

TRACTION SCHEME WORK THE UNION MEN

Republican Grafters Mobilize the Company's Car Employes

PLAN FALLS FLAT; "BUSSE CLUB" IS OF NO VALUE

Indications That Morgan and Field Barrel Will Be Opened--If You Are for the Steal Get Some of the Dough

Street car men of Chicago repudiated the so-called Union Street Car Men's Republican Club, yesterday, and declared it to be a "fake organization" which does not represent anyone or anything.

The Street Car Men's Union, they said, is first and last against the traction ordinances and will never support Busse. While there may be a few Busse men in the Street Car Men's Union, leaders declared, the Street Railway Men's Association as a body never has, nor will, endorse Busse for mayor of Chicago.

"The organizers of this Busse club are all well known to us," said Wm. Taber, secretary and business agent of Division No. 241. "They are what we call 'company men.' They are in the union because we have a closed shop and it is better to keep them in the union than have them go around and organize for such men as always organizers of political or other organizations which will give them a soft and easy job.

Out For Jobs "F. W. Hayes, president, and S. Kandul, secretary, of this Busse club are defeated candidates for office in their local. The others connected with the affair are a small bunch of men who always worked against the interest of the union and for the advancement of their own interests. They have been favored by the companies because they have always been the companies' men."

"None of our men are pledged to support any candidates for mayor, but every local union is pledged to work for the defeat of the ordinances. We levied a tax of 25 cents or each member which amounted to \$7,200 to use for the defeat of the traction steal.

Money For Useful Purpose "The statement made by one of these fake organizers that our union wasted \$525 for special committees to visit Dunne in the interest of the street car employes is absolutely false.

"We have not wasted the money nor have we expended the money on committees to visit Dunne. The committees that used these funds are those that negotiated with the companies with the city council and that are negotiating in Springfield now in the interests of the Street Car Men's Union."

At the federation of labor the organizers of this Busse club were completely discredited. "These men," Secretary Nockels said, "are not much better than Young and Mike Kelly. They are well known to organized labor as traitors. We are glad they came out openly as such. This will save us watching them in the future. We are glad, too, that we have their pictures in the Tribune. The federation will now print a circular letter with their photographs on it and send it to all unions, to look out for these men."

Put Them 'In "Rogue's Gallery" John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, declared that this is the best thing that the companies could do to help the people defeat these ordinances at the polls in April.

"The resorting to such men by the company to push the passage of these ordinances," Mr. Fitzpatrick said, "shows that the traction companies are shaking in their boots about the traction situation. If there was not evidence enough to prove that the traction ordinances are the most shameful robbery ever attempted in any city, this new Busse club made up of a few betrayers in the ranks of the street car men ought to prove it."

At the various street car men's local plans were going on all day yesterday as to what should be done to officially repudiate this fake Busse club.

Will Not Oust Them It was the opinion of several officials that no attempt can and should be made to oust the men from the union. While there is sufficient cause outside of this fake Busse organization to expel the men from the union, yet it is believed that this should not be done, for the men will do more harm outside of the organization than inside.

Every one, however, felt greatly relieved that these men have themselves at last shown their true object in being in the union and thus enable the union men to look out for them in the future.

The work for educating the labor unions on the traction question is progressing rapidly. The committee of 50, which the executive board of the federation was ordered to appoint to carry on propaganda among all the locals affiliated with the federation, will begin its work in a few days.

Ballots showing the people how to vote in order to defeat these ordinances are being printed and will be ready for distribution in a few days.

Morrison, one of the managers of the republican campaign, said that he had knowledge of the number of men present. It is known, however, that there are practically none others than the street car men who have long been regarded and discredited by the street car men's association.

Ward heaters representing both old parties are in every barn, well supplied with money from the traction barrel.

"RUN BACON OUT OF PUBLIC LIFE" IS THE CRY

J. P. Morgan's Man in President's Cabinet Was One of White's Chums

[By a Special Correspondent.] Burlington, Ia., March 6.—A crusade against Assistant Secretary of State Robert Bacon has been started in this city by the Rev. Nabeth Osborne, pastor of the First Congregational church. The pastor is circulating a petition asking President Roosevelt to remove Bacon from his office.

Bacon is J. P. Morgan's representative in the cabinet and is one of the successful rising young plutocrats in the country. But what puts him in the ill favor of the minister is not his connection with the financiers of the country and his working against the interests of the people, but his relations with Stanford White, for whose murder Thaw is now being tried.

The confession of Mrs. Thaw implicates Bacon as one of the few who attended the dinner given by Stanford White in which the "girl in the pie" figured.

"The poor little child victim of White and Bacon died an outcast. Bacon is a 'great diplomat' now. "Run Bacon out of public life," is the cry now.

SOCIALIST SPEECH IN COUNTY JAIL

Woerner and Single Taxer Address Prisoners in "Bull-Pen"

CELL MATE, A RUSSIAN, TELLS OF EXPERIENCE

Profit System Causes Many Crimes—Flannery Is Released—Progress of the Federation of Labor

CHARLES F. WOERNER (Special County Jail Correspondent for the Chicago Daily Socialist.)

Cook Co. Jail, March 4. Last night the prisoners on this floor, in a playful spirit, played a joke on me in the following manner:

At 7:30 when we are allowed an hour in the bull-pen for exercise, I was busy writing, when the guard unlocked our cells, and as I was anxious to finish my letter I kept busy at it.

The men all gathered at one end of the bull-pen and then two of them dragged me out of my cell and insisted that I make a Socialist speech.

I made a rambling talk for a few minutes, during which time I was given courteous attention.

Single Taxer Talks Tonight at exercise time another prisoner made a very good little talk on single tax.

The men seem to enjoy an exchange of views on public questions immensely. I am learning of a number of cases here that prove very convincingly that our system of dealing out what we label "justice" is as much of a farce as selling wooden nutmegs.

We, or rather our courts, deal with a crime which is but the effect without taking into consideration the cause that brought it about. I have yet to learn of a case here that cannot be traced to the profit system.

I am learning much here that I cannot with propriety write about until after we are through.

Flannery Free Flannery was discharged today. His term of thirty days as penalty for fighting the cause of semi-decent wages for the wage-slaves in Chicago print-shops.

The other day when a man, who had killed a person in self defense, was acquitted of a murder charge, Flannery said: "Now, what do you think of that? There goes a man who killed a human being, and here we are four of us, afraid to kill a cockroach and we have to stay right here."

I see that the federation of labor is taking an interest in our cases. I am very glad that the agitation is getting started. It will not help us much, but it will kill the injunction game. I notice that according to the press reports the delegates, or many of them, at least are becoming class-conscious.

This is quite a contrast to the state of mind the delegates to the same body were in when I was a delegate in 1895. Then, nearly all the delegates thought that a few of us were "populists" and "crazy" because we were so radical.

THESE FACTS PROVE THE TRACTION STEAL

If You Would Learn How J. P. Morgan and the Field Estate Make Millions, Study These Figures—You Must Pass on Them on the Coming Election Day

The financial figures of the proposed traction settlement are so gross that they are enough to shock the conscience of every honest citizen.

The theory of the ordinances is a partnership between the city and the companies, while the law was well known to the framers of the ordinance, which provides that no legal partnership can be entered into by a municipality.

Under the theory of the ordinances the traction companies are absolutely guaranteed a profit of anything from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in twenty years.

Following are the figures:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Estimated value of the twenty-year franchises', 'Purchase price to be paid by city', 'Absolute gifts by city to traction companies', etc.

Total \$159,400,000. On page 86 of the ordinances, in printed form, the profits of the companies are laid bare. It is provided they get 5 per cent per annum on the "purchase price to be paid by the city."

The lowest possible purchase price is \$50,000,000, or interest per annum \$2,500,000. Or in twenty years 50,000,000.

