

JOBLESS; KILLS SIRE AND SELF

Father and Son Idle for Weeks; Quarrel Ends in a Tragedy

Murder and suicide, provoked by poverty, were enacted at the home of Job Williams, 4632 Ashland avenue, when a son killed his father and then turned the revolver on himself and blew out his own brains.

PRESIDENT'S FRIENDS NOT TO SIGN THIRD-TERM PETITION

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 8.—An endless petition from the voters of this state, asking the president to accept a third term should be the preferred choice of the delegates to the national convention, was started by a piano firm today.

THUGS CAUSE A PANIC IN FLIGHT

Two pickpockets who attempted to rob a victim on a crowded Grand avenue car at Milwaukee avenue caused a panic among passengers when they slugged William Lechner, 2341 Grand avenue, after he had discovered them in the act of robbing another man.

ST. LOUIS POLICE ARE NOT LIKE SHPPY'S THUGS, SAYS REITMAN

"The police and city authorities are treating the unemployed like men," says Dr. Ben L. Reitman from St. Louis.

BLACK AND BAND TAKEN IN A PITTSBURG SUBURB

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 8.—Six Italians were arrested in a slum just outside the fashionable suburb of Sewickley, whose wealthy residents, among them Richard H. Quay, son of the late senator, have been threatened with death on failure to pay large sums.

'BIG TIM' SHOES 5,000 NEEDY

New York, Feb. 8.—Thursday was "shoe day" in the Bowery, and now sidewalks wearing new shoes and new woolen socks.

YOUNG SOCIALIST RULES ORATOR

The ineffectiveness of a young Socialist caused William A. Brubaker, prohibition orator, to lose control of his good nature.

THAW MUST STAY IN ASYLUM AT LEAST SIX WEEKS NOW

New York, Feb. 8.—Harry K. Thaw will have to stay in the asylum for at least six weeks, according to a decision arrived at by his lawyers and his family.

INQUIRY HITS WOMEN NURSES

The legislative committee which brought out secret reports of inhuman actions of attendants toward patients at several state institutions is now conducting a rigid investigation at the Central Asylum for the Insane at Jacksonville.

SENT 800 MILES ON A VAIN TRIP

Worker Walks Back and Makes Trouble for Labor Agent

Kansas City, Feb. 8.—Mucci and Downs, proprietors of a labor agency at 108 Union avenue, will be compelled to explain the operations of their concern, a warrant having been issued by Assistant City Attorney Fred Coons.

RATS AND FLEAS SPREAD PLAGUE

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 8.—San Francisco is in danger of being afflicted on account of the spread of bubonic plague.

SOCIALIST STIRS UP NEWSPAPER

The editor of the Rockford Star, sent a postal card to the paper asking the question which was asked Secretary Taft in New York.

ATTENTION

Socialist Primaries Saturday from 12 noon to 7 p. m. Every one who votes the Socialist ticket should make a special effort not only to vote himself, but to assist in getting out all other Socialist voters.

SOCIALIST ORGANIZER GIVES JOLT TO WAUKEGAN

Respectable citizens of Waukegan, Ill., comprising for the most part the moneyed class, were exceedingly startled when Robert J. Lee, Socialist organizer there, issued a scathing criticism of Roosevelt.

AVOKES ORDER ASKING FOR CONDUCTOR-OFFICIAL'S 'JOB'

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 8.—The Record, a local capitalist paper, draws the following graphic picture of the terrible conditions among the homeless men of this city.

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THOMAS J. MORGAN TO LECTURE ON 'CRAZY QUILT'

Sunday evening, at the Young People's Socialist League, Thomas J. Morgan will deliver his unique lecture on a "Crazy Quilt."

LABOR GOING ON ONE MORE WILD GOOSE CHASE

Lewiston, Me., Feb. 8.—Labor organizations in the second Maine congressional district will nominate a candidate for congress in the hope of defeating Representative Littlefield.

BALL AND CHAIN FOR IDLE MEN

Jobless Workers in Los Angeles Treated as Wild Beasts

Enforced idleness, caused by physical defect or social or industrial condition, constitutes an actual crime, not under the law as it is written, but under the law as it is enforced.

LEMONS IN HIS FORTUNATUS BOX

Hoping to realize \$2,000 on an investment of \$1,000, in a queer operation requiring twelve hours' time, Jacob Ludwig, 115 Forty-seventh street, was thrown into the depths of despair upon finding his had been swindled.

UNION OBTAINS SEWER CONTRACT

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The marriage of the divorced wife of Prof. O. L. Triggs to Dr. Julian Gagey in London has once more called attention to one of the tragedies of gutter journalism.

STEEL WORKERS FORCED TO DIG; \$1 A DAY OR STARVE

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Relief has been found for some of the starving unemployed of West Seneca, but the way that these unfortunate steel workers have been forced to work for \$1 a day digging a sewer in the pitiless cold would suggest that society thought it a shame to allow men to die when a little more toil could be drawn from their emaciated, shivering bodies.

