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LAW-BREAKER IN A SCHOOL REFORM ACT

Merchants' Club Hears Illinois Steel Magnate "Cuss" Teachers' Union.

WORKERS TO TAKE ALL

Two Hours Before Meeting Steel Employee is Killed Because Company Refuses to Obey Law—Labor Will Run the Schools and the Government.

Chicago's public schools were discussed Saturday night at an expensive banquet given by the Merchants' Club at the Auditorium hotel.

Theodore W. Robinson, chairman of the club's school committee, resorted to profanity for words strong enough to express his condemnation of the teachers' union.

Robinson is vice president and one of the executives of the law-breaking, tax-dodging and labor-smuggling Illinois Steel Company and a tool of the United States Steel Corporation and J. P. Morgan.

His company has been condemned by every newspaper in Chicago for stealing land, dodging taxes by plain falsehood and defying building laws.

Proof of Law Breaking.

In the Chicago Tribune, which said that Robinson's speech and others delivered, may end "trade union anarchy" in the public schools, there appeared the following on the same page with the banquet story:

"Failure to obey the orders of the building department for the installation of guard rails on a narrow bridge near a row of blast furnaces in the plant of the Illinois Steel Company at South Chicago is said to have been responsible for the death of Joseph Prudner, 45 years old, 8568 Mackinaw avenue, who was almost instantly killed yesterday afternoon at the plant.

"Prudner was walking on the narrow steel structure and stepped off while blinded by flames from the doors of furnaces beneath him.

"He fell thirty-five feet, struck on his head, and died a few minutes later.

"The body was taken to Murphy's undertaking rooms, 110 Ninety-second street."

Several weeks ago in inspecting the plant, Deputy Building Commissioner Joseph W. Hughes found the platform without guard rails. Promises are alleged to have been made that the rails would be installed, but nothing was done.

Edward Witt, 22 years old, 8716 Houston avenue, was burned to death yesterday in the reprocessing mill of the same company. Witt was carrying a ladle of molten steel, when he tripped and the heated mass covered his body. He was carried to the company's hospital, but died half an hour later. His body was taken to Murphy's undertaking rooms.

Not "Union Anarchy."

This "failure to obey the law" by Mr. Robinson is not "trade union anarchy."

It is plain lawbreaking to save a few dollars at the risk of members of the working class.

The Merchants' Club, which has the hardihood to put forward one of its most notorious lawbreakers, Theodore W. Robinson, whose lawbreaking is directly responsible for the death of Joseph Prudner, proposes to "reform" the public school system.

Robinson says a school teacher should be discharged for "affiliating" with a labor organization.

Prominent Members.

Among other prominent members of the Merchants' Club are:

One of the Thorne brothers, who

manage Montgomery Ward & Company's business.

Walter H. Wilson, who lives by land trading, rent collecting and handling the pennies placed in his bank by working people.

Fred Upham, who is a member of the Board of Review, and who recently gained fame in these columns for reducing the taxes of the law-breaking South Shore Country Club.

The remainder of the club is composed of men who live by owning things others must use; schemers, stock gamblers and life insurance agents.

Capitalist Would Reform Schools.

These are the men who want to reform the schools, stop "trade union anarchy" and perhaps save the "straight lease" the Chicago Tribune holds on school lands.

The alignment is clean cut. It is trade union vs. "business interests" from now on as far as the schools are concerned.

Every citizen must be on one side or the other; for Theodore W. Robinson, vice president and executive of the Illinois Steel Company, and his gang of traders, schemers and stock gamblers, or for the Teachers' Federation.

Butler Is Right.

Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, and associate, in a national teachers' association of Dougherty, sent to Joliet for stealing \$500,000 from the school funds of Peoria, was another speaker.

"The next thing your firemen will be organizing," he said. Some one shouted: "They are organized!" He said such things, if not stopped, would cause all public employees to become affiliated with labor unions.

(Comment: He is right. The teachers, firemen and postal employees are organized now. All others are to be taken in. Labor proposes, not only to manage the schools, the fire department, the police force and the postoffice, but the militia, the army, the mills, the factories, and will handle all the money there is. Those who oppose this program should get ready to fight.

The working class has the votes.

Its organization for better working conditions, the Socialist party and the Chicago Daily Socialist are some of the influences that will arouse those who live by producing to take what they produce.

The strong influence, however, is the clear class struggle for the public schools.

Working people will be told about Theodore W. Robinson and Joseph Prudner, who died Saturday in Robinson's mill.

It will be made clear that either the capitalist class or the working class must run the schools.

The working class has the votes.)

MORE WORKERS DIE FOR STEEL COMPANY

Slaughter in the Plant Run by Robinson, Who Would Reform Schools.

One man is dead and four others are in a serious condition as the result of escaping gas in the plant of the Illinois Steel Company yesterday morning.

George Crashtski, 8734 Mackinaw avenue, was dead when found. Those overcome are: Peter Poplak, 8710 Houston avenue; John Febecki, 8462 Mackinaw avenue; Robert Phonax, 8714 Houston avenue; Lucas Moroz, 8714 Houston avenue.

Die on Platform.

The men were discovered by workmen early yesterday morning lying on a platform near a blast furnace, from which the gas fumes had suddenly escaped. All five men were hurried to the company hospital, but Crashtski is supposed to have been dead before found.

Several other workmen were overcome, but were quickly revived, medical attention being unnecessary. Three men have died in the steel plant within the last twenty-four hours.

MORE WORK FOR HERETIC HUNTERS

Providence, R. I., Dec. 9.—Rev. Joseph Hutcheson, rector of St. Marks' Episcopal church in Warren, in the course of a sermon today condemned the decision of the high ecclesiastical court in the Craspey case, endorsed Dr. Craspey and his belief and declared his readiness to stand trial on the issue in turn.

"I can not be silent and allow that noble-minded priest in Rochester to suffer alone. I stand here ready for trial in my turn and until tried and disposed I propose to remain here."



UNCLE SAM—"CHILD LABOR IS EXPENSIVE IN THE LONG RUN."

WARD BUILDING A FIRE TRAP

Bartzen Says No Escape for Employee in a Blaze.

MILLIONAIRE ANARCHISTS

Thorne, of Merchants' Club, Runs the Bip Store—He Would Reform Public Schools.

Montgomery Ward & Co. maintain the worst fire trap in the city, according to Building Commissioner Bartzen.

"If fire breaks out in that trap," he declared today, "there will be hundreds burned to death. Six months ago this department served notice on the company to make its building safe for the thousands of employees. We have been stopped from enforcing the law by an injunction."

The Thorne brothers, who run this business are prominent members of the Merchants' Club which proposes to reform the public schools.

"If that Ward building burns there will be a more awful disaster than the Troquois theater horror. I do not believe a hundred would escape," he continued. "Paper is scattered on the floor, there are wooden partitions in direct violation of law and the elevators do not run through making changes necessary. This would make it impossible for those on the top floors to escape if a blaze should start."

Can't Do Anything.

"What is the cure?" he was asked. Without answering the question directly, the building commissioner ended his statement with this:

"You can't do anything with the millionaire anarchists in this town. As soon as you try to make these law breakers and rich anarchists obey the law they stop you with an injunction. The Ward building in Michigan avenue is the worst fire trap we ever have found in this city. I do not believe there is another as dangerous anywhere. If a horror comes I want the public to know that I have done my duty. The responsibility will not be on this office."