In case the companies expend anything on the rehabilitation they are entitled to 5 per cent per annum on the amount.

If they spend the total \$50,000,000, estimated, their 5 per cent would equal per annum 5,000,000. Or in twenty years 100,000,000.

This is the steal the Chicago people are asked to sanction with their votes. On its face it is worse than the most barefaced stock-jobbing robbery ever planned.

The city agrees to pad the valuations of the traction companies and then pay interest on the total, which is just the same as becoming particeps criminis in a watered stock deal.

With the companies taking at least \$50,000,000 profit from the properties in twenty years, it is evident to the dullest mind that there would be no net profits left to divide, and the covenant to pay 55 per cent to the city is a barefaced fraud.

Even Walter Fisher can not ask the voters to sanction this steal after the Socialist expose of the scheme.

UNION LEAGUE LORD WEEPS IN COURT

Real Tears Flow When the "Prominent" Citizens Call One Another Liars

Repentant over his deeds and misdeeds, Daniel M. Lord, the dealthy advertising agent, and prominent member of the Union League club, wept in court yesterday.

Hard-hearted alienists say, however, that he was weeping because he may possibly have to return a part of the \$64,000 which he and his partner, Lafayette McWilliams, secured from their neighbors and fellow club members, on an oil well deal.

Judge Mack held a night session of court last night to assist the prominent, but "areless," clubmen out of their dilemma as quickly as possible.

Lord and McWilliams' attorney plead for the forgiveness of the court, on the ground that it was "love of the game" that led "gentle" to fool their dear friends in the Union League club and also neighbors in "high-toned" Kenwood.

You will be sorry if you do not read "The Voice of the Street"—begins Saturday.

"LOOK UP TO HEAVEN" THEN WHITES STEAL

African Pigmy Rescued From Zoo Will Turn Missionary

[By a Special Correspondent.] New York, March 6.—Ota Benga, the Kongo pigmy, who has been leading the simple life in the Howard colored orphan asylum in Brooklyn since he was rescued from the monkey house in the Bronx zoo last September, had a chance to go back to the jungle today.

Ota didn't care to go.

When Prof. Verner was making his plans for his present trip to the Kongo he consulted Ota and told him that if he staid in this country and went to college he might grow up to be a great man like Washington (Hooker).

The Rev. Gordon, superintendent of the orphan asylum, suggested that the pigmy was cut out for a missionary. Ota gave his idea of missionarys this way: "The white man comes. They say 'Look up to heaven.' While we are looking up to heaven they steal all the ground."

When it was explained that he wouldn't have to be that kind of a missionary Ota consented to start training. Sept. Gordon thinks it will take about eight years.

TOM JOHNSON MAY BUY STRUCK CARS

Portsmouth Unionists Stand United Against Corporation and Walk or Use Hacks

[Scripps-McRae Press Association.] Portsmouth, O., March 6.—Contrary to expectations the street railway company made no attempt to run cars yesterday morning, and the night police officers who reported for duty were allowed to return to their homes.

Much mystery surrounds the sudden departure this morning of General Manager Raymond York and Superintendent H. H. Higgins. It is strongly rumored that Mayor Tom Johnson of Cleveland has opened negotiations for the local road, and that York and Higgins have gone to Cleveland.

The Central Labor Council last night decided to establish a complete transfer line for insuring success of the boycott against the car line, and has called on affiliated unions to contribute all the money at their command between now and Monday for securing the necessary equipment.

Sheriff Gullen at first refused to place deputies on the cars operated here yesterday, but late in the afternoon decided to order deputies on two cars.

These were then run during the afternoon, and were unobscured. No attempt will be made to resume a full schedule. Few persons are riding on the cars that are running. Strike-breakers are deserting.

SPECIAL PREACHERS' SHOW OF SHAW'S DRAMA

Religious Reformers to Witness "Mrs. Warren's Profession"

[By a Special Correspondent.] New York, March 6.—There will be no occasion after next Wednesday for the New York clergy to judge without having seen the merits or demerits of "Mrs. Warren's Profession," A. H. Woods, who will be responsible for the return to Broadway on Saturday night of George Bernard Shaw's much-discussed character, has announced that on next Wednesday he will give a special clergyman's matinee.

More than a thousand invitations to the "sky pilots' service" have been sent out.

BUTTE MINERS MAY WIN BIG VICTORY

[By a Special Correspondent.] Butte, Mont., March 6.—The strike situation here remains unchanged. The belief prevails that the scale will be granted the miners, although some minor concessions may have to be made. The newspaper situation also is unchanged. The baggage men, who were affiliated with the teamsters, have now struck.

P. J. Duffy, president of the Miners' union, was re-elected tonight by a big majority. The balloting was conducted by the Australian system.

ADAMS EXPECTED TO BE ACQUITTED

This Will Not Mean Liberty—Prisoners Will Be Re-arrested on the Mine Owners' Word

CHANGE OF VENUE IN CALDWELL CASE ASKED

If Not Granted Only Hostile Farmers and Imported Detectives May Serve on the Jury

(Appeal to Reason Bureau Special to Chicago Daily Socialist.) Wallace, Idaho, March 6.—Attorney Clarence Darrow concluded the argument for the defense yesterday, and was followed by Attorney Hawley, who made the final argument for the state.

On account of the sickness of one of the jurors, Judge Woods deferred charging the jury until today. It is expected that the jury will not be out long, but will return an immediate verdict in favor of the defendant.

Nine of every ten persons who have listened to the evidence in this trial openly pronounce Adams innocent of the crime with which he is charged. There is hardly a possibility of the jury finding the defendant guilty, and a disagreement is the best thing the state can expect.

Should Adams be released he will be re-arrested and carried to Colorado, in which event the case will be passed over by his attorneys until the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone case is disposed of.

Look For Perjury There is a rumor that one of the jurors was heard to declare his opposition to the Western Federation of Miners and his belief in the guilt of Adams prior to his selection as a juror. The attorneys for the defense are trying to trace this rumor to its origin. Should it be confirmed, perjury charges will be preferred, and a new trial will be demanded.

Should the jury disagree, a new trial will be immediately instituted. Court convened in Caldwell yesterday, but the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone case was postponed on account of the Adams trial.

Both sides will be ready to begin that trial after the disposition of the present case.

Change of Venue Moyer's attorneys have more than 300 affidavits, certifying that a new trial can be had in Canyon county, and a change of venue will be demanded.

If the request is denied the defense will be at a great disadvantage, for the reason that nearly all the persons favorably inclined have disqualified themselves for jury service by making the affidavits.

There will be virtually only hostile farmers and Pinkerton detectives left in Canyon county from whom to select a jury.

Steve Adams has remained cheerful throughout the trial and is confident of acquittal. McParland emerges from his retreat but little and then looks like a condemned culprit surrounded, as he is, by a heavy body guard.

THREE BIG ROADS DEFY WORKERS

A report is current that the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and the Soo line railroad have withdrawn from the joint conference of railroad managers, and will not grant more than an 8 per cent increase in wages. This makes a strike on these railroads almost certain, as the employes refused the offer and are now taking a strike vote.

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KIDNAPING CASE IS BEFORE CONGRESS

Confidently Expected That "Statesmen" Will Investigate Mine Owners' Conspiracy

2,000,000 MILITANTS CALL ON OFFICIALS

The Mighty Voice of an Outraged Class Reaches the Cars of Even Money-Soaked Representatives

By EUGENE V. DEBS (Special Correspondence to Chicago Daily Socialist.)

Washington, March 6.—We have succeeded in getting our case into the United States Senate and it is now of record in that body, including petitions, resolutions, and also dissenting opinion of Justice McKenna.

We now have the foundation for a congressional investigation, and the next session will order it to a certainty unless the trial should in the meanwhile be abandoned.

Within ten days' time in response to my calls for petitions, etc., signed and sealed documents came representing more than two millions of wage workers.