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FARMER BOY IS KILLED WHILE EXERCISING HORSES

Prairie du Chien, Wis., Feb. 8.—Alfred Lorkiewicz, 29 years old, was on his way to the Mississippi with a team intending to get a load of ice. He had his horses hitched, which fact evidently cost him his life.

KILL PLAY THAT HITS OIL KING

Faculty Refuses to Let Blackfriar Opera Go Forth from U. of C.

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DUPE A PRIEST IN CONFESSIONAL

Craig's Henchman Said to Have Admitted Another's Crime

Queer complications have arisen out of the case of "Andy" Craig, charged in Judge Crow's court with having stolen a diamond ring...

It may be that Andy Craig influenced one of his henchmen to commit the cardinal sin of making a false confession in order to return the ring to its owner...

"Penitent" Gives Up Ring The priest, whose identity is protected by the holy vestments he wears, explained that he had received the ring from a penitent in the secrecy of the confessional and accepted the commission of seeing it returned to the rightful owner...

James Montague, 249 South Hermitage, in the course of the trial, told a consistent story to the court, alleging that Craig borrowed his ring to examine it on the occasion of the plaintiff's visit to Craig's notorious "red" saloon, and so forth...

Priest Gives Interview When interviewed yesterday by a Daily Socialist reporter, Rev. O'Callahan, head of the Paulist fathers, gave the point of view on the matter...

Description of "Tivoli" Craig's "Tivoli" is a unique place, even in a city where unique residences are quite common. Located at 283 State street, it is a burlesque, a place where gamblers and betters meet...

JOBLESS BESIEGE KING OF ENGLAND

London, Feb. 8.—What promises to be a practical besieging of King Edward by the unemployed is being carried out in the old problem confronting the authorities...

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ISSUE WARRANTS FOR ARREST OF "ORGY" PROMOTERS

The first warrants for the arrest of promoters who witnessed and promoted the "housewarming" at the Stanton avenue police station were granted. Two warrants each were certified by Judge Adeler J. Pettit, the jurist, who at first refused to take such action...

CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL HUNGRY

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 8.—With the announcement that children who have come to school without breakfast will be fed, principals and teachers are finding that many breakfastless children have sat in Toledo schools and pursued their studies while hunger oppressed them...

RAILROADS FACE SWEEPING FINES

Washington, Feb. 8.—Railroad employees throughout the country, ranging from road presidents down to the most humble switchman, may have to pay a fine within the coming three months because of the flagrant law violations of the roads...

WARSHIPS IN BRILLIANT FAREWELL SPECTACLE

Punta Arenas, Feb. 8.—A farewell reception was given on board the Connecticut, the flagship of Rear Admiral Evans, on the eve of the American fleet's departure...

LEWIS'S LECTURE

International Socialist Review

JOHN SPARGO has an article in the February Review, on Woman and the Socialist Movement, and he edits a new department of Book Talk under the name "Whispering in the Library."

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WOEFUL PICTURE OF LIFE IN NAVY

Deserter Says He Would Rather Die Than to Be Sent Back

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 8.—After two years of service in the United States navy, which he says were two years of torture, cruelty and constant suffering, and ten months spent in the role of a fugitive and a declared deserter, Jesse J. Elliott was arrested and confined at police headquarters, where he will await the action of government officials...

Pool to Join Navy "Any man is a fool to join the navy these days," added Elliott. "I don't know that you would call it being forced into the navy, but when a recruiting officer got hold of me, when I was still a kid, he pointed such a beautiful picture of a stiala home on the sea and filled me so full of fairy tales of easy work and plenty to eat that I fell into his net and signed away my freedom for four years."

Robbed of His Health "They have not only made a slave of me, but they have robbed me of my health and perhaps of my life," said the youthful sailor. "I deserted ten months ago and went to New York City as a result of my service on board ship, I was confined in Bellevue hospital for some time. After going to Coney Island I came west, weak and poor in flesh, and have been at home nearly every day since that time. I have been so badly afflicted with rheumatism at times that my limbs have swollen to twice their normal size."

FIND C. W. MORSE PLAYING CARDS

Queenstown, Feb. 8.—Strenuously playing a game of cards, Charles W. Morse, the deposed New York banker, was found in the smoking room of the steamship Campanian upon its arrival here. When asked why he had left New York, Morse declared everything was all right, and that he would return to that city within a week, when he would reorganize the National Bank of North America, which at this moment is in liquidation over a claim on him of \$243,000.

THE WEATHER

Office of Chief of Weather Bureau, Washington.—Weather forecast: Illinois—Increasing cloudiness and warmer Saturday, snow in north, snow or rain in south portion at night and Sunday, colder Sunday; Sunday snow. Ohio—Generally fair Saturday; Sunday snow or rain, warmer in south portion. Indiana—Fair, warmer Saturday, snow in north, snow or rain in south portion at night or Sunday, colder Sunday. Lower Michigan—Fair Saturday; Sunday snow and warmer. Upper Michigan—Local snows Saturday; Sunday snow. Wisconsin—Fair Saturday in north, snow by night in south portion; Sunday, snow and colder; northeast to north winds, probably increasing. Minnesota—Snow Saturday; Sunday fair in west, snow in east portion. Iowa—Snow Saturday or Saturday night, warmer in east and central portions; Sunday fair, colder in west, clearing and colder in east portion. Missouri—Increasing cloudiness Saturday, rain by night, warmer in east portion; Sunday colder, with snow in west and clearing in east portions. Nebraska—Snow Saturday; Sunday fair, colder in east portion. Kansas—Rain Saturday, colder in north and south; Sunday fair, colder in east portion.