Two inspectors are at work in the plant of the law breaking Illinois Steel company today investigating the gas explosion that caused the death of one man and the injury of four others.

BIG SHIP AGREED.

Sandy Hook, N. J., Dec. 10.—The German steamship Fernav, enroute from Dantzic to Philadelphia, is ashore at Long Beach, N. J. The big vessel lies in an easy position and her crew has refused to leave her.

TAKING CONCEIT OUT OF TEDDY, JR.

College Chums Force Him to Deliver Papers and to Eat Oysters With Syrup.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 10.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., today is undergoing the tortures necessary to become a member of the "Dickies," the most mysterious of all the Harvard fraternities. His initiation started yesterday and will continue through the week. If the president's son does not flinch through this week of trial he will then become a member in good standing of the society.

In the cold grey dawn of yesterday morning Teddy, Jr., appeared in Harvard Square under the guidance of High Dickie Harrington. Although every one was bundled up to the eyes, the initiate had on a summer suit, blue flannel shirt and white canvas shoes. His head was bare to the wintry breezes.

He breakfasted at Harvard Square luncheon on mustard pickles, hot buttermilk, raw oysters, maple syrup and hot squash pie. Even at the early hour his gastronomic feat was watched by a great crowd.

Then young Roosevelt started out to deliver the morning papers to every member of the Dickies. Across the face of each paper was printed "Fool Roosevelt."

Last night the victim visited the Boston theater district and every few minutes one of the Dickies asked him for a cigarette, a glass of ginger pop or a Teddy bear. If he failed to produce any of these articles on request he was compelled to explain audibly why he did not have these little necessities of life with him for his future brothers.

CORTELYOU MAKES A BIG DISCOVERY

Fears the Railroads are Charging too Much for Carrying the Mails.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—At last the great George B. Cortelyou, postmaster general, has discovered that there is graft in the postoffice department, although everybody else knew this years ago.

The annual report presented by Mr. Cortelyou to congress shows a deficit of more than \$10,000,000. After recommending certain reforms in the department, Mr. Cortelyou goes over to the carrying charges made by the railroads and says:

"The department's present relation to the matter of pay for postal cars is far from satisfactory. From a business point of view the compensation would seem to be excessive."

MAY "INVESTIGATE" SOAP AND LARD

Washington, Dec. 10.—The investigation of by-products of the meat-packing industry will be taken up by the house committee, according to reports.

ARE CAR SHORTAGES PART OF THE GRAFT?

Maybe the Railroads are Punishing the Public for Being "Radical."

(Special Telegram.)

Toledo, O., Dec. 10.—The federal grand jury recessed Friday afternoon. It will resume at 1 o'clock to-morrow.

It is understood indictments will be returned against the Ann Arbor railway and local ice companies.

It is rumored that there may be some startling disclosures of violations on the part of the coal-carrying railroads. The government expects to show that there have been favors granted to the larger coal shippers, while the smaller fellows have been discriminated against.

The car shortage puzzle will be gone into. There is a suspicion on the part of the government that car shortages are sometimes "made to order" to the advantage of one shipper and to the detriment of another.

Lined up in the hallway outside the door of the grand jury room on the fourth floor of the government building last week a score of men prominent in railroad and other companies, waited to be called into the jury room to be gridironed.

DID YOU GET ONE OF THESE TELEGRAMS.

How the Mine Stock Dealers Wash People for Their Savings.

Sufficient facts have been printed in the Chicago Daily Socialist as well as in some other papers to show to what crooked schemes the fake mining stock companies resort in order to get the hard earned dollars of the workingmen. The following telegram is new evidence of the rottenness of these stock companies.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 10. W. E. Wilson, Boulder, Col.: If not taking chances wire me as follows: "From what I have seen we have the biggest proposition in the world, Home Stake not excepted. W. B. Cameron"

Here is a scheme for praying upon people with manufactured telegrams telling of wealth which never existed except in the newspaper advertisements.

HEARST'S MINERS MAY STRIKE

Deadwood, S. D., Dec. 10.—Two thousand miners from the Hearst Homestake gold mine met and telegraphed the directors of the company in San Francisco that unless an eight-hour workday was granted at once a strike would be called and the Homestake shut down.

HOW TO MAKE LOVE IN COLD WINTER TIME

Sit on a Park Bench and "Coo," But Have a Charcoal Stove.

Love laughs at cool breezes as well as at locksmiths, for a pair of north side "spooners" have modernized the saying. A small charcoal brazier now in possession of Police Operator Morper of the Chicago avenue station awaiting the owner was the means used by the sweethearts to outwit the chill winds that blow through Lincoln park during the winter.

During the spring and summer "lovers' lane" in Lincoln park is a favorite trysting place. But in the winter things usually are different.

Yesterday afternoon, however, Policeman Tom Hayes was patrolling his beat when he was surprised to see one of the benches occupied. The couple paid no attention to him as he passed, but continued to gaze rapturously into each other's eyes.

"I wonder if the poor things are froze to death and don't know it!" mused Hayes to himself. "They don't seem to mind the cold. Here I am walking fast and I am chilled to the bone and they don't seem to mind it at all. Love's a great thing."

An hour later he passed by the same spot. There sat the couple. As Hayes neared the bench he noticed a thin line of smoke coming from behind the bench.

"Fire!" he called, running forward. The pair released their holds and sprang up. The woman looked around in amazement. The man did likewise for a moment. Then he clasped his hands to his trousers leg and began to smother a small flame that was burning. Before Hayes could approach both had hurried away toward Clark street.

"Oh, now I see why they didn't mind the cold," smiled Hayes, taking the brazier from under the bench. "It wasn't love that kept them so warm, after all. It was the stove. That's a new one on me. I guess if they want this stove again they can call at the station for it. Anyway, it's too bad it burned his pants, but next time he will do his spooning where it isn't so cold."

Operator Morper now has the brazier and will return it to the owners if they will identify it and leave their names and address at the station.

"THERE GOES GRAHAM TAYLOR COMING BACK"

Professional Charity Worker Gets in With the Merchants' Club Where the Money Is.

Prof. Taylor, as chairman of the charter convention committee on education, approved the suggestion of Dr. Butler, when he said: "If I were a member of your school board I would do my best to have adopted a by-law which would remove from the school service any teacher who affiliated himself or herself with a labor organization."

"I agree with the general principles," said Prof. Taylor, "that there should be no union organization among public service employees, and consequently I do not favor personally the Teachers' Federation, believing it impairs the usefulness of the teachers. My views on this point are well known. The committee on industry of the City club is securing data dealing with unions among teachers, firemen, and policemen in this and other cities and the report no doubt will be exceedingly useful."

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP BREAKS DOWN

Captains of Industry Can't or Will Not Give Kansas Fuel.

Topeka, Kans., Dec. 10.—Private ownership of railroads is the cause of a coal famine in Kansas. The railroads find it more remunerative to use cars for other purposes. The people are freezing for want of the precious black diamonds. There is just as much coal on the market as there ever was, but the greed of private corporations is greater than the cries of suffering humanity.

CHICAGO MAY HAVE MODERN TELEPHONES

Western Electric Ordered to Make Improved Instruments.