Greatest Petition It is the greatest petition ever filed with Congress.

But the main thing is that we had and have our case before the United States Senate, and that even that capitalist body did not dare to turn down the demands of two millions of organized workers.

There are scores of senators and congressmen here who openly condemn the kidnaping and will favor an investigation at the next session, and this impending investigation will in my opinion have the effect of breaking down the prosecution and ultimately freeing our comrades.

ROYAL BILLY'S WHISKERS CAUSE A LAWSUIT

Report That Idiot Dick Spittler Bought Lather From His Face

[By a Special Correspondent.] Berlin, March 6.—When Emperor William traveled to Munich last November, the newspapers announced he stopped his train at a wayside station to get shaved. Socialist Frankische Tagespost added that local associations of military veterans stormed the barber shop to obtain the lather scraped off his majesty's chin, which was distributed to them while a band played the national anthem.

The veterans did not enjoy this story and sent the paper. The trial, which has just taken place, furnished side-splitting amusement for everybody, including the judges, who nevertheless fined the editor for overstepping the bounds of fair comment.

FARLEY ENLISTING NEW SCAB ARMY

Busy in New York for Pennsylvania Road Which Expects Strike

New York, March 6.—In anticipation of a strike on the Pennsylvania railroad, James Farley, champion strike-breaker of the world, opened three offices here to recruit men for positions of engineers, brakemen, firemen and other such places requiring skilled experience.

Farley is endeavoring to secure at least 5,000 men and as they show up rather slow he lowered the standard of requirements. Persons knowing absolutely nothing about railroad work and some who never approached an engine at a distance of five feet are assigned to all kinds of responsible positions.

This is one of the greatest crimes ever committed against the public is asserted by every one who knows the least thing about railroading.

Should a strike break out, and should these strike-breakers be put in charge of engines and trains more wrecks will be caused in one week than have been caused during the last twelve record-breaking months in the history of railroad wrecks.

WATCH THEM GET IT BACK; A NEW WAY

A novel way of increasing wages of employes and gaining something by it in addition, has just been discovered by the Illinois Central railroad. Car workers of that company recently demanded an increase in wages. The company granted the increase without any objection, but announced this week that the workday henceforth will be ten instead of nine hours.

This is not the first case on record. The company constantly finds some means of taking back from the workers the increase in wages it gives them. If it is not by increasing the number of hours it is by other methods.

Car workers in the Burdette shop, where the notice of a ten-hour day appeared, are greatly incensed over the action of the company, and trouble may result.

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THIS IS THE WAY TO TREAT A FIEND

(By a Special Correspondent.) Grodnio, Russia, March 6.—Details of a terrible crime and a terrible punishment have just been made public in this city.

In the local prison there are a number of young men and young women who are arrested on political charges.

One of the head prison officials began to importune two of the girl prisoners, but were repulsed with disgust.

The official then ordered that the girls be flogged, and when they remained senseless he had their heads tied with sacks to prevent them from seeing him and assaulted them.

This, however, became known to the rest of the prisoners. They promptly communicated with their comrades outside of prison and gave the name of the official to them.

A committee of three was appointed to watch the official as he came out of the prison yard. As soon as he came out he was shot and killed by the revolutionists who lay in wait for him.

The firing of shots brought a policeman and a gendarme to the scene who tried to arrest the revolutionists. They, too, were shot and the revolutionists escaped.

THE MIGHTY VOICE Working Class, First to Feel Injustice, Is Rising Everywhere

Kentucky United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, declare that the miners were arrested and thrown into dungeons as if they were convicted criminals for no other evident reason than because they have proven themselves to be "honest, loyal and faithful to organized labor," and these locals resolve to unite with all workers of every craft in demanding for the Idaho prisoners a fair and impartial trial in compliance with the constitution of the United States.

LABOR UNION NEWS

An increase in wages of two and a half cents an hour has been granted to Glaziers' Union, No. 27, which is affiliated with the Painters' District Council. Unionism pays the Glaziers.

LABOR UNION MEETINGS Filtered and Mineral Water Drivers' Union, Local No. 723, I. B. of T.—Meeting Wednesday night at 10 S. Clark street. E. Demoran.

Carriage and Cab Drivers' Union, Local No. 17, I. B. of T.—Meeting Thursday night at 145 Randolph street to hear report of wage committee. Let every hand be represented in this meeting. W. J. Gibbons.

Shoe Workers' Union, Mixed Local No. 92.—Meeting Thursday night at the Bush Temple of Music. All attend. Fred W. Lee.

Tramway Workers' Union, Local No. 158.—Meeting Thursday night at 407 Randolph street and Center avenue. C. E. S. Moun.

Excavating, Grading and Asphalt Contractors' Union, Local No. 731, I. B. of T.—Meeting Saturday night at 15 Randolph street. All attend. C. F. Smith.

Tea and Coffee Wagon Drivers' Union, Local No. 772.—Meeting Wednesday night at 16 Randolph street. All attend. D. A. Moun.

Waitresses' Union, Local No. 484.—Meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday at 22 Fifth avenue. All attend. Elizabeth Maloney.

Grocery and Market Drivers' Union.—Meeting at 8 o'clock Sunday at 10 S. Clark street. A. J. Deak.

BUTTON WORKERS GETTING TOGETHER FOR HIGHER WAGES

If They Form a Strong Union They Can Better Their Condition

(By a Special Correspondent.) Muscatine, Ia., March 6.—Button workers of this city have organized a union, and are now making an effort to get all men and women employed in button factories to enlist for the battle for higher wages.

The new organization has a membership of 100, but as there are over 2,000 persons employed in the button industry in this city, this is a small membership.

Officials of the newly-organized union are making every effort to get every button worker into the organization, when an attempt will be made to regulate the wages and hours of work.

At present the workday is ten hours. One-half of the 2,000 button workers are girls, a large majority of whom should be in school.

IS THIS UTOPIA

REALLY IN ILLINOIS

Interesting Record of Pleasant Rural Community by an Old Resident

By J. P. MILLER

(Special Correspondent to Chicago Daily Socialist)

Ridgeville, Ill., March 6.—Ridgeville, 86 miles south of Chicago on the Illinois Central railroad, is taken as the center of population of a territory with something of a record.

This territory contains about twelve square miles, 7,700 acres, and living within its boundaries are sixty families and about 300 souls. There are 28 acres of land per capita.

Within thirty years, the time covered in these calculations, the population has neither materially increased nor decreased. Though one-sixth of the families move each year, there are strangers to take their places.

Good and Bad Ajar

There is neither church nor saloon within this territory, the nearest church being 3 1/2 miles and the nearest saloon five miles.

The average birth rate is six per year. There has been one death by accident and four from diseases in thirty years.

No separation of man and wife, either with or without divorce. No malicious destruction of property. No charges of drunkenness.

No charge of stealing. Two minor charges of criminal offense. One discharged case of insanity. One civil law suit. Three cases of arbitrated differences. No cases of destitution.

Up to Date

The present situation is: Twenty-four families take a daily paper, two of them the Chicago Daily Socialist.

Two adults can neither read nor write. There is one case of injury and sickness requiring the care of a doctor.

No cases of want for the necessities of life. Twenty-four families own land, some less than five acres; some more than five hundred acres.

There are eight men and three women Socialists. I have lived here fifty years and challenge any one in any of the other fifty-nine families to materially change this statement.

Teacher—"Why is it stamped on the dollar, 'In God We Trust'?" Eddie—"Because God helps him who has money."

Teacher—"That'll do. Next." Mary—"Because we don't trust each other."

Teacher—"Sit down. Next." Johnnie—"Because we believe in the All Mighty."

Teacher—"Correct. Stand up."