CITY WILL SOLVE 'L' LOOP PROBLEM ITSELF

The loop problem, which has been causing all sorts of trouble, is to be solved by the committee on local transportation, if possible. This has been definitely decided upon and the work will start at once. "It has come to just this," said Chairman Foreman. "We have got to work out our own plan. The companies are practically offering us nothing. They seem to have an idea that nothing can be done unless it agreed with their special wishes. The Union Traction and Chicago City companies, had that notion for a long time on the surface lines question, but they got over it eventually. "What our plan will be none of us can say now. It is a matter in which engineering advice will have to be had. But when it is formed the companies will have to pay attention to it or there will be no elevated railroad legislation for some time to come. That can be set down for certain."

LABOR DEMANDS STIR ROOSEVELT

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—President Roosevelt has in preparation another message to congress dealing exclusively with labor subjects. It will not be in petty as the one sent to last Friday, but will treat the subject from the same standpoint. This message will propose the passage of labor laws which will not be open to the danger of being declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. For instance, the Erdman compulsory arbitration law was recently declared unconstitutional, as was the employers' liability act. The president will advocate legislation along the lines of the Erdman law, framed so as to meet the objections of the supreme court. He will also, it is understood, advocate the passage of other legislation in the interests of labor. Samuel Gompers and labor leaders are disappointed and uneasy over the recent reverses sustained by labor in the courts. It can not be said with any certainty that their attitude has anything to do with the president's contemplated message, but their views are known to him.

AGED SOCIALIST KILLED

John W. Urwin, an enthusiastic and prominent Socialist in the Ohio mining regions, was killed Jan. 31, in the Imperial mine at Derwent, O., by a falling rock. Urwin was 58 years old and had been employed about the mines since a child of about nine years. He leaves an invalid widow and three grown children. The mines closed until after his funeral.

WILL NOT OVERCHARGE

Denver, Colo., Feb. 8.—The local committee of the Democratic national committee having in charge the details for quartering and entertaining delegates and visitors during the Democratic national convention in July, announces that no excessive charges will be permitted for hotel and other accommodations. Nine subcommittees have been appointed. Delegations from each state will be received and looked after by residents of Denver, selected and placed on special committees by reason of their previous residence in the state from which comes the particular delegation they will care for.

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11,000 TO SEE G. O. P. MEET

Final Arrangements Made for Convention in Chicago

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—The Republican national committee reports that all arrangements have been completed for the holding of the Republican national convention in the Coliseum at Chicago next June. Every improvement suggested to the architect by the committee stands to the comfort and convenience of those who will attend the convention. The most radical of these improvements is an entire change in seating arrangements. The platform, instead of being at the center of one side of the Coliseum, will be at one end. This will not decrease the number of seats, but will permit all who occupy seats both to see and to hear all the proceedings.

Plan to Seat 11,011 The total number of seats, according to present plans, is 11,011, which includes the seats in the balcony that extends around the hall. On a raised platform above the floor of the auditorium will be provided seats for the chairman and secretaries of the convention and fifty-six seats for members of the national committee. The section immediately in the rear of the platform provided for specially invited guests will contain 1,826 seats.

Seat 1,000 Delegates In the body of the hall 1,000 seats are provided for the delegates, and immediately back of them 1,000 more have been set aside for the alternates. On each side of these two sections and in the rear of them are 3,615 seats for the spectators, these sections being arranged in amphitheater style. The balcony sections contain 3,198 seats for the general public, most of them being very desirable.

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MAKE 2,000 SOCIALISTS?

Those who claim to know Mayor Thompson of Detroit, Mich., fairly well believe that when he saw the army of unemployed marching to the city hall he recognized at least 2,000 votes and immediately became suspicious that the Republicans had put up a job on him to cause bad feeling against his administration. William S. Dreyer, a Socialist, however, believed that the men have all been made into Socialists and wouldn't do the mayor much good at the polls.

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HERETIC PREACHER, BROKEN BY DISGRACE, ENDS LIFE

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 8.—Heartbroken because of his expulsion from the Presbyterian ministry, on the ground that he preached heresies, Dr. Carl Hallhorst, after several attempts, succeeded in ending his life in this city. Four times did he throw himself into the waters of a creek in the outskirts of the city, and each time was rescued, but he expired as a result of the exposure and the injuries he had sustained. Dr. Hallhorst, who had practiced medicine for a few years after he was dropped from the church, was a patient at the state asylum for the insane, which he entered voluntarily ten days ago, believing his mind was falling as a result of the worry over his disgrace.