The Western Electric Company manufactures the telephone apparatus for the Chicago Telephone Company. It is the most ancient apparatus in use today. All the little jerk-water towns enjoy more improved telephones than Chicago.

The home company is about to lose its franchise and in a last effort to save its life the Western Electric is preparing to make for the company modern instruments for telephoning.

Cold Wave Coming.

Rain or snow to-night and Tuesday. Much colder. Cold waves to-night and Tuesday. Minimum temperature ten degrees above zero. Brisk northwest winds.

"LABOR PROBLEM" TO BE SOLVED

Roosevelt Gets \$40,000 Nobel Prize and Will Bring Peace in Industry.

HE HAS NO SURE THEORY

John Mitchell Will Help—Interest on the Money to be Used to Reconcile Capital and Workers.

(Scripps-McRae Press Association.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—President Roosevelt to-day received the Nobel prize for his services in promoting peace.

The Nobel prize is one of the world's great honors, conferred for greatest world service, and the country is distinguished that claims as a citizen one of the recipients of the prize.

The prize came in the form of \$40,000 in cash, and President Roosevelt determined to make a present of the money to the people of the United States, to be devoted to the cause of industrial peace.

He believes that this money cannot be better used than in the labor of bringing about better relations between employer and employe. To this end the fund will be placed in the hands of trustees and the income will be used perpetually for this purpose.

The Nobel prize comes to the president in recognition of his services in bringing about peace between Russia and Japan.

Will Make Medal Men.

It is the president's plan to put the money in the hands of trustees, and he has about decided to appoint as trustees Chief Justice Fuller, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Strauss. These trustees will invest the fund in safe securities and devote the interest annually to the promotion of industrial peace in accordance with the following plan:

The president will select two men, respectively labor and capital interests. It will be their duty to promote industrial peace in whatever way, by arbitration or otherwise, that they are able to devise, and to do all possible to bring about "lasting harmony between the warring interests in the industrial world."

One of these peace promoters will be John Mitchell of the coal miners' organization, and the other will be some man in the capitalistic world who has made himself conspicuous by his fair dealing and the confidence which he commands at the hands of the employed as well as the employing class.

These two men will serve for a year, at the end of which time it will be their duty to select two more men, one from the employer and the other from the employed classes, on the basis of some conspicuous accomplishment in the way of bringing about more harmonious relations during the year then ended.

Has No Theories.

These two men will each be presented with a bronze medal, the design and character of the medal to be later determined, which will be valued as a distinction rather than from any intrinsic value.

This committee of four will, at the end of another year, choose two other medal men, so that at the end of three years, there will be a committee of six. The first two men appointed will resign at the end of the third year, and each of the other committee men will do the same at the end of a three-year period of service.

President Roosevelt has no hard and fast notions as to how the administrators of his Nobel fund shall proceed in working for industrial peace. Everything will be judged by results. Theories are excellent, but until they have been tested they will probably not entitle their authors to any participation in the honors of this endowment.

On the other hand, men like John Mitchell, or former Senator Gray of Delaware, who actually do things in the way of settling strikes or insuring industrial peace, will receive recognition. One of the purposes of the fund is to inspire greater endeavor along these lines.

HOLIDAY BOOKS.

Full supply of Socialist literature at office of Chicago Daily Socialist. Barzans in pamphlets. Choice books for Christmas presents. Marx Capital, new edition, \$2.00; by mail 25 cents extra.—Adv.

POLICEMEN HAVE A UNION.

The policemen's union is now a reality. The first branch to be organized consists of the drivers. The organizing was conducted secretly, the names of the officers not being known.

LIFE INSURANCE WITHOUT GRAFT

Socialist Senator of Wisconsin Submits Report on Government Indemnity that Surprises Capitalists.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 9.—The Socialist Democratic senator, Jacob Rummel, who was appointed last winter, on a committee of the senate of Wisconsin, to investigate the practicability of state and government life insurance has prepared and filed a minority report.

In this report Mr. Rummel has discussed the experience of six or eight foreign states and nations in government insurance. He has presented a very exhaustive study of the subject, and shows positively and conclusively the vast superiority of government insurance over private.

He therefore recommends to the state legislature that a commission be at once appointed to recommend a suitable form of state insurance to be adopted by the Wisconsin legislature.

He also recommends in this report, that a resolution be drafted by the state legislature of Wisconsin, and sent at once to the national congress at Washington, asking that body to immediately take steps toward the inauguration of a government insurance, to include not only life insurance, but also insurance against accident, sickness, old age and invalidity.

The report has created considerable astonishment among capitalist politicians, because of its strength of its presentation and thorough-going nature.

DRIVERS HAD NO GRIEVANCE.

Shea and Others to be Convicted Because Wrongs of Working Girls Were "None of Their Business."

Plans of the prosecuting attorneys in the Shea conspiracy case are now complete.

They will use Mayor Dunne, Levy Mayer, Robert J. Thorne and a number of the State street merchants. The state figures it out that the entire case hinges on the testimony which these men will give, the import of which will be that the teamsters had no grievance whatever with any of the business houses against whom they struck and damaged to the extent of millions of dollars. The fact that working girls were being wronged is no grievance the bosses say.

The fundamental thing which they intend to prove is that the sympathetic strike is unlawful and itself conspiracy.

"SOCIETY WOMEN" RUN A "BLIND PIG"

"Streets of Paris" Charged With Selling Intoxicants Illegally.

The "Streets of Paris" escaped a raid by the miraculous intervention of J. Hamilton Lewis. He saved the local "400."

Complaints to the police department were made by the Retail Saloonkeepers' League and the theatrical managers. The first body complained of the selling of liquor without a license, while the latter complained of theatrical productions without properly marked exits and asbestos curtains.

It was discovered that with a four-cent piece of lace sold for \$10 a souvenir bottle of wine was given. So the lawbreaking was "legal."

there will be no other class; no "business men." There will be no room then for profit, interest and rent.

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WATCH THEM GET IT BACK.

Railroads Increase Wages—Freight Rates Go Up—Cost of Living

New York, Dec. 10.—(Special).—Wall street was greatly interested today in a report that a general movement to raise freight rates was on among the railroads in order to meet the increase in the wages of the employes, men and women of the employes and other increases in operating expenses.

James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, who is now in the city, said that he had not heard of any general movement to advance freight rates. He however, added:

Hill Talks. "The advances in the prices of material and in wages and in the cost of handling the present volume of business which is greater than the existing roads carry—the limited facilities increasing the cost of handling—will operate toward an increase in railroad rates, for all rates must be based on the cost of handling the business, and the cost has increased materially."

Mr. Hill stated that, as far as his not a burning question, "the railroad company was concerned, the matter was not a burning question," for the Great Northern had reduced freight rates not long ago. Generally speaking, however, other railroad companies of the country are by no means in a like position.

Report Is Doubtful. In some quarters it was said, regarding the report of a general rate increase that any movement of the sort was merely the usual yearly increase that follows the winter closing of lake and river transportation.

Attention was called to the fact that, under the provisions of the railway rate higher freight rates will tend to increase the prices to the consumer of the articles shipped, so that the consumers, who include the very men whose wages have been raised, will ultimately pay the increase.