IRON MOLDERS REFUSE TO SIGN SLAVISH CONTRACT

Strike at Moline Gives Good Display of Working Class Solidarity

(By a Special Correspondent.) Moline, Ill., March 6.—There is no change in the situation of the strike of the 150 molders who walked out last Monday. The molders declare that the contracts which the employers insist they should sign are not only a disgrace to an American citizen, but to any human being with the least bit of conscience and feeling.

There is every indication that the fight will be long and bitter and that no molder will agree to sign an agreement which will make not only a slave, but a traitor, out of him.

The strike affects the factories of the Moline Plow company, Deere & Mansur, Root & VanderVoort, the Moline Pump company, the Moline Elevator company, and Williams, White & Co.

PHILADELPHIA BAKERS OUT

Ghetto Faces Famine in Matzos Because of Profit War

(By a Special Correspondent.) Philadelphia, March 6.—More than 150 Jewish bakers are locked out here and a bread famine faces the ghetto.

The lockout resulted from the refusal of the Bakers' Union to close its union co-operative bakery. The bosses see in this rising union shop a strong competitor and weapon in time of strikes, and requested the union to go out of business.

The union declared that this shop is the only strong means which they have to force the bosses to a speedy settlement in case of trouble.

It is expected that the lockout will be terminated in a few days, as the matzos season is now in full swing and the bosses may face not only a serious loss, but also severe protestations from the Jewish residents for tying up the shops at a time when "kosher matzos" is absolutely indispensable.

Men Save the Girls

On Saturday morning the Montana Federation of Labor handed the telephone company an ultimatum to the effect that if the strike was not settled within three hours, the company would be declared unfair and the strike extended throughout the state.

An agreement was reached shortly after the ultimatum was given out. The company dealt with the Telephone Operators' union in effecting the agreement, and is to recognize the organization at all times during the future.

Following is the schedule of wages agreed to: Chief operators, \$60 a month; toll attendants, \$60 a month; assistant toll attendants, \$50 a month; relief toll attendants, \$22.50 a month.

Victory Complete

All operators are to have every other Sunday off, and the time is not to be deducted from their monthly pay.

The agreement reads further: "No member of Operators' union No. 39 shall be discharged for any connection she may have had or does have with a grievance against the aforesaid company, and this company agrees to give a good and sufficient reason to Telephone Operators' union No. 39 for the discharge of any operator who has taken part in the grievance which this agreement is to settle."

The employees are given full pay for time lost by reason of the strike.

SIX MONTHS' POSTAL

The Chicago Daily Socialist now has a full supply of six months' daily subscription cards. Same will be sold six for \$5.00. Here is an easy and simple way to help the paper. Send in your orders, get cards, then fill out same and mail to this office as you get orders.

This does not apply in the city of Chicago or by carrier service in outside towns.

Willie—"Ma, when I get big you'll send me to college, won't you?" Ma—"What do you want to learn?" Willie—"Well, pa said last night grafting paid."

ON THE STAGE

By ARTHUR MORROW LEWIS

Garrick—Blanche Bates in "The Girl of the Golden West."

Grand Opera House—Dallas Wellford in "Mr. Hopkins."

Powers—John Drew in "His House in Order."

McVicker's—Mr. Wright Lorimer in "The Shepherd King."

Colonial—Richard Carle in "The Spring Chicken."

Illinois—Maude Adams in "Peter Pan."

Chicago Opera House—"Why Smith Left Home."

Studebaker—Bertha Kallich in "The Kreuzer Sonata."

La Salle—"The Time, the Place, and the Girl."

Great Northern—The Four Mortons in "Breaking Into Society."

Majestic—Ethel Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Crane, etc.

Olympic—Max Tourbillon Troupe, Davis and Macauley, etc.

Haymarket—Annie Eva Fay, Valerie Berger & Co., etc.

PHONE GIRLS WIN

STRIKE AT HELENA

Young Women Have Support of Men of Working Class in the Great Battle

(By a Special Correspondent.) Helena, Mont., March 6.—The solidarity of labor and the militant and aggressive spirit of union girls succeeded in winning for organized labor here last Saturday one of the greatest working class victories in the history of the city.

A struggle had been on for five days between the Rocky Mountain Telephone company and its girl employees and the girls won every demand they made. During the strike they rejected an offer from the company which would permit them to return to work at the rate of \$4 a month.

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Victory Complete

All operators are to have every other Sunday off, and the time is not to be deducted from their monthly pay.

The agreement reads further: "No member of Operators' union No. 39 shall be discharged for any connection she may have had or does have with a grievance against the aforesaid company, and this company agrees to give a good and sufficient reason to Telephone Operators' union No. 39 for the discharge of any operator who has taken part in the grievance which this agreement is to settle."

The employees are given full pay for time lost by reason of the strike.

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RURAL POLICE CHIEF AS NATION'S PROTECTOR

Attempts to Prevent Moyer-Haywood Meeting Because It Is "Treason"

Des Moines, Ia., March 6.—Chief of Police Jones, of this city, threatened to arrest persons who were distributing literature calling for a Moyer-Haywood protest meeting to be held under the auspices of the Des Moines Trades and Masters of the Des Moines Trades and Labor assembly.

"The posters contain treasonable language," he declared.

No arrests were made, however, the chief having been given all the information he was seeking as to who wrote the posters. He said he had referred the matter to the county attorney.

The protest meeting was held and strong resolutions adopted condemning the Idaho outrage.

SOCIALIST NEWS

Indianapolis Socialists are preparing to start a new propaganda weekly at twenty-five cents a year. Any one who will send his name and address to the Socialist Publishing Company of Indianapolis, Ind., will receive the first three copies free of charge. The first number will be out in about six weeks.

A specialist had been addressing a school on the subject of the lie—its marvelous capacity for labor and accumulation.

"And now," he said in conclusion, "what do you say, boys, how do you feel?" "I've been away from the lie," answered a boy simply, but feelingly.

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RUSS REBELS HAVE THE UPPER HAND

Autocracy Dares Not Use Balls to Suppress People When Socialist Deputies Appear

RED FLAGS COME FROM EVERYWHERE AT ONCE

Indications that Czar is Doomed—Populace Depend Only on Working Class Members of Duma

[By a Special Correspondent.] St. Petersburg, March 6.—All but a Trepoff was lacking to make yesterday the opening day of the Duma, another "red Sunday" for Russia.

While the Duma was in session at the Tauride palace, during the long hours in the morning and early hours in the afternoon, fully 40,000 people gathered about the palace amidst a veritable sea of red flags and waited for the adjournment of the Duma to celebrate the victory of the Socialists.

Police Attempt Suppression

Here a small force of police and gendarmes made an attempt to disperse the people, but they were driven back with the cries, "hangmen," "bloodhounds," etc. Fortunately for those in the crowd there was no "Trepoff" to give the order to kill.

AMUSEMENTS

THE DAILY SOCIALIST BAZAAR

AT Brooke's Casino Wabash Ave. and Peck Ct. WEEK OF MARCH 24th to 30th Grand Opening and Concert Sunday, Mar. 24, 2 P. M.

PROGRAMME: Mar. 24—Grand Opening Mar. 25—Candidates' Day Mar. 26—Children's Day Mar. 27—Scandinavian Day Mar. 28—German Day Mar. 29—Bohemian Day Mar. 30—Grand Finale

was devoid of excitement. No member of the imperial family was present. The Socialists did not enter the hall until the religious ceremony and the reading of the imperial speech by M. Goluboff had been finished.

The Conservatives greeted the members of the czar with a long applause. The opposition members, on the other hand, kept an ominous silence.

FORMER SENATOR DEPIES SUPREME COURT OF COLORADO

He Is Up Against the Mine Owners' Conspiracy [Scripps-McRae Press Association.] Washington, March 6.—That Thomas M. Patterson, of Colorado, left the Senate to "practice law," was borne out today by the fact that he appeared before the United States supreme court to argue his own appeal from the charge of contempt of the Colorado supreme court, by which he was fined \$1,000.