KIRKPATRICK AT Y. P. S. L. HALL

Tonight George R. Kirkpatrick will deliver his third lecture at the Young People's Socialist League, 150 Washington street. The lecture will begin at 8 o'clock. Several months ago he delivered a lecture, "Logic of Liberty." The audience was composed of about sixty persons. On the following Sunday in his lecture, "Think or Surrender," the audience was about six times as large and intense interest and applause was displayed.

SOCIALIST NEWS

Millard Tours Ohio Walter J. Millard, the well-known organizer of Local Cincinnati, Socialist party, and member of the National Committee of the Unemployed, that met in St. Louis the other day, is making a "panic pilgrimage" of Ohio in order to strike while the iron is hot. The following are his dates for the first week: Wellington, Feb. 8 and 9; Newark, 10 and 11; Zanesville, Feb. 12; Urichville, Feb. 13; Flushing, Feb. 14.

SHIPPY'S BLANKET PERMIT

Chief Shippy quite magnanimously granted a blanket permit to the demonstration management, allowing the paraders to take any route they choose in their tortuous progress through the city. The Law and Order league will be very sedate and dignified in its demonstration against the saloon hosts. On the Sunday of its activity pressure will be exerted for the most part through churches. Sermons on the subject will be in order at all of the churches.

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LIQUOR FIGHT TO GROW WARM

Saloon Men Have Petition Containing 168,000 Names

Reports from eighty-four counties throughout the state show that the little ballot on the liquor question is to be an absorbing issue during the coming election. The United Societies have completed their work of getting signatures that practically announce a vote for the Sunday saloon. These names will be loaded in a dray and with much pomp conveyed to the city hall. It is a ponderous thing, this petition, just six feet high when piled on the ground in solid blocks. It contains the names of 168,000 voters.

Shy on "No License" Names Not so numerous was the number of names on the petition engineered by the Chicago no-license committee and demanding that the ballot at the next election contain a proposition under the new local-option law to make Chicago "dry." At the headquarters of the committee in the New York Life building it was said that a few thousand names were still missing to make up the required number.

Great enthusiasm is manifested by both sides. The Anti-saloon league are preparing for a monster demonstration in this city Sunday. The Law and Order league, under Arthur Bourgeois Farwell, is getting ready for a counter-demonstration to take place the following Sunday.

It's a case of revolution on the part of the saloon men," declared Farwell. "These people are just simply announcing their defiance of the law. It is the same situation that obtained during the civil war. The southern states at that time fought with contempt against the state; the saloon men are now doing the same thing, practically."

A great number of turner organizations will parade from different parts of the city to the First Regiment armory, where a mass meeting is to be held by the saloon advocates Sunday. Among the list of speakers on this occasion appear the names of Anton Cermak, Leopold Neumann, Raymond Robins, E. T. Noonan, William Navigato and George Pfeifer. Addresses will be made in English, German, Italian and Bohemian.

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THE ART OF LECTURING

Arthur M. Lewis has persistently been urged to teach a class in the art of lecturing, but the many demands on his time made this quite out of the question...

LABORER FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH IN CENTER OF STREET

Death from exposure was the fate of a man thought to be John E. Conroy, 40 years old. The victim was found at West Monroe and Paulina streets lying dead in the center of the street...

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A. G. Sagerstrom, secretary, Ice Wagon Drivers and Helpers Union, Chicago, stroked into the Daily office today and fell into the clutches of a Hustling operative. Sagerstrom left with a partially filled stamp book.

A Tyler, Springfield, Mo., renews his sub. and takes \$2.75 in sub. cards for the benefit of the health.

Local Hialeah, Ariz., heard the Daily's call and responds in a hurry. The response is a \$5 order for sub. cards. Good old Hialeah!

Unless you're already done so, read that editorial on hustling and bring this matter to the attention of the Daily Socialist in the city. The plan is so simple that it is bound to work. Here is a form which can be readily copied.

WASHINGTON, D. C. On the 22d of February, 1908, I shall send 25 cents or MORE to the CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST! Come now, let a million workers join me and celebrate the day in the same way. TINT KRIMSON, Washington, D. C.

MAKE THE WAVE ROLL FROM THE CAPITOL TO THE OCEANS AND THE GULF. The following are the latest indorsers of the Feb. 22 idea. Who are the others? E. E. Vernia, Wellsville, O. Alex McAllece, Dubuque, Iowa. Archie Smith, Lakeview, Mich. Lennie Baker, Sheffield, Ala. M. J. Carroll, Rochester, N. Y. R. M. Stinson, Lyons Station, Ind. A. F. Donaldson, Alliance O.

WHERE TO GO The Society of Anthropology will meet at 75 Randolph street Sunday, Feb. 9, at 2:30 p. m. Francis Mills will speak on "The Evils of the Money System." Take elevator.

Rev. Walter H. McPherson will speak at the Christian Socialist Fellowship Center, Jefferson hall, 70 Adams street, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 9, at 2 o'clock, on "Lincoln and the Industrial Struggle." A musical programme will also be rendered.

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LOCAL LABOR

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Painters Demand Increase The painters' district council, after a referendum of locals, has decided to demand 60 cents an hour for two years, beginning March 1. The present scale is 50 cents.

