudly proclaimed dogma, that without the constant spur of individual competition men would inevitably become idle and fall back into universal poverty, that I did not bestow much attention upon Socialism, having, in fact, as much literary work on hand as I could manage. But at length, in 1889, my views were changed once for all, and I have ever since been absolutely convinced, not only that Socialism is thoroughly practicable, but that it is the only form of society worthy of civilized beings, and that it, alone, can secure for mankind continuous mental and moral advancement, together with that true happiness which arises from the full exercise of all their faculties for the purpose of satisfying all their rational needs, desires, and aspirations.—Alfred Russell Wallace.

Talk about the irony of fate, the seven-masted schooner, "Thomas W. Lawson" is now used by the Standard Oil company for freighting oil between Texas and gulf points.

WHAT IS SOCIALISM?

The contest for the best definitions of Socialism closed December 1. The prize will be awarded as soon as all the definitions can be published and passed upon by the judges. A new contest will be announced in a few days.

Philosophy of History.
Socialism is a philosophy pertaining to history, giving a person the ability to see what must come in the future, but based on past history and present conditions, including a systematic form of government whereby industrial and civic changes may be adjusted and controlled by the individual voter at all times. Thus the majority vote makes all law, without legislators, congressmen, senators, etc., making it impossible for rings to make law the people do not want.

When laws are thus made to govern civil and industrial life, we have the co-operative commonwealth.

H. M. ELLIOTT.

An Economic Doctrine.

Socialism is an economic doctrine, asserting the community of interests pertaining to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, as in a brotherhood of man, to be effected by organized common operation and scientific management of all necessary industries and such useful enterprises which cannot well be carried on single-handed, without interfering with individual initiative, aided by a common, most comprehensive education for the welfare and social, as well as spiritual elevation of all men. The earth to be taken as a common heritage and all to be democratically controlled under direct legislation.

FRED W. ILLGEN, Soldiers' Home, Dearyville, Ill.