THAW AHEAD IN TRIAL

Jerome, Who Tortured Women Before World, Faces Defeat [Scripps-McRae Press Association.] New York March 6.—The parting of the ways for District Attorney Jerome's double-barreled attack on Harry Thaw has about been reached.

GOMPERS SPEAKS FOR THE JAILED MINERS

[By a Special Correspondent.] New York, March 6.—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor took the stand on the Moyer and Haywood affair before the Central Federated Union of this city.

GENERAL STRIKE OF PHONE SUBSCRIBERS

[Scripps-McRae Press Association.] Wabash, Ind., March 6.—The most unique strike in the history of the telephone is on at Upland, where subscribers have taken down their receivers and left them hanging so that central cannot call them, and the company can do no business.

UPHOLSTERS STAND AS ONE MAN FOR RIGHTS

Because the company insisted that they sign individual contracts, 135 upholsters employed by S. Karpen & Bros., Twenty-second and Union streets, went on strike yesterday afternoon.

KILL OR KIDNAP BISBEE MINERS

Owners of Shafts Import Sluggers to Stop Organization of the Diggers

\$1,000 FOR SCALPS OF CANNON AND RAWLING

Workers Are Aware of Plot—Indications That Criminal Capital Will Meet Violence

[By a Special Correspondent.] Bisbee, Ariz., March 6.—This city is on the eve of another kidnaping which may be no less outrageous than that of Moyer and Haywood.

INDIANS ATTACK THE SOUTE SIDE SETTLERS

Chapter I. Crack! Bang! and ten Redskins hit the dust! The noise was not from Dare Devil Dick's trusty rifle, but from a score of less romantic, but effective bricks.

LABOR CALLED TO CRIME CONFERENCE

Workers to Form Central Body to Save Fundamental Law TO THE ORGANIZED WORKERS OF CHICAGO AND COOK COUNTY.

Fellow Workers—One year ago our brothers Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone of the Western Federation of Miners were taken from their homes in Colorado without process of law, and hurried into the state of Idaho by treacherous officials.

WHERE TO GO

An open meeting of Carriage and Wagon Workers' Union No. 4 will be held this evening at 55 North Clark street.

FLYING SQUADRON PLANS A FIERCE ONSLAUGHT

The "Flying Squadron" met last night and formulated a definite scheme for the distribution of literature.

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The Hustlers' Column

Words From the Field At Home and Abroad

Max S. Hayes, of the Cleveland Union, writes that he "will try to get in on the stock end of the Daily Socialist soon. The paper is needed and must live."

Some idea of the amount of type for advertising and head letter purposes which was obtained with the new plant is gained when we tell you that fifteen volunteers worked all day Sunday and a half dozen have been working most of the time since in putting it in shape.

W. I. Carver, of Anaheim, Cal., subscribes for a share of stock and, speaking of the evolution of a thinker and a radical—tells how he was an abolitionist in the '50's, a Greenbacker in the '70's, a Populist in the '90's and a Socialist in the first decade of the twentieth century.

The following individuals raised themselves on the side of the Daily today by buying shares of remitting on their stock accounts: Charles L. Dewey, Rockford, Ill.; Mrs. F. Maybury, Springfield, Ill.; D. W. Kennedy, Du Quoin, Ill.; Samuel W. Bull, Chicago; C. H. Henry, Staunton, Ill.

These locals hurried forward to line up with the many that have already depleted their treasuries in behalf of this paper: Pleasantville, N. J.; Warren, O.; Rockland, Me.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Albuquerque, N. M.; Sherwood, Tex. Note the width and breadth of the land here—Maine—New Mexico, Minnesota—Texas. All we need now to enclose this blessed hemisphere is Alaska—Patagonia!

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JOHN D. A SMUGGLER NEW CRIME EXPOSED

This Oil Gang Appears to Be About the Freest Skippers Now at Large

[Scripps-McRae Press Association.] Washington, D. C., March 6.—More hard luck for the octopus. Charges have been filed at the treasury department to the effect that the Standard Oil has been bucconing Uncle Sam in the Philippines.

The Standard is accused of evading duty on 20,000 cases of oil shipped from the United States to the Philippines during 1901, when a high tariff was in force against oil from this country to the islands.

On this date a tariff reduction on oil was made from \$1.01 per case to 40 1/2 cents.

Collectors of Customs Henry B. McCoy discovered the discrepancy and has made demand of the agents of the Standard in the Philippines for the payment of the full toll on the cases, that is, \$1.01 per case.

Later when the tariff had been reduced, duty was paid on 19,321 cases at the reduced rate of 40 1/2 cents per case, and these delivered to the army.

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NEWS AND COMMENT

The state of Illinois has taken official steps to attack the validity of \$32,000,000 in Alton railroad bonds, that were issued by E. H. Harriman and his associates, when they "reorganized" the Chicago & Alton Railroad company.

A demand for an increase in wages of \$1 a week was made by excavating and grading teamsters. The men now receive \$14 a week, and ask \$15. Unless their demand is granted they will strike, trying up spring paving work and excavations for buildings.

Consuelo, Duchess of Marlborough, is coming home. She is to live for an indefinite period at the "Martha Washington," New York, according to A. W. Eager, lessee of the hotel. She will arrive in New York on April 13, and is to have a suite of ten rooms. They are now being decorated by her direction, four in red and six in blue.

Editor A. H. Siff, of the Harrison County News, Missouri Valley, Ia., shot and badly wounded Mark Brandage last evening. Brandage was going to "lick the editor" because of an article appearing in his paper.

Miss Tillie Mahoney won a damage suit for \$1,250 yesterday in the Appellate court against the Chicago Consolidated Traction company. Miss Mahoney dropped a train car on board a Southport avenue car March 2, 1902. A passenger saw the transfer fall and spoke to the conductor about it.

FIRE BREAKS UP "400" PARTY

While Mrs. Edson Keith, 1906 Prairie avenue, was entertaining a number of guests at a dinner last evening a fire broke out in the garage at the rear of her home, and for a time threatened the destruction of the place. The blaze was extinguished by firemen before it had caused much loss.

Alfred Nash, formerly of New Madrid, Mo., sought a divorce from one of two wives yesterday in Judge McKeown's court. He told the judge that he would remarry his second wife, but she would not do so if divorced from his first spouse, from whom he had supposed he was legally separated.

President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university and Miss Kate Lamontagne, daughter of the late August Lamontagne, were married today. The bride is a Roman Catholic.

Henry Kipp Woodruff, member of the common council of Troy, N. J., who is said to have been the first arctic victim in the United States, as far as diagnosis is concerned, is suffering from a return of the disease. Of the seven doctors who attended him in 1882 five died of the grip, and now it is thought Woodruff will succumb to the disease.

Mrs. Dolly Desser, aged 27 years, swallowed a packet of needles several months ago. She is at present under treatment in Bellevue hospital, where surgeons stated that after five operations, in which fifty needles were extracted, Mrs. Desser still has scores of needles in her body.

Another example of capriciousity. The Midvale Steel works at Midvale, Penna., yesterday closed its doors to 3,000 workmen, who were sent home without definite instructions when to return to work. No reason was given for closing the plant, but it is rumored in financial circles that Charles M. Schwab had purchased the plant, and owing to a dispute over the railroads, the steel works had been located.

Mrs. Florence Kelley, of New York, in an address before the National Consumers' League at the Art Institute last night, said the United States is in the same class as Russia in regard to legislation protecting women and children laborers.

Caring the power of men of great wealth, who leave their estates to accumulate in trust, was the subject of an extended argument by Prof. A. M. Kales, of the Northwestern University Law school, before the legislature in Springfield, Ill., yesterday.

The jury which will decide the fate of Will J. Davis, former proprietor of the Ironsides theater, who is on trial at Danville, charged with manslaughter, has been selected, the twelfth juror being chosen last night.