More Flour is Unfair On a communication received from the headquarters of the Coopers' union at Kansas City, Mo., organized labor has placed the following brands of flour on the unfair list because non-union cooperators is used: "Rolled Champion," "V. Clear," "White Rose," "Light Loaf" and "Lily White," made by the Valley City Milling Company at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Claims Are to Be Paid Working people who have claims against Lincoln Park, Cleveland, O., now have a chance to secure some of their wages. Received Hitchcock has notified the United Trades and Labor assembly here that \$3,000 is awaiting distribution.

Ordinance Still Pending The subcommittee having in charge the elevator conductors' increase ordinance has met again and has reported back to the building committee that the ordinance is still under consideration, pending a conference with the corner, Building Commissioner Duwene and Corporation Counsel Brundage.

The coroner in his reports after deaths has occurred from elevator accidents has always recommended that more competent elevator conductors be employed. The elevator conductors' union is supporting the ordinance.

Van & Baggage Drivers & Helpers' Local No. 711, U. T. of A., will meet Sunday, February 9, at 2 p. m., at 12 South Clark street. L. B. Berber, Ice Wagon Drivers' and Helpers' Local No. 702, U. T. of A., will meet Sunday, February 9, at 8 p. m., at Bricklayers' hall, Monroe and Peoria streets. All members should attend. C. G. Sagerstrom, Secretary.

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There have been many comparisons between the present and previous crises. At bottom all are much alike. But in the reaction of the working class to the suffering forced upon them the present crisis offers a sharp contrast.

In 1893 the workers were poorly organized. They were almost wholly ignorant of the causes that lay back of their suffering. Labor was like some blind giant writing in agony.

The efforts to solve the wider question partook almost of the grotesque. The ragged, hungry "Coxey armies" struggling across the country, begging for "Good road bonds," evoked smiles as often as tears, and contempt far more than either.

It was somehow a fitting anti-climax when the army was ordered off the grass at the foot of the nation's capitol, where they sought to present their petition. Gapon's army met with bullets on the Nevsky Prospect meant the beginning of a revolution, Coxey's army "vagged" for walking on the grass was the end of a farce.

Things are different today. While there is still much to criticize in the intelligent effectiveness of some of the actions of the unemployed, there is no repetition of the grotesque antics of fourteen years ago.

In the first place, the response has been many times quicker than ever before. The class consciousness of the workers has grown far more acute and sensitive to injury than in 1893. The last panic began in June, and it was not until the following summer that the unrest among the workers reached important proportions. It was not until the following Winter that the ruling class responded with extra efforts at relief.

This time the echoes of the crash in Wall street had not died away before bodies of unemployed were organizing and demanding relief. Nor did the demands take on any such incoherent form as calls for "good roads, non-interest bearing bonds." The mass meetings and parades of the unemployed during the past month have been, with few exceptions, very definite and sternly practical in their demands. They have said to those who control the government, "Give us work, by using the machinery of government to carry on projects that are immediately necessary."

Nor is this call going unheeded for months as it did before. In a score of cities steps have already been taken to comply with these demands.

But it is not in these immediate reactions of the workers to the hunger pinch that the most significant phase of the present situation is seen. The reason that their demands have met with so quick a response in the ruling class is found in the fact that great masses of the workers are showing that they know the road to relief and that they propose to TAKE THAT ROAD WITHOUT ASKING PERMISSION OF THOSE WHO RULE IN PRESENT SOCIETY.

Everywhere the request for relief made of the ruling class is backed by the unconcealed threat that since those rulers have failed to feed those whom they rule they have forfeited their right to rulership.

It is impossible to hold a meeting of the unemployed today, no matter by whom called, that is not dominated by Socialism. THE UNREST OF THE WORKERS HAS CEASED TO BE BLIND.

The giant Labor no longer writhes in hopeless agony. He is beginning to stand erect. He is learning how to use his strength intelligently. He is wasting no energy in straggling marches upon Washington.

He is moving upon Washington again, it is true, but when Labor next comes to the Capitol he will come as a ruler, not as a suppliant.

Preaching and Practice

Theodore Roosevelt preaches with fierce strenuousness against Harriman. Yet it was the signature of T. Roosevelt that made possible the "Alton Deal," the worst of Harriman's crimes.

He thunders against rebates in special messages, but made Paul Morton, who was guilty of granting rebates on the Santa Fe, a member of his cabinet.

He is now posing as the special angel of the working class. But when he was Governor of New York he sent the troops to Croton Dam to compel the laborers to violate the ten-hour law, which he had taken an oath to enforce.

He preaches the square deal and shot a Spaniard in the back and then boasted of it. He also tried to stab a workingman in the back by attacking him when he was in a jail, the victim of a foul conspiracy, but he is not bragging about that.

When capitalist judges begin to monkey with the writ of habeas corpus it is just as well to keep both eyes on them. We all know what happened to the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. It was enacted supposedly to prosecute trusts, but has been used only to harass trade unionists. It may be possible that the present attempt to modify the habeas corpus law in Illinois is for the purpose of preventing the escape of rich malefactors and again it may be for the purpose of placing all labor cases exclusively in the control of the Supreme Court.