ENGINEER GOES INSANE.

Fear of Accident and Responsibility Routs Reason.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 10.—Michael Whelan has held a throttle on the Michigan Central for 22 years.

Whelan was adjudged insane Friday in probate court. Whelan became crazed through worry. He was haunted by the fear that his train would figure in some disastrous wreck and the hundreds of lives behind his engine would be snuffed out. He brooded over the matter until insanity was evidenced in his actions. How long he has been actually insane is problematical. It is probable that during the last few days he was on his engine he was irresponsible.

GAS COMPANY WANTED OLD CARPENTER'S TOOLS.

His Meter Showed He Owed \$17 for Light and He Complained.

If you were a gas company would you take a not a man's carpenter tools away from him because he refused to pay a bill of \$17?

W. H. Rhodes, an old soldier, living at 7515 South Chicago avenue and receiving an \$8 pension is able to do a little carpenter work.

His gas bills averaged \$3 a month. Suddenly he received one for \$17. Complaint was made and the old meter was disconnected and another put in. The next bill was \$9. He refused to pay it and was threatened with suit for the amount. The company threatened to take away the veteran's tools and he borrowed the money from friends, as poor as himself, to save his only means of gaining a livelihood.

FRG.—THE ENEMY.

Realizing that the Social Democrats will have the advantage in the event that several democratic or republican candidates are placed in the field at the coming judicial election, it is claimed that efforts are to be made by representatives of the old parties to come to an agreement regarding the election. Peter J. Koehler, chairman of the republican county committee, yesterday admitted that the proposition was under consideration and that some action would undoubtedly be taken before spring.

"There is no question but that the socialists will present a solid front," said Mr. Koehler. "While nothing definite has been done as yet, the question of the democrats and republicans combining on independent candidates has been discussed. The proposition will undoubtedly be taken up before spring."

LEOPOLD DENIES HE IS CRUEL.

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 10.—In a sensational interview given personally today to your correspondent, King Leopold of Belgium denied categorically the reports which have been circulated so widely of atrocities practiced in the Congo. His common sense would have kept him from indulging in cruelties such as those he is accused of practicing, he king declared, even if he were not moved by humanity to do so.

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L. W. Longdon of Lexington, Ia., called the Chicago Daily Socialist by long distance telephone Saturday afternoon to give a story about the drowning of two little boys. The service was so poor, however, that their names could not be heard.

EARTH IS SINKING AT MOREHEAD, N. Y.

Citizens Fear World is Coming to An End by Drowning.

Moorehead, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Great consternation prevails here as the result of the discovery that the beach is settling and actually has sunk nearly twenty feet in the last forty-eight hours. The embankments, breakwater and pier have partially disappeared. There is now nearly seventy feet of water where before the phenomenon there was only three feet above high water.

Captain Hough of the Port Macon life-saving station is at a loss to explain the sinking of the beach. He says there has been no shock, and that the sinking has been gradual. It is suggested that the current may have cut a channel under the breakwater.

BOWERY "BUMS" AND "BUM" RICH

Converts From New York Slums Preach to Fifth Avenue Persons.

New York, Dec. 10.—Converted Bowery bums are the talk of Fifth Avenue and the latest sensation of the 400 today. The collegiate church of St. Nicholas, the church attended by Helen Gould and Mrs. Russell Sage, was filled to the doors last night to hear converted denizens of the lower world tell of their salvation. The congregation came prepared to be shocked, but left thrilled with religious fervor. Instead of seeing typical bums, they saw prosperous looking men who asked: "Would you think that a few years ago I bore the marks of twenty years of drunkenness?" The revival services were under the auspices of the Jerry McAuley mission which had been called by the Rev. Donald Sage Mackay, pastor of the fashionable church.

MOTHER JONES IN CHICAGO.

Her Tireless Maternal Spirit Hopeful For "Her Boys" in the Working Class.

Mother Jones arrived in Chicago last night and will remain in Chicago for a few weeks. She took part in the political campaign in Pennsylvania and will rest a few days before beginning her task anew.

BILLICK CHARGED WITH ANOTHER MURDER.

Herman Billick, the hypnotist and poisoner of six people in eighteen months, was asked questions yesterday which he could not answer, and which are tightening the coils around him which will force him to confess all he knows. Another death has been discovered which is supposed to be traceable to him—a young Bohemian girl whom he had induced to believe he wanted to marry him, even though he was married and had children. She was with him one day in a halsted street store looking over some furniture when she dropped dead.

WORKERS AND OFFICIALS HOLD A CONFERENCE.

Firemen and Engineers Throughout the Country Demanding Eight-Hour Day. Conferences between officials of the Rock Island railroad system and representatives of the firemen and engineers are in progress today.

The workers are demanding an eight-hour day, uniform wages and other improved conditions of work. Similar conferences are taking place throughout the country.

THE OFFICE OF THE SOCIALIST DOES NOT BURN.

Several hundred business and professional men on the way to their offices this morning about nine o'clock were surprised to see a large number of fire engines in La Salle street in front of the Chicago Daily Socialist business office. They were disappointed when they found the fire was on the opposite side of the street, and the destruction of the organ of unrest was not to happen immediately.

Colonel J. Hamilton Lewis, corporation counsel of Chicago, says E. H. Harriman plans to take the subway now used for telephone wires and turn it into a passenger railway.

If Bellamy Storer and his wife don't stop making public Roosevelt's letters about the appointment of Archbishop Ireland to a "red hat," they will destroy the popular opinion that Teddy is a "good man," and would not tell a falsehood.

Judge Peter Grosscup, of the Federal bench, who has the traction cases and who has assessed the collection of \$2,000,000 in taxes assessed against Chicago street car companies, went to Europe last summer. He took several of his relatives and the cost, without counting incidentals, was about \$4,000. Grosscup is paid \$10,000 a year by a generous government, so you see he spent almost half of his annual income for a summer trip. He has enough left to pay his dues at Onwentsia Country Club, however.

The shah of Persia is slightly better, but the opinion of doctors is that it is only temporary. He is not expected to live. Some say he is dead.

Indications are that the "State Standard Oil" will lose one of its representatives in the United States senate; the Hon. Joseph Bailey. He was credited to the senate but really represented the Standard Oil crowd. He was discovered, and even the Texas legislature will find it hard to "stand for" him again.

Whenever the Chicago Tribune, the Daily News, the Inter-Ocean or the Hearst papers "knock" Socialism and the teacher's union, just remember they are the same fraudulent mine and medical advertising.

Every reader of this paper who lives on the north side and does not join the "No Seat—No Pay Association" will miss a lot of fun. Street car patrons in other parts of the city should organize and enjoy the sport.

News and Comment

An employe of Hillman's has written to the Chicago Daily Socialist saying that as a rule Hillman objects to women clerks sitting down even when not busy.

Henry B. Irving, son of the great actor, arrived in the city last night. Mr. Irving is the exact counterpart of his father in temperament, face and repertory. He begins an engagement at the Illinois theatre to-night.

Commander Perry, the Arctic explorer, will be presented with a medal to-night, at a banquet of the National Geographic Society, at Washington, for having gone farther north than any other explorer.

Perhaps you cannot get a new subscriber for the Chicago Daily Socialist every day, but you can hand your copy to a neighbor after reading it yourself.