Residents of the southwest side of the city are demanding a sewer system. A delegation spent two hours in conference yesterday afternoon with the board of public improvements. Following the conference for the week of the commission stated that the contracts may be let by July 1.

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Politics in the Unions

Now is the time of the year when various kinds of politics are getting into the unions.

There is nothing particularly wrong about this fact. On the contrary, there are few places where politics are more proper than in the union.

The union is an organization for the defense of working class interests. Politics is one of the most powerful means of fighting the working class battles.

This does not mean that there should be any political test of union membership. Such a thing would be the height of folly. The union needs every man who works, no matter what his religion, race, politics or other characteristics may be.

It does mean that every union man should take an interest in politics, that he should inform himself how best this weapon can be used in his own defense and that of his class.

It is important that when politics are brought into the union that they be WORKING CLASS POLITICS and not CAPITALIST POLITICS.

The bringing of capitalist politics into the union will always tend to disrupt it, because the workers will be fighting some one else's battles and not their own.

We see this going on in the present campaign. One group of capitalists who are seeking to elect Busse are organizing "Busse clubs" in the unions, and many working men and union men are joining in an effort to put the former employer of Al Young in the mayoralty chair.

Another, and larger group, of union men seem to think that the election of Dunne, who broke the teamsters' strike, and turned the police over to Levy Mayer, will help trade unionism.

So it is that the introduction of capitalist politics is tending to disrupt Chicago unions.

If, on the other hand, the unions of Chicago were to insist upon fighting for the same things at the coming election for which they have been struggling during the past year there would be no dissension.

Every trade unionist agrees that he wants higher wages, shorter hours, protection for his organization, abolition of the use of police in strikes and the use of the injunction against labor leaders.

DOES ANYONE CLAIM THAT EITHER BUSSE OR DUNNE STANDS FOR ANY OF THESE THINGS?

On the contrary, they have both been shown to stand against the unions on some or all these points.

Is it any wonder then that the rank and file of the unions become disgusted when they see their organizations used to further the election of such men?

Union men can be brought into Busse or Dunne clubs only through deception as to their real interest.

There is nothing to unify labor in bringing that kind of politics into the union.

But when the unions are asked to fight for the same things on election day that they have been striking and struggling for throughout the remainder of the year, politics becomes an educational and solidifying force.

That is why the Socialists ask that organized workers work and vote with the Socialist party.

The introduction of Socialist politics is the introduction of working class politics and tends to strengthen and help the union.

The introduction of Democratic or Republican politics is the introduction of capitalist politics and tends to disrupt and discourage. At the best only a few leaders are benefited as individuals by being elected to office or securing personal favors—to use no harsher term.

But unionism is for the benefit of the mass, not the few. Strikes are not waged, boycotts declared, nor pickets posted to secure better jobs for officials. Why then should politics be pursued with such ends in view?

The Socialist party fights for the rank and file. It uses the same methods and seeks the same things on election day that every working man and woman is working for throughout the year.

When, therefore, the members of a union engage in Socialist politics the rank and file are drawn closer together, the union is strengthened and every battle during the remainder of the year is made easier by reason of the work done for Socialism on election day.

THE BURDEN BEARER

By R. J. C.

The stork has of late done valiant service in helping to keep the unthinking multitude interested in all sorts of stuff and nonsense, lest they form the possible habit of thinking about themselves and the things that most nearly concern them.

Before he becomes overworked and retires for a rest, we might allow him to do a little "stunt" for a worthy cause.

It is not a question this time whether he shall leave the baby in a mansion or a fovel, for he has one for each. He picks up one at random, for they all look alike to him, a little helpless mite, incapable of thought, without intelligence or choice in the matter and without malice aforethought, leaves him in the home of a workman.

Another, equally helpless and ignorant of the future, is left in a home of wealth.

The first opens his eyes to scenes of poverty and privation. The whole environment of his life tends to degrade and to prevent the growth of his highest aims and noblest aspirations. Yet he is in no wise to blame and had no choice in the matter.

The second awakens to life, in scenes of refinement and pleasure and education is his chief business until he reaches maturity. He too had no choice in the matter, nothing to entitle him to any preference.

The first, instead of seeking an education, must seek work. This is the lot to which he has fallen heir. The most available place to begin happens to be at the bottom in a great mercantile establishment; the greatest in the world.

He soon learns that he is one of an army of workers doomed to spend their lives piling up wealth for the other little baby who happens to be left in the other home and has fallen heir to this business of millions, and to many other millions in stocks, bonds and all manner of securities. As he learns to think just a little he wishes the stork had got the babies mixed up, so that he had been born in the other home, then all this wealth would have been his and these slaves would have served him. So wide is this accidental gulf between them that those born even less fortunately than himself will envy him his change to serve the lucky baby, i. e., his "steady job," and any feeling of equality is unthinkable.

"Whatever is, is right" for the owning and ruling class, but as a rule is wrong for the working class. They are slowly realizing that this element of chance, or caprice of the stork works against them in destroying equality of opportunity.

The majority permits "whatever is," and the working class majority will by and by get wise and decide to build good homes and to run the socialized industries for the benefit of themselves and their own children, instead of for some lucky baby whose only claim is that he happened to be born in a different family. Then every home will be a fit place for the stork to visit, and every little stranger will find a welcome into a friendly world, where all things will work together for his highest and best development and happiness.

Utopian? Not at all. Simply applied, common sense.

A Laugh or A Smile

By P. B.

Complimentary

"It takes a great deal of patience to develop one's voice," remarked Miss Screecher.

"On whose part—your own or the neighbors'?"

Senator Spooner says poverty was his reason for resigning. Couldn't he have got cured of something and sold his testimonial to the patent medicine people?

Congress ended in a burst of song, but its cost to the nation, something like \$1,800,000,000, was a thing but a mere song.

Why not take Mr. Harriman at his word and let him build the Panama canal? The undertaking has something to do with water, has it not?

Just now the "old resident" is telling about how he used to run around bare-footed and go fishing on the first of March.

Up to Date

"No, when Brown tried to tell that funny story you all gave him the horse laugh."

"Not quite. We gave him the automobile toot."

Senator Bailey can now enjoy a hard-earned rest, with nothing bothering him at home or at Washington.

"A successful man has no chance these days," says Harriman. Of course not, when Harriman and Rockefeller have gobbled it all up.

The democrats think it is dreadfully unkind of Mr. Harriman to keep on roasting Roosevelt, and wish he would roast Mr. Bryan a few.

No pilot could be found who could steer the ship subsidy bill through the rocks and shoals of the senate.

Perhaps Senator Spooner resigned in order to have plenty of time to play Tom Lawson's tips on the market.

Different Results

"When I kissed Miss Spinster she screamed."

"That so? Excessive joy effects different people in different ways."

One more reorganization would probably be fatal to the Chicago & Alton railroad.

So far the interstate commerce commission has not accused Harriman of ever letting anything get away from him.

Young men, never write a love letter. If you ever get in trouble some alienist is likely to bundle you off to an insane asylum on the strength of it.

The interstate commerce commission took up a lot of time that Mr. Harriman might have used to advantage, judging from his past activities.

British army experts have found that married soldiers are the bravest. Previous training counts in war as well as in anything else.

The Joy of Hard Labor

By TOM SELBY

"No man can work too hard, or hours too long, if his health will permit."

—Prof. Eliot, of Harvard university. Said the miner deep down in the earth (And he laughed at the humor of it) "It's a joy and a revel to dig like the dead."

As long as my health will permit; And, although, it's a loss of delight to the boss,

He doesn't seem jealous a bit!"

Said a girl in the thundering mill, With a smile that was grateful and sweet, "It's pleasant, this spinning; I fear that I'm sinning."

In wanting to sleep and to eat! Oh, it would be so grand to be able to stand

The other twelve hours on my feet."