The railroads of the United States have been given until May 1st to dispose of all industries which they may own, the products of which are carried by the owning railroads. That is, a law to that effect was passed over a year ago. Now watch the great defenders of law and order give a shining example of obedience to law.

While Buffalo, Detroit, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and a host of other cities are arranging for special work for the unemployed, Chicago is sickening Chief Shippy's thugs on to the hungry marchers.

Britain to the front again. The blasted British workingmen have set out to lead the Germans in the international race for Socialism, with France a good third. Uncle Sam will soon get in the race, and then it will be decidedly interesting to the "cream of society," and the counts and no-counts, who are showing a great fondness for the American brand.

It is not necessary to have panics and a great unemployed problem to make Socialists. The Socialist party is not a calamity howling party. The Chinese have been pressed down for centuries. Not many Socialists over there get. Prosperity breeds strikes like competition breeds trusts; and strikes breed Socialists among workmen.

Andrew Carnegie's great hobby when he condescends to talk to the workmen is, "Be economical, and you will all get on." A great many workmen are now taking his advice.

The sudden and unexpected panic has knocked the conceit out of our all-wise and "conservative" business men, drunk on prosperity, who were cock-sure it was going to last.

Some of Prof. Wendell's "cream of society" are now on trial at Harrisburg, Pa., charged with gigantic graft in the building of Pennsylvania's thirteen-million-dollar capitol.

A few months ago Speaker Cannon's witty remark that "we are a bell of a success" was joyfully paraded in all the capitalist papers. They didn't know it was loaded.

Teddy ought to write a book now on "From Great Prosperity to Free Soup."

THE SONG OF SOLOMON

BY R. J. CALHOUN

Solomon was an St. Paul said of himself, "a Hebrew of the Hebrews," but he had not gained the material success which we expect from this race of money makers.

He himself could not tell why, as he had a good mind and the physical strength necessary for endurance and close application, but we will not attempt to follow the course of the life that finally left him in his old age a denizen of the ghetto and a typical sweatshop worker. He had always been a faithful worshiper in the synagogue, and as life failure became certain and ambition died he found more and more comfort in the rich and glowing promises of the scriptures to the chosen people. He often wished he could get something besides promises to help out his present necessity, but in God's good time it would come out all right, and he would try and be content.

He, wisely or unwisely, determined not to marry until his circumstances were such as to give a feeling of security and place his loved ones beyond the danger of poverty. As he looked about him and saw the difference between the conditions of the rich and the poor, this determination strengthened within him. He could, of course, understand how two and two make four, but he could not understand that philosophy which teaches that two or four can live from a certain sum as well or as cheaply as one. While he revered the prophets he had not faith to believe that they would bless his little income that it would not be diminished even though the drain upon it were doubled or tripled, as had happened so long ago to the widow's meal and the crane of oil.

But Solomon loved, after the manner of men, though with a difference, since he buried it in his own bosom until it seemed as though it must burst and destroy him; and the fair Rebekah never knew what he felt and suffered. So it happened that he came to take a special interest in that strange allegorical "Song of Solomon" included in the old testament, and he felt that his own name gave him a right to appropriate it and make as literal an application of it as he wished.

The sentences that appealed to him and fed the flame of his passion grouped themselves together in his mind and his heart was ever singing the song with something akin to devotion.

"O thou whom my soul loveth, thou fairest among women! Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold. Behold, thou art fair, my love; there is no spot in thee. Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet; milk and honey are under thy tongue, and thy speech is comely.

"I sleep, but my heart waketh. O thou fairest among women, thou art beautiful as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem. As a pomegranate are thy temples within thy locks. How beautiful are thy feet with shoes; thy neck is as a tower of ivory; thine eyes

are like fish pools in Heshbon; thine head is like Carmel. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it, for love is strong as death."

And this was all he was to know of love, for the object of his mute adoration was finally wed by another and his song was all that remained to him; but being a song of love it did not grow old.

The new philosophy that is steadily permeating the working class finally reached his neighborhood and himself. He was past the age when new and revolutionary ideas can be readily accepted, but his own failure was so apparent, and it seemed to him, so undeserved, that he felt a desire to try and learn how and why it came about. All anyone could tell him was that he "ought to have got into business."

In the new light he could see that it was not lack of frugality and industry that caused his poverty and failure, but these very qualities misapplied, or effort applied to labor instead of profit making. A life of hard work, no matter how useful, almost inevitably means poverty and failure, and he should have bent all his energy to getting into some profit-making scheme or business, for to such does the earth and its fullness belong. To be sure, he dreamed of this, but he kept on working, and each year that he worked still further unfitted him for taking any bold initiative. He could now see that the only possible justification for working for another is as a stepping stone to some manner of exploiting, and he should have been

Hot Shot

What shall we do with our ex-presidents? someone asks.

Grover has settled it for himself. He goes fishing. Teddy might write a humorous book on "What I Know About Busin' Trusts, or What I Know About Campaign Contributions from Un-bible Citizens."

There is a class of people who are expected to get offices when a new administration comes in, and there is another class holding offices. Both of these classes are always ready to yell and holler whenever their man says or does anything, no matter what he says or how foolish it may be. They are hollering for a job—and so it don't matter what is said.