It would be a good plan to leave your copy of this paper in some barber shop after reading it yourself. Leave it in some shop on your way to work.

James B. Forgan, of the First National bank, denounced "speculation" at a meeting of the Bankers' Club Saturday night. He seems to think every person can be a sure thing like the First National bank with its "straight" school lease.

The "Streets of Paris" is over and \$50,000 is to go to a hospital. This is not the only result. Every newspaper in Chicago, except this one, has a fine collection of pictures of "society women." You may think that of no value, but it is. The portraits will be kept for use when the inevitable divorce cases begin.

The Sultan of Turkey is seriously ill.

Until Chicago policemen get an eight-hour day—they never will get it without a union—they will have to disobey orders and be "Piperized" by reformers like the Daily News. No policeman on duty longer than eight hours a day, every day in the year, can obey the rules of the department. They are forced to disobey, because human strength cannot stand twelve hours or more of "patrolling." Remember this the next time you "jump on" the police for laziness.

Factories in Lodz, Poland, have been closed, leaving thousands out of work and 30,000 people without food. Riots are frequent.

Church troubles in France are becoming more complicated than ever. The pope has issued an encyclical ordering services to be conducted without regard to the law. The government is determined that the law shall be complied with, and will go to any extreme to see that it is obeyed. Much trouble is expected before the difficulties are finally settled.

An investigation is likely to be begun by several improvement associations into the materials used in paving the streets in Chicago. The contractors, it is charged, are using inferior grades of paving material, in spite of their guarantees to use the best materials available.

Mrs. Struyvesant Fish, who returned from Europe Saturday, declares that the American woman is the best dressed woman in the world, because she is not bound by style. "In Paris," Mrs. Fish said, "women are slaves to the mode. They are all patters."

Mayor Johnson of Cleveland, O., probably will be impeached. His crime is a plan to give the people of Cleveland a three-cent street car fare. That should be sufficient to send him to jail for the remainder of his life.

You probably recall the news of last week about the discovery of land thefts by the Harriman and Gould lines. Officials arrested a few employes of the companies. Of course these employes grabbed coal land for Harriman and Gould without orders.

It is just such things as the "indictment of a corporation" and the arrest of employes when a great corporation is charged with land thefts, that makes "reformers" like Roosevelt look foolish. The working class must take charge of things before long or the captains of industry will laugh themselves to death over the efforts to control them.

William K. McBeth of Scottsdale, Pa., has started on a 20,000 mile horse-back ride. He proposes to visit every state capital in the next four years on a wagon of \$20,000.

Colonel J. Hamilton Lewis, corporation counsel of Chicago, says E. H. Harriman plans to take the subway now used for telephone wires and turn it into a passenger railway.

If Bellamy Storer and his wife don't stop making public Roosevelt's letters about the appointment of Archbishop Ireland to a "red hat," they will destroy the popular opinion that Teddy is a "good man," and would not tell a falsehood.

Judge Peter Grosscup, of the Federal bench, who has the traction cases and who has assessed the collection of \$2,000,000 in taxes assessed against Chicago street car companies, went to Europe last summer. He took several of his relatives and the cost, without counting incidentals, was about \$4,000. Grosscup is paid \$10,000 a year by a generous government, so you see he spent almost half of his annual income for a summer trip. He has enough left to pay his dues at Onwentsia Country Club, however.

The shah of Persia is slightly better, but the opinion of doctors is that it is only temporary. He is not expected to live. Some say he is dead.

Indications are that the "State Standard Oil" will lose one of its representatives in the United States senate; the Hon. Joseph Bailey. He was credited to the senate but really represented the Standard Oil crowd. He was discovered, and even the Texas legislature will find it hard to "stand for" him again.

Whenever the Chicago Tribune, the Daily News, the Inter-Ocean or the Hearst papers "knock" Socialism and the teacher's union, just remember they are the same fraudulent mine and medical advertising.

ACTRESS' ROMANCE ENDS AT LAST

Story of a Poor Girl Who Married New York Society Man.

New York, Dec. 10.—Sylvia Gerrish, the California girl, who in a few short nights became the rage of two continents, died, it was learned to-day, late Saturday night in the Hilton mansion on Morris Heights, where she had lived alone since the death of the man who gave up everything in the world for her. She made her first appearance in the old Casino Avenue seventeen years ago. Henry Hilton, son of Ex-Judge Hilton, and heir to his father's millions, was in the first row. The next morning all Broadway was talking of her. Before a week every manager of both New York and London was bidding for her. Young Hilton had fallen victim to her charms, as had the other gilded youth of New York.

His infatuation grew, and finally he gave up all for her.

He was disinherited. Sylvia Gerrish testified that she had been married to him the day after his wife's death.

Poverty overtook them, and last August Hilton died in the room in which she died Saturday. From that time Sylvia Gerrish's life was a fight against poverty. She never went out, and was seen only by her few servants.

U. S. TEACHERS TO GO TO SOUTH AMERICA

Decatur, Ill., Educator Will Establish Schools in Bolivia.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 10.—J. C. F. Harrington of this city has been appointed superintendent of public instruction in the republic of Bolivia. Mr. Harrington, accompanied by several American teachers to whom he has offered positions, will leave for New York this week. They will sail by way of Panama.

At the meeting of the Bolivian congress last July it was voted to establish a public school system. Hitherto only the parochial system has existed. It was decided to try the new plan for three years. The sum of \$40,000 for each of the three years was appropriated. Through the influence of Mr. Harrington's brother, Rev. F. M. Harrington, a Methodist missionary in Bolivia, the former was tendered the appointment. The following persons will go with Mr. Harrington this week: Moses Merubia, of Evanston, a native Chilean and a graduate of Northwestern university; H. B. Shinn, San Antonio, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Field, Richland, Mich.; William Weber, Iowa City, Iowa, and R. M. Roberts, Mount Vernon, Iowa.

The system of education in force in the United States will be introduced. The English language will be taught exclusively.

HUMAN HEAD FOR EVERY CARTRIDGE

Butcheries in the Congo Cause Appeal for United States Intervention.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Dr. Herbert Johnson, representing the Congo Reform Association, is in Washington to try to induce Secretary of State Root to intervene with King Leopold of Belgium in behalf of the natives of the Congo Free State. Dr. Johnson is pastor of the Warren Avenue Baptist church of Boston on leave of absence for one year.

He accused the Belgian government of failing to punish the men who commit untold atrocities on the natives for the purposes of commercial gain. The Belgian officers, he says, permit the natives serving in the army to murder and feed on their victims. He declared it to be one of the rules of the military that every time the soldiers use a cartridge they must bring in a human head to show for it. Dr. Johnson said that King Leopold's recent reform edict will not be carried out, because it is so worded that the agents of the rubber companies may keep on in the same cruel way without fear of prosecution.

Root is charged with being one of Leopold's paid attorneys, so the minister's chance appears to be small.