Said the child in the tenebrous shop: "Don't send me to play, if you please; I'd rather be sewing and stitching, you know."

In this hotbed of filth and disease, Per a sweatshop, you see, is dearer to me.

Than the birds and the blossoming trees!"

Said the college professor with glee: "They think I'm in earnest, you know—shaw!"

I'm boss of a college, and that's why my knowledge impresses the rabble with awe; But I'm out for my health, and honor, and wealth

By working my graft—and my jaw!"

FRENZIED FINANCE

A Kansas banker wanted a railroad ticket and had only a two-dollar bill. It required three dollars to get the ticket. He took the two-dollar bill to a pawnshop, and pawned it for one dollar and fifty cents. On his way back to the station he met a friend, to whom he sold the pawn ticket for one dollar and fifty cents. That gave him three dollars. Now, who's out that dollar?

THE GENEROSITY OF LABOR

By W. N. S.

Did it ever occur to you workmen that you are the most generous-hearted people on the face of the earth? Perhaps you haven't given the question very serious thought. It is certainly true that you do so, for if you do not soon begin to curb your generosity you will not be able to get enough to eat to keep your supply of strength up to the standard that will enable you to keep building things to give away.

Statisticians tell us that the United States is the richest nation on the face of the earth, in fact the richest that the world has ever known.

Josiah Strong, in his "Social Progress," says that our wealth is increasing at the rate of eight million dollars per day.

Who gets this wealth? We have in this nation at least five thousand millionaires. This is half the total number in the world.

New York alone has about two thousand millionaires.

How did these five thousand millionaires get their wealth? Did they earn it?

To actually earn money one must give a just equivalent in return.

Did these millionaires give a just equivalent in return for their millions? If not, then they have gotten wealth that they did not earn—from those who earned it, but did not get it.

Let us see who produced all these millions. In this nation we have about eighty million people. Of this number there are about nineteen million men, three million women and two million children employed in mines, mills and factories and in agriculture.

These twenty-four million men, women and children perform all the productive work of this nation. They are the wealth producers.

There are ten million people in this nation in abject poverty; three million officially recognized paupers, and an army of one million tramps. This constitutes the idle poor. At the other extreme we have the idle rich. Two classes of idlers who produce nothing. One class, but the effect of which the other is the cause.

These twenty-four million working

men, women and children not only furnish food, clothing and shelter for themselves, but they also supply the tramps, the paupers and those in poverty and ill-health with their meager portion.

From the same source the millionaires and other idlers of the master class obtain the funds that enable them to roll in wealth and splendor unheard of in the earth's history. Now, brothers, you see where the wealth comes from, and you see where it goes. You see the terrible load that the workers of this nation have to carry.

Do you, after a careful consideration of these facts, consider that it is good policy for you to be so generous?

Don't you see that you are dividing your hard-earned dollars with all the idlers of the nation? That instead of keeping all the product of your labor for your own use, as you can easily do if you wish, you give four-fifths of it to a class who already have so much wealth that they don't know what to do with it. You work on and groan under your burdens until they finally become so heavy that you can no longer carry them; and through sickness, accident or old age, you are forced to drop down and out and take your place among those who must be cared for by others or left to starve.

Don't you know that you have it in your power to change this very unequal system to one in which all will have free access to all the means of life? And all will be entitled to the full product of their labor; no divide with anybody any more; no more poverty and want; no more worry; no more sweat shops, child labor, poisoned food, poor houses, dirty tenements and pauper graves. But in their stead you can have good homes, good clothing, pure wholesome food and plenty of it, and plenty of time to develop the best there is in you physically, morally and intellectually?

Brothers, this is but justice!

It is the birthright of the human family upon this planet; this is Socialism. And I candidly believe it to be the next step in the evolution of the human race.

The World's Work says that under the code of the Socialist wealth is a crime. In the same editorial it says: "A big and rich corporation can and does and will oppress competitors, restrict freedom of trade, and use influence in councils, legislatures, congress and courts which it can. We should be assuming that their managers have virtues which few other men possess if we expected any different results."

In plain words he means that most men are, or would be, grafters. Then he proposes to regulate so as "not to disturb values or check prosperity," this grafting business and by an income tax to "bring back to the coffers of the people a fair share of the wealth garnered from the people by the creators of vast fortunes, but not infringe upon the inalienable rights of the individual to enjoy the full fruit of his labor."

What are our freight cars doing? The World Almanac tells us that we have 1,728,903 freight cars in one country and that they carry 173,613,762,130 tons of freight one mile in a year. This means almost exactly 100,000 tons one mile, or ten tons (average car haul) 10,000 miles for each car, running twenty miles an hour, each car would be on the move 500 hours or about 21 days out of 365 or 6 per cent of the time. Where are they the rest of the time?

GRAFT

It is not the plain and above-board buying of votes that we have so much need to fear. I have been truthfully said that "it is impossible to indict a whole people" — it is equally impossible to corrupt an entire electorate, or even to bribe a majority of the "rank and file" voters. No, the men who will really "get the boodle" are the men who can be hired to put forward subtle appeals to the passion and prejudice of the rank and file, to the vanity and personal feuds of those who at heart are more anxious to be known as "leaders" of the rank and file than they are for the success of the cause, and even to the pedantry and pride of opinion which is the peculiar besetting sin of some of the most honest and unpurchasable men in the labor movement.—Union Labor Advocate.

I got a circular the other day from a green goods man and nabbed him almost on the spot.

"Did you turn him over to the police?"

"Why should I? I buy all my plants from him."

TO THE EDITOR

WHO ARE THE GREAT INVENTORS?

Let the "Switchman" consider that in the present century, science, the real inventor does not raise the question of remuneration. Only the little vulgar ignoramus who has a little something to sell to the employer showed trained lawyers to outwit the patent office in order to secure a patent on his "invention," is the one who clamors for reward.

Does the "Switchman" know of the existence of those who upon thousands of real big brainy inventors, who are inventing big, useful things, and are not looking for any reward? They are inventing because their brains require exercise.

Did the "Switchman" coin the number of scientists who are continually "inventing" in biology, astronomy, mechanics, electricity, physics, medicine, chemistry, and do not claim any money reward? Let him take for example wireless telegraphy.

The waves of ether on which it is based have been discovered and figured out; the minute details by scientists; apparatus have been invented and physical demonstrations made by the same class of people. After the wireless telegraph was worked out in all its essential parts by scientists, then and only then the capitalist inventors began to hunt after patents and rewards.

Is it not rather strange that such claims among "inventors" as Hiram, Lord Kelvin or Darwin have not a single patent to their names and still, with biggest brains a human individual ever possessed, they continued to work during their lifetime, averaging eighteen hours a day.

Under Socialism a man with normally developed brains will find a pleasurable exercise inventing just as a normally developed man physically takes pleasure in performing a physical task. J. W. BLOCK.

THERE IS THE INCENTIVE

"Comrades, tell 'Switchman' for me that if he can see the incentive that caused a Socialist to write answers to his question, he will be looking at the incentive that will cause men to invent new means and better methods of doing the work under a Socialist form of government. JOHN W. TAUNT, Belleville, Ill.

ACCEPT AN APOLOGY

As you have welcomed "Jeks" from your readers, I will venture a little correction—not a "klek," really.

In the writing of the news item on the suit brought against his mother, Mrs. Eddy, by George Glover, this statement occurs: "It appears that the suit of Mrs. Eddy like that of Dowle is a 'house divided against itself.'"

This implies that the suit is brought by members of the Christian Science church, which is not the case. Neither Mr. Glover nor the other plaintiffs are members, and, as a matter of fact, these relatives are simply being used by outside parties.

I call your attention to this because I know that you, as a Socialist, can appreciate what capitalist conspiracies are and to what lengths misrepresentation is often carried in its attempts to overcome the progress of truth.