The stars of the political arena are very jealous of each other. The other day Bryan appeared in the house and was greeted by the members quite enthusiastically. Two or three days later Carry-Out-My-Policies Tatt made the house a mite. He couldn't stand it to see Billy B. get the start of him any more than an actress would allow another to get ahead of her on some free advertising.

shrewd enough to realize this from the first hour he worked, and kept the purpose in view.

Most of his race instinctively realized this, though it was never intelligently pointed out to him, and only a knowledge of the groundwork and structure of society enabled him to see it, but the knowledge came altogether too late. He was doomed to go on to the end making bricks without straw, as he now called it, by which he meant that while it cost him just as much in labor and money to live as it ever had, he must spend an ever-increasing percentage of his time in hunting for the work to do, even as his ancestors in Egyptian bondage were compelled to hunt up their own straw and still make as many bricks as when it had been furnished them.

But he threw himself into the new movement with all the little zeal he had left from his toil, not because he expected for himself the full deliverance it promised, but even a small measure of success would mean some immediate benefits such as had been obtained in other countries by a threatening vote, after endless begging had failed.

He now learned another song, which thrilled him as he imagined the chorus swelling round the world: "Ye sons of toil, awake to glory. Hark, hark! What myriads bid you rise!"

He thought no Socialist meeting quite complete without the great rallying song that quickened the flow of blood through every vein, though he realized the inconsistency of a war song in a peaceful revolution of education and the ballot, but it was inspiring, nevertheless, and as the spirited chorus arose he would mix a word himself in order to urge any one near him to join it.

Sing, sing! he would insist, with the earnestness of a revivalist in a "song service," as though the revolution drew near with the volume of sound.

The new world compelling movement filled an otherwise empty and barren life with a vision that stilled the ego with its failure and selfishness out of sight, and made him an integral part of the great solid body which he felt to be moving with an irresistible power, slowly but surely, toward light and freedom. And so in the evening of his life the old song died out in his heart, and out of the bitter ashes sprang another, breathing an equally universal aspiration of humanity.

Love and Freedom! These are the two grand themes that have ever led to the sublimest actions and noblest sacrifices. Socialism will bring the one to supplement the other, leaving both to a beautiful perfection of development on a far grander scale than the world has yet known. So thought Solomon, even though they had not come together in his own life, but he strove to bring to all men that which he held to be desirable for himself, and he felt that his religion was exalted and ennobled in so doing.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Edited by Marie Jayne

Sex War or Class War?

BY J. B. ASKEW.

THE attitude taken up by those Socialist women who support the bourgeois women in their demand for a limited suffrage makes it worth while to critically examine afresh our conception of the class war, especially in view of that tendency to substitute the sex war of woman striving for her emancipation from the tyrant man, for the class struggle there is a general antagonism of interests between the two groups.

That there is a sex struggle lies at the root of the entire bourgeois women's movement, and there is also a very decided tendency to put in the place of the much-debated class war. Now, to my mind, this very assumption is the best evidence of the exclusively bourgeois nature of the woman's movement. In the bourgeois world there is a very real antagonism of interests between men and women because it is the interest of the former to keep each their own profession or trade as much as possible a preserve for themselves, and to limit the number of possible competitors. That is the bourgeois method of improving their position.

Now the proletariat—apart from a few highly skilled trades, and even these have the knack of getting knocked out from time to time by fresh discoveries—can only improve their position by raising the standard of all otherwise they are never sure against the competition of blacks, or of the capitalist taking their capital to where labor is cheaper.

For this reason whereas the bourgeois women desire the suffrage in order to be able to defend their interests against their male rivals, the proletariat women have no other interest than to obtain the greatest possible representation of their class.

A consideration of these factors will enable us to understand the position of the women Socialists in Austria who deliberately preferred to let the demand for woman's suffrage be put off till a later period, seeing that, under the shadow of manhood suffrage, a policy which has been treated as a sign of great weakness by militant woman's rights, and even Courade Zerk, has been thought that she was, they desired to be quickly. But while with Courade Zerk it was merely a question that our demands ought always to be put at the highest possible stage, and we ought only to accept a compromise at the last moment, on the

other hand to the Women's Rightists it has all the appearance of a betrayal of principles, since the woman's vote being an end in itself, the compromise on this point meant to give the only thing for which they were fighting.

Manhood suffrage meant nothing to these bourgeois women, while even the voting "wonder" that their husbands and brothers got a vote which was the same as though they had got it themselves, except that had been twice as many votes cast for the Socialist candidate, or, in any case, in support of the workers' claims. And perhaps the best proof of the existence of the class war is, that however reactionary may seem a number of what stupid or superstitious, once give it a vote, and experience shows that class consciousness gets a mighty impetus.

In other words, the proletariat position makes it only a question of time how long it will be before they demand Socialism, whereas the bourgeois women will be bound, however liberal they may be, so long as they have not got the vote, and want the help of the proletariat to get it, in order to maintain their privileged position as a class, sooner or later to vote against the demands of the proletariat. For that reason we are bound, as Socialists, to demand adult suffrage, so that what would be the workers may make founded use of the vote, just as we are bound to oppose any property suffrage, however liberal may be the classes on whom these votes are to be conferred.