CONKLIN XMAS Jewelry and Watches AT 40% DISCOUNT Instead of a premium of 20 to 50%, as is the rule at this time of the year at the regular dealers. I bought several thousand dollars worth of reliable Watches and Jewelry that were used as samples by a salesman of one of the largest Jewelry Houses in the east. Every article strictly first-class and of the very latest pattern. The season is over with the Wholesale traveling salesman and in order to clear up, gave me some big discounts from manufacturers prices which enables me to sell this lot at prices fully 40% below the regular price. The line includes Rings, Brooches, Stickpins, Sleeve Buttons, Ladies' and Gent's Chains, Locketts, Charms, Necklaces, in fact all kind of Jewelry, gold plated, gold filled and solid gold. Don't fail to see me before you buy. And Say! When it comes to WATCHES, I am ashamed to quote prices; I could not do it justice; come and see them, they will make your eyes water. Open evenings until 10. Sundays from 9 to 1. A. B. CONKLIN Room 25, McVICKER'S BUILDING CHICAGO

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A Fight to a Finish

The Merchants' Club of Chicago has called for outside help in its fight against the teachers.

They called Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, who told them that there was too much discussion about the public schools. He gave it as his opinion that an ideal school board "should be able to gather quietly about one of these tables, and with no thought of the galleries or of teachers' organizations or of newspapers, be able and competent to transact the actual business of your schools effectually and quickly."

We can tell Dr. Butler that the day is past when a school board can sit down around a table and quietly and secretly vote away millions of dollars of school property, tie the schools up to the book trust, sign hoodlum coal contracts, and victimize the teachers who dare to protest.

THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN DONE IN THE PAST. THEY HAVE BEEN DONE BY SOME OF THE MEN TO WHOM HE WAS TALKING.

Those "good old days" are gone, never to return. There is a press, an organized labor movement, an educated working class that do not propose to permit the Merchants' Club to steal the educational heritage of the children.

The climax of Dr. Butler's speech was rightly reserved for denunciation of the idea of a union of teachers. The height of his tirade ended in the suggestion that "if the teachers affiliate with the labor unions why not the firemen? If the firemen affiliate, why not the policemen; and if the policemen, why not the soldiers of the standing army?"

THEY WILL SO AFFILIATE, DR. BUTLER.

They may not know this themselves yet. The teachers did not know where they were going five years ago.

But the time is coming when firemen, policemen and soldiers will all realize that they belong to the working class.

The time will come when all workingmen will refuse longer to work to produce plunder, or fight to guard it for an idle parasitic class.

When that time comes you will be on our side, too, Doctor Butler. You will not be there until then. But when the workers are victorious you will cringe and crawl and bark for us as you do now for the ruling capitalist class.

But we will not ask you to do this. We will give you an opportunity to be a man, to use your intellect and scholastic abilities in the increase and diffusion of knowledge, and not in the concealment of facts and the confusion of men as at present.

You might as well make up your mind now—you and your listeners, of the Chicago Merchants' Club—that the working class is going to rule in this and every other country. That class will control government, industry, education, everything.

IF YOU WANT TO SHARE IN THAT RULERSHIP JOIN THE WORKERS.

The Plutocrat's Thanksgiving

I had my annual thanksgiving in the stereotyped order, but after listening to a gentleman styled reverend, who told us of the loveliness of sweet poverty illustrated in the lives of Valjean, the convict; Faucine, the abandoned woman, and Cosette, the waif, the inspiring muse whose commands I have to obey, however unpopular they may make me decreed the following special thanksgiving:

We thank thee, O God, for the laboring man Who struggles that we may be gay, With his dirty old clothes, and his little tin can As he shovels the coal and the clay.

We thank thee, O God, for the woman who toils In sweat shops, and want and distresses, For we of the bon ton enjoy the spoils In furs and extravagant dresses.

We thank thee, O God, for the factory bees That earn us the interest of money We take all the sweets from such creatures as these, And make them keep making us honey.

We thank thee, O God, for the preachers who tell How pleasant it is to be poor, When we've entered the pride of our upholstered pew, And carefully buttoned the door.

We thank thee, O God, for the newspaper trust That helps keep the Socialists quiet, And sets its ad traps to catch wretches who lust After profit, and wish they could try it.

We thank thee, O God, for the Christ on the cross, A picture to wheedle the peasant; Were he really alive he would trouble the boss, And do things too truly unpleasant.

At the altar of Mammon and Pluto we kneel, Where ignorance smokes from oppression— Is this the true God whom Christ died to reveal? Is this the true Christian profession?

—CHARLES FITCH.

If that "early shopping movement" could only be sufficiently well organized to keep the pressure up on the laborers for a month before-hand, it would not be necessary to hire any extra help until after Christmas, when all the old employes would be dead. Great are the plans of the meddling, middle-class reformer.

THE SCHOOL LEASE STEAL

By C. L. THORPE

The following letter was addressed to the school board in 1904. It is particularly to the point just now.

To My Fellow Members of the Board of Education:

You have received from time to time newspaper clippings and other matter pertaining to the lease question, intended to depreciate the value of the school fund property in your mind.

Newspaper articles are inspired and misleading statements, very unjust to the Board of Education, are industriously scattered. Good people who would otherwise support us in our efforts and in our plea to be permitted to ask and obtain as good prices for this public property as is obtained for private property are led to believe that the Board of Education is obstructing improvements in the downtown district.

These good people are induced to write to the board on this subject, but are kept in ignorance of the fact that the board has for the past nine years been very willing and liberal in granting straight ninety-nine-year leases. That more than half of the frontage in block 142 (State, Madison, Dearborn and Monroe streets) has long since been let on long-term leases without revaluation. The greater part of the State street frontage has been so let years ago. The lessees have asked for the cancellation of our good old leases on the same plan that we are now again confronted with, viz: That they must have a new lease in order to be able to improve, and they have so pledged themselves to do.

How many of them have built? In block 142 only the Tribune. They have all had abundant time in which to do so. In some cases the liberal time of five years or more has not been considered enough, and the lessee has later again come in and pleaded for more time in which to get ready to build, and has got it.

No sooner have we relinquished our valuable property—the revaluation clause—than the pressing necessity for improvement seems to be relieved and the old buildings still remain.

Is it then fair to scatter the impression that the Board of Education is obstructing improvements?

The members of the board, although believing in the further advance of this property, have yet in a spirit of fairness and liberality recognized a merit in the position of the lessees, when they have pleaded that the revaluation clause has prevented them from financing and building.

The Philbin lease on State street (72 feet front) was cancelled in 1898, and new straight lease was made at an average advance of only about 12 per cent, perhaps enough to equal the advance in the market since 1895, but no compensation for the revaluation clause. The lessee agreed to build in five years, later came in and pleaded for more time, got it and sold the lease for \$35,000 to Stumer, Rosenthal & Eckstein. The old building is still there.

In 1901 the corner of State and Monroe streets, 96 feet front by 120 on Monroe street, was leased to Stumer, Rosenthal & Eckstein for ninety-nine years straight. The old building is yet there. In 1901 the Otis leases on the corner of State and Madison streets, 48 x 120 feet, were changed to long-term leases without revaluation. The old shanty is still there, but they say they will build now.

In 1895 (nine years ago) the lease of Caroline Wilson, 40 feet front on Dearborn street, was changed to straight lease for a ridiculous consideration of a few hundred dollars per year additional rent. The old building is still, after nine years' waiting, doing business.

In 1902 the Chapin & Gore lease, on Monroe street, 54 x 192 feet, was changed to ninety-nine years without revaluation. They were very anxious to build, and must have a straight lease. They sold the lease to Mrs. Lehman at a price said to be \$200,000.