The daily is getting better all the time. I distributed 400 copies in our neighborhood last night and was sorry to find the above mistake in the paper, as there are many Christian Scientists in this vicinity. ISAAC PETERSON.

HE WOULD OWE SOCIETY

I do not believe that Mr. Socialism "A Switchman" would receive any greater compensation for "perfecting inventions," he they ever so meritorious, than would any one else who renders an equal amount of service to society. All that any one is or knows about anything, he is indebted to society for it; and if he should "perfect an invention" every day of his life, he would not be able to do as much for society as society has done for him. If one man possesses greater talent than another, it is the society that especially favored him. We are all indebted to society for the development of all our talents. If one possesses greater talent than another, he is just that much more indebted to society. Let us all, then, pay our debt by giving to society the best and all the talent we have. Bloomington, Ill. J. P. SANDERS.

The Claim of Socialism

"I have looked at this claim by the light of history and my own conscience, and it seems to me so looked at to be a most just claim, and that resistance to it means nothing short of a denial of the hope of civilization.

"This then is the claim:

"It is right and necessary that all men should have work to do which shall be worth doing, and be of itself pleasant to do; and which should be done under such conditions as would make it neither over wearisome nor over anxious.

"Turn that claim about as I may, think of it as long as I can, I cannot find that it is an exorbitant claim; yet if Society would or could admit it, the face of the world would be changed; discontent and strife and dishonesty would be ended. To feel that we were doing work useful to others and pleasant to ourselves, and that such work and its due reward COULD not fail us! What serious harm could happen to us then? And the price to be paid for so making the world happy is revolution."—WILLIAM MORRIS.

ESPERANTO

These lessons are arranged for this paper by the editor of Amerika Esperantisto, Oklahoma City. Students should address all inquiries to him, inclosing stamp for reply.

LESSON 23.

La Felino.

"Vi tute ne estas gentila," diris la felino sen kolero. "Home, far vi estas tiel servema, mi faras al vi donacon, ke ĉe ĉiu vorto, kiun vi parolas, eliros el via buŝo an serpento aŭ ranoo." Apenaŭ ŝia patrino ŝin rimarkis, ŝi kritis al ŝi: Nu, mia filino! "Jes, patrino," respondis al ŝi la malgentilulino, eljetante unu serpento kaj unu ranoo. "Ho, ĉielo!" ekris la patrino, "kion mi vidas? Ŝia fratino en ĉio estas kulpa; mi pagos al ŝi por ĉio!" Kaj ŝi, tute kuris, bat ŝin. La malfelino infano forkuris kaj kaŝis sin en la plej proksima arbaro. La filo de la reĝo, kiu revenis de ĉaso, ŝin renkontis; kaj, vidante, ke ŝi estas tiel bela, li demandis ŝin kion ŝi faris tie ĉi tute sola kaj pro kio ŝi ploras. "Ho, ve, sinjoro, mia patrino forpelis min el la domo."

La reĝido, kiu vidis, ke ŝi ŝia buŝo eliris kelke da teroj kaj kelke da diamantoj, petis ŝin ke ŝi diru al li, de kio tio ĉi venas. Ŝi rakontis al li sian tutan aventuron. La reĝido konsideris, ke tia kapablo havas pli grandan indon, ol ĉio, kion oni povus doni dote al alia fraŭlino, forkondukis ŝin al la palaco de sia patro, la reĝo, kie li edziĝis je ŝi. Sed pri ŝia fratino ni povas diri ke ŝi farigis tiel malaiminda ke ŝia propra patrino ŝin forpelis de ŝi kaj la malfelino knabino, multe kurinte kaj trovinte nenun, kiu volis ŝin akcepti, baldaŭ mortis en angulo de arbaro.

The Fairy.

(Conclusion)

"You are not quite polite," said the fairy, without anger. "Well, because you are so anxious to serve, I will give you a gift, that at every word which you speak, there will come from your mouth a serpent or a frog."

Scarcely had her mother seen her when she cried: "Well, my daughter!" "Yes, mother," replied the rude one, throwing out a snake and a frog. "Oh, heavens!" cried the mother, "what do I see? Her sister is guilty of everything; I will pay her for this!" And she immediately ran to beat her. The unhappy child ran away and hid herself in the nearest forest. The son of the king, who was returning from a hunt, met her and seeing that she was so beautiful, he asked her what she was doing there all alone and why she was crying. "Oh, woe! My mother drove me from the house."

The prince, who saw that from her mouth came some pearls and diamonds, asked her to tell him whence this came. She told him her whole adventure. The prince reflecting that such a gift (capability) had greater value than anything one could give as a dowry to another maiden, took her away to the palace of his father, the king, where he married her. But of her sister, no one may say that she became so unobedient that her own mother drove her away from her; and the unhappy girl, running about much and finding nobody who would harbor her, soon died in a corner of the forest.

Copies of the new Esperanto Socialist magazine, "Internacia Socia Revuo," have been received at the office of the Daily Socialist, and the staff have been testing their knowledge of Esperanto on it. The paper is published by R. Louis, 45 Rue de Saintonge, Paris; six francs a year.

Steps are now being taken to secure Esperanto correspondents in Japan, India, Russia and other places where the differences in language are so great as to make communication practically impossible without the use of some auxiliary language.

Uncle Mose and Socialism

By MARK C. SWAIN

Mistah Socialist, yo' sure am right. Yo's puttin' up a mighty fight; Yo's showin' some people what's de way Deys gwine to trubble in some day. Stick to 'em! Show 'em yo's here to stay And keep in line.

Mistah Socialist, what yo' care How de "big guns" howl and swear? Reckon dat yo's got dem goin' some Keep dem goin' on de run, Stick to 'em! See de fun! And keep in line.

Mistah Socialist, yo' sure am warn On de scent, I see a galdern storm; Its gwine to be a blizzar! sure as yo' live! "Just keep dat 'razzar' up yo' sleeve" Keep a fightin'! Deys got to leave! And keep in line.

Mistah Socialist, watch yo' yards, Doan let dem get yo' off yo' guard, Just play er long kinder slow, Keepin' easy, layin' low, Deys got to take dere clothes and go, If yo' keep in line.

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THE ACQUITTAL OF SHEA

At last the Shea conspiracy case is ended. Mr. Shea and his teamsters' union associates have been acquitted. Only two jurors were for conviction at the start, and these quickly yielded to the "other ten." The prosecution was utterly without merit. It was instigated and maintained both in court and in the trust newspapers, for private business ends. The prosecuting lawyer was hardly more than nominally a member of the prosecuting officer's staff. He was the private attorney of the business interests that instigated the prosecution. And the prosecution itself, while nominally for a blackmailing conspiracy to injure the business of a mercantile firm, was in fact for the criminalization of sympathetic strikes. It failed, first because there was no credible testimony of blackmail, and second because the jury would not place sympathetic strikes under ban of the criminal law.

A curious thing happened after the trial. Three or four labor leaders who had been accepted as informers, had sworn to transactions calculated to prove that the strike was in furtherance of pecuniary objects, that brutal violence had been resorted to deliberately by the strike leaders, that they themselves had participated in these criminal purposes and acts, that no promise of immunity had been made them, and that having pleaded guilty they expected to be imprisoned. Now, it is true that the jury refused to believe these informers (some of whom were shown to be convicted criminals), in so far as their testimony incriminated the men on trial. But that was no reason for exonerating them upon their own pleas of guilty. Although the men on trial were acquitted, these informers were guilty on their own pleas. If the indictment described a crime, they stood before the court self-convicted of that crime. Yet the prosecuting attorney, failing to convict the innocent men, exonerated these guilty ones. This may be the law, for the prosecuting attorney did it; presumably it must be the law, for the judge allowed it. But what kind of law is it that permits guilty men, men guilty of crime upon their own confession in open court, to go free because a jury would not believe their testimony against other men?—The Public