In 1902 the lease of Catharine Boomer, 27 x 190 feet, on Monroe street, was

changed on the same plea. We have heard of no contemplation to build on these two sites in the near future.

The sites are all in block 142.

On Madison street, opposite block 142, the lease of 80 feet front was in 1895 held by Hannah & Hogg. They pleaded that they must have a straight lease, that they wanted to build, and they got what they asked for without any advance at all for ten years, and only a lamentable advance of 5 per cent for the remainder of the term. They almost immediately sold the lease to Netcher for \$235,000. Think of it! That is what they wanted the straight lease for, and the taxpayers of Chicago furnished the sum. Mr. Charles Netcher, who, assumed this lease, should, under the terms of the same, have built inside of five years—in 1900. Nine years have elapsed, and the old building is yet there. He is paying \$4,000 annually in penalty rather than build. Is this consistent, and is it just to the Board of Education? That lot is adjoining the city lot also leased by Mr. Netcher for ninety-nine years, and it is worth to-day between two and three times as much more than we are getting for it.

This is only a sample of how the Board of Education has fared in these matters.

I could continue thus enumerating many other leases which we have changed as shown, and I could mention examples in which the lease has had up to eleven years in which to build, but the old unsafe building is yet there.

On the leases thus cancelled during the last nine years and new straight leases made, the taxpayers of Chicago have lost between ten and twelve million dollars, figuring the rental obtained as compared with rental obtainable today. And yet the press and other good people are told that we are obstructing improvements.

Regarding compensation for the elimination of the revaluation clause, Messrs. Kerfoot, Bond and Fetzer rendered an opinion for the City Council that 20 per cent ought to be added to the cash valuation when making a 99-year lease without revaluation.

The market value at the present time, as fixed by numerous private sales and leases on State street, Madison street, Monroe street, Dearborn street, Adams street, indicate an advance in cash appraised valuation over the School Board appraised valuation of 1899 of about 60 per cent, to which should be added 20 per cent for long leases; total, 80 per cent. I have figured only 60 per cent advance in all, in order to be on the safe side, when I say that our loss is ten to twelve million dollars. The loss is really over fifteen million dollars. On the seven leases changed in block 142 I have figured it out exactly and on those alone the loss is \$6,709,822.

Seeing the insincerity on the part of many of the lessees, is it any wonder that many of the old members, who have held and are holding the highest positions on the board, think it is time to pause and go a little slow. Can they be blamed for feeling that, since the lessees have not built anyway, and since we are to be blamed for their failure to do so, we might just as well have kept our old leases and saved the ten to twelve million dollars.

Since there is to be a revaluation under the terms of the leases next year, is it not a sound policy to have the few old leases which we have left undisturbed this year, join hands in an effort to secure an honest and fair valuation by the appraisers to be named, and then offer all the lessees in that block new straight leases, with a fair and equitable compensation for the elimination of the revaluation clause; for instance, on the basis established in the city lease referred to, upon the opinion of the three appraisers above mentioned?

BOBBY ON THE SENATE

Pa sez 'he senate is the vermillion appendix of the american government. A appendix is a little sack w grows inside of people on the rite side. It aint no use except to make trouble and expence. If it gets soar and you dont tend to it, it gets soarer and soarer and mortifys and you get blud poison and die.

The only way to cure a appendix is to cut it out. After it is cut out you never miss it and wunder wat you ever did with it. Pa sez in the evolushun of the speekhes the human appendix has lost its funkshun and that in time it will disappear but that the applikashun of the surguns wife in its removal is an ade rather than a hindrance to natures ultimatum. He sez thear is a strong analogy between the senate and the appendix but the disposishun to use heroic measures to dispose of the senate is not as pronounced as in the case of the appendix.

A senator soon lurns to be a diplomat. Wen you call a man a diplomat you call him the polite name for lier. Pa sez diplomacy and duplicity are identical. After a senator has lurned to be a diplomat if you ask him reel quick is 2 and 2 for he wont say yes. He wood say judging by the evidence at hand and all arithmetical precedents hereafter established, I shoold rather inkline to

the belief that your surmise has sum basis in fact and that in all human probability you mite venture to assurt without fear of competent contradickshun that such is the case, and wile I wood hesitate long before I wood refuse to consider in al its bareings the proposishun you advance, I am konstraned to believe you hav korrekctly stated the matter but before farther konsumitng myself I shud prefer to konsumit sum authority as I hev long made it a practise never to give out a statement without being thurroly konvinced of its akuraky.

Bein a senator is a good job. You get five thousand dollers from the government and all you can from the trusts, and ware a hie hat. Pa sez the senate is a good goke. I sez pa is thear any wurking men in the senate and pa sez my sun thats no goke. Dont ask foolish questhuns.

A WORD FOR THE DAILY SOCIALIST. To the Editor:—I note with great pleasure the progress and rapid strides our Daily Socialist is making. A man as a rule is judged by his works; so like same with our organ (or press), we find by its works it stands for truth and justice alone, and will do for the world what no other organ has done so far.

Chicago. ANNA S. DOUGL.

What is a weather man, anyway, but a press agent for a cold wave?

A Laugh or A Smile

By P. B.

Disgusted "Did your doctor prescribe whiskey for you when you were sick?" we ask of doozley. "No, he didn't," replies Doozley, bitterly. "He is a homeopath. He prescribed whiskey and water."

Congress has at last got busy on the reformed spelling idea, but it hasn't disposed of the Smoot case yet.

There are too many breakers in the house for that ship subsidy craft to make port this session.

Ibsen's posthumous works have been published. No matter how great the man he can never be safe from the posthumous ghouls, who publish his cast off writings when he can't defend himself.

Poor Boni! It seems impossible for him to please anybody, these days.

The Japanese army is evacuating Manchuria, according to agreement, but for every soldier who leaves a Jap veteran settles down and builds a hut. This is diplomacy with a vengeance.

Good Digestion. "I heard you killed poor Mowgli. Didn't he agree with you?" "Oh, yes, perfectly," replies the cannibal chieftain, stroking his stomach with a satisfied air.

If the thermometer had fallen to zero when Mark Twain wore those summer clothes in Washington the joke might not have been so easy to see.

The kind of notoriety Utah gets from those coal indictments is infinitely better than the kind it gets from the Reed Smoot case.

Japan doesn't want to send any of her laborers over here. She needs them all in colonizing Manchuria and Corea.

Senator Bailey should cultivate the society of Senators Platt and Depeew. Perhaps they can teach him how to take adversity complacently.

Congress is going to consider a bill for making a two-cent passenger fare on railroads. You see the congressmen are not riding on passes just now.

Literally True. "That titled Frenchman has just been divorced by his rich American wife."

"So he has lost his better half, has he?"

Congress should remind President Roosevelt that he promised to abandon simplified spelling "if the people did not take to it."

Strange, isn't it, that some of the reformers have not yet discovered the existence of a picture postal trust?

Who can doubt but that the tariff will be revised since Ida Tarbell has begun to write magazine articles about it.

All of the milk dealers of Rochester, N. Y., have combined to attack the president of the board of health. His friends should launch a boom for him for the presidency of the United States.

Be sure to do your shopping early so that the poor department store owners will not have to hire extra help half the week just before Christmas.

Revenge. "Why are you going to buy a phonograph for the Smiths?" asks Mrs. Jugger. "We scarcely know them."

"I know that. But Brown, who lives next flat to them, is my worst enemy," replies Mr. Jugger.

Judging from the coldness with which they treat him there is not much chance for Count Boni to borrow money of his colleagues in the French chamber of deputies.

Sir Thomas Lipton falls over himself in defending the American hotels. Does he find them good patrons of Lipton's teas and coffees?

Have you noticed, since congress has been in session, the nice little presidential booms that are sprouting up in the senate?

Daily Statistical Fact

In the year ended March 1, 1906, shareholders of national banks were paid dividends to the amount of \$80,831,561 on \$779,544,247 capital, the average rate being 10.4 per cent, the highest since 1870. Based on capital and surplus the ratio was 6.8 per cent. The net earnings were \$118,662,529, or 9.5 per cent of the combined capital and surplus. The average rate of dividends paid by national banks annually from 1870 to 1906, thirty-seven years, was 8.42 per cent. The aggregate net earnings of the banks during the period in question were \$2,313,396,556, from which dividends were paid to the amount of \$1,780,712,714, which is over three times the average annual capital.

Work and Play

Why are these two words always contrasted? Why do our proverbials tell us the danger of "all work" and "all play?" "Why should we concern ourselves with such questions?" might well be the Yankee reply.

If we find that the answer explains some of the deepest problems in present society then we will agree that it is worthy of our attention.

What is the difference between work and play? It is not the element of physical exertion, as witness the football, baseball or polo player.

Indeed, a play without some physical exertion in it is looked upon as rather stupid.

Neither is it mental labor, as a host of whist, chess and billiard players will assure us.

No one will claim that the man who stands like an automaton before some great machine is performing as much mental or physical exertion as a participant in any of the games mentioned.

But one of these things is looked upon as disagreeable toil, the other as pleasant relaxation.

Let us examine some of the differences in these two things.

The man who is working is doing something that he has not himself planned, that he has not chosen to do. He must begin at the command of someone else and continue at work for a specified time, no matter how much he may desire to stop before that time.

Perhaps the most striking difference lies in the fact that the worker of today HAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HIS OWN IDEAS TAKE FORM IN the material with which he works.

The craftsman of the Middle Ages who wrought such wondrously beautiful things in leather and iron and stone was engaged in giving material form to the dreams that arose within his own mind. His work was but the outer expression of the pictures that existed in his brain.

His work was therefore his play, and his great festivals, fairs and processions were ways closely connected with his work—were indeed so thoroughly interwoven that it was hard to tell where "play" began and "work" ended.

Today the laborer has no opportunity to give expression to his own ideas at his work, because the materials with which he works, the finished process, the tools, and the design are furnished and controlled and owned by another.

Moreover the object of that owner is not to produce beautiful or desirable goods, but to secure profits.

Therefore the work is made as exhaustive as human endurance will permit, as monotonous as will lead to the greatest QUANTITY of product, as hideous as the demand for CHEAPNESS may inspire.

Hence it is, that man's daily task—his work—has become painful, wearisome, hateful.

If the tools belonged to those who did the work they would themselves plan their tasks, devise designs, and develop ideas.

Since the producers would be creating things, not for PROFIT, but for the USE of themselves and other workers, those things would be well and beautifully made.

Since all would be interested in the most perfect machinery, where machinery could really do the work better than the simpler tool, there would be so infinitely less waste of time that all might have ample leisure, and there need be no overwork.

In other words all the elements that now go to make up what we call play would be introduced into the productive, creative work of the world.

THIS WOULD FOREVER WIPE OUT THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN WORK AND PLAY.

If you think this is only a beautiful dream, read it over, think it over, study it over, and see if it is not instead the only possible outcome of our present evolution.

No Truth In It

The story has been widely circulated that one or two wealthy individuals were behind this paper, advancing the necessary cash, and controlling its policy. This is a flat-footed lie. No one man has put more than five hundred dollars into it up to the present moment, and we have no promises of any large sum. Ninety-five per cent. of the capital stock is owned by party members. Local Cook County of the Socialist party being many times the largest single stockholder.

Far more than a majority is held by the various divisions of the Socialist party organizations. The success of this paper, past, present and future depends upon the co-operative support of the Socialists of the United States. We are glad to receive assistance from anyone who is in sympathy with our position, but we know thoroughly, and would not have it different if we could, that this paper must be financed and controlled by the active organized Socialists.

Reform movements are the "setting up exercises" by which new recruits are drilled for service in the army of the revolution.

WHAT IS SOCIALISM?

Collective Ownership of What is Collectively Used. Socialism is a system of government and business that would allow every one an equal chance in life. To accomplish this it is essential that everything that is used collectively should be owned collectively, and every one receive the full social value of his or her labor.

Logically, this means that the government own and operate the railroads, telegraph and telephone lines, all business, mills, mines, factories, etc.—everything that requires co-operation of labor to produce the best results.

It is also essential, in order to establish and maintain justice and liberty, that every man should have an equal voice in government, by a system of direct legislation, including the initiative, referendum and recall. It is absolutely necessary that the people have the right to initiate and veto any legislation, and the power to discharge its officials.

Socialism means an industrial democracy; Socialism means liberty; Socialism means justice and equality of opportunity; Socialism means the co-operative commonwealth; Socialism is revolutionary, because it requires a change in the system of government and industry; Socialism is evolutionary because it depends upon the growth and development of mankind; Socialism is scientific, because it conforms to the laws of evolution; Socialism is practical, because the greatest benefit would accrue to the greatest number.

Johnstown, N. J. ALFRED COX.

Industrial Co-Operation. 1. A plan of industrial, national and international co-operation, in which it will be possible to have, and in which it will be impossible not to have, a perfect brotherhood of man. 2. An evolution from the present barbarism to a perfect civilization; to a state of society as near perfection as it is possible for the mind of man to conceive; a millennium.

Chicago. A. DISCOVERER. Socialism is the discovery that society is compelled to change into a society in which private ownership in the means of production by the capitalists, insofar as such ownership is capable of acting as a means of robbery, is replaced with corresponding collective ownership by the workers.

Camden, N. J. HARVEY L. MANGER.

Pay According to Service. The system of Socialism, when operated, must embrace all essential agencies of industry. Existing systematic, interwoven commercial and industrial activities wrought about by modern machinery obviate the necessity of private ownership. This forces society to participate in the world's ownership as it already participates in the world's work. The participant, therefore, will receive an amount equal to his service rendered to society. This remuneration will be his private property to the fullest extent, except he cannot invest it in social relations to society. This remuneration will be the relative amount of time required to produce them. During the time outside of that small amount thus required, each one would be free to pursue his individual ambitions.

Chicago. M. D. HAYES.

Work and Leisure for All. A democratic industrial and political organization of society in which each individual is required to produce his share of those commodities deemed necessary to maintain the social level, and in which society, through its organs, distributes to each one his share in such kinds of goods as he may select, the relative value of the different kinds being determined by the relative amount of time required to produce them. During the time outside of that small amount thus required, each one would be free to pursue his individual ambitions.

Chicago. W. H. NORTHROP.

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