All property classes will become reactionary so soon as they feel, however unjustly, that their property is in danger, and no argument of how much better off they will be under Socialism will suffice to convince them. The average bourgeois three-quarters have a very peasant to vote for a measure of socialization of the means of production, except under very exceptional circumstances.

So, even more, will the women probably use the vote to better their own position, and their rights of combination. The idea that once the principle of woman's suffrage is adopted adult suffrage must come, would only be true if politics were guided by logic, and not by interests.

Then the fact that some of the greatest rulers in the world—Elizabeth of England, and Catherine of Russia—had been women, or even that they already vote in municipal elections, would suffice to establish the principle, while the fact that women can practice as doctors would make it absurd to refuse to allow them to be barristers. Besides, wherever the monarchs, nobles, or House of Lords, nor any other of our institutions would stand.

bourgeois, but that any attempt to do this will simply be to play into the hands of the enemies of their class, and those women who are helping this policy are—no doubt, with the most honest intentions—unconsciously playing the game of the anti-Socialists.

Trip for the Cook County Socialist Sunday School

The Cook County Socialist Sunday school will not have a morning session on Sunday, Feb. 9, all the pupils wishing to go to the Field Columbian museum, as well as the members of their families, are requested to be at Jacobson's hall, Washburn and Wabasha avenues, at 12:45. At 1 o'clock sharp the members then present will leave for the trip to the museum.

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BY H. E. HOOVER. Down in the bowels of terra living, Up in the shafts which pierce the sky, Sinew and brain forever giving, Mangled and torn we bleed and die; Over again old earth we fashion, Cycles the Zeitgeist first began, Spending our souls' consuming passion— Conquering Sons of Pan. Out of the West and Orient coming, Unto the Armageddon strife, Into a host all nations summing, Legions for more abundant life, Leaving the dead men far behind us, We, of the Future, visions sear; Far in the van her couriers find us, Conquering Sons of Pan. Not for the sake of sordid profit, Not for the sake of selfish fame, Aiant hosts, to the battle! win it, Not for the doubtful hero name; But for the life which calls within you, Up to the heights where man is man, Onward for justice, long o'erdue you— Due to the Sons of Pan! Battle for aeons joyous gleaming, Climbing today the spirit's eye, Firing the soul to nobler dreaming— In them we live for whom we die, Aye, we shall live the cycles joyous Be the grim of the Superman; Ageless in them, nought shall destroy us— Conquering Sons of Pan. Roused by old Time's inspiring chorus Knowing no other reason why Than the great conflict still before us, Girt in the faith to do or die, Hail the conflict now beginning! Hail to the hosts of risen man! Hail to the battle's glorious winning! Hail to the Sons of Pan!

THE PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING SOCIALISM THE FOUNDATION OF THE DRAMA

BY ARTHUR M. LEWIS. Professor Iqman of Columbia university maintains that there is no essential connection between the "Materialistic Conception of History" and Socialism. Seligman is not a Socialist, but there are quite a number of Socialists who seem to almost agree with him. They appear to think that the "philosophy" of Socialism is something for the exclusive use of a few "scholars" who are qualified for the Socialist platform and editorial positions on Socialist papers, but of little importance to "the rank and file." Nobody will contend that it is necessary for every Socialist to master the "philosophy," but will anybody contend that there is any advantage in being ignorant of it? One of the greatest mistakes made in this matter is to suppose that the "philosophy" of Socialism has very little existence outside certain heavy and almost unreadable books. The truth is that when the theory is once understood, one sees it illustrated and proven a hundred times a day in occurrences which previously had no meaning. Take the theater as an example. When any important change or series of changes take place in the way in which a country produces and distributes its wealth, everything in the social and intellectual life of the community unconcerned will also change; so argues Marx. Under the head of "Intellectual comes the drama. Usually the drama is a second echo of economic transformations. The economic change calls forth new social forces, activities and ideas, and the drama is in its turn affected by the change in the general social life. The "great" dramatist, like the great painter, or the great novelist, is the man whose mind is so finely attuned to the world about him that he gets the first glimpse of the coming change, and in some way bodies it forth in his play, as the painter throws it upon the canvas. This is the difference between Ibsen, Shaw, Pinero, and the mediocre workmen who move in the ideological atmosphere of a generation ago and are unable to respond to the new forces social life. While Augustus Thomas does not rank with Ibsen or Shaw, he has succeeded in catching that subtle something which is sometimes called "the spirit of the age," and expressing many of its important phases with great force and vividness. The "Witching Hour" presents new conceptions in science, in politics and in business—new at least to the unthinking. The one use of the word Socialism is wholly incidental and unimportant, but the presentation of the Socialist theory of criminology in a way that Ferri did not think of is of very great moment. What I started out to say is that when you have spent two and a half hours at a theater, watching an unusually fine presentation of the new ideas that are fermenting in the intellectual life of society, you realize that one of the most valuable things to take with you when you go to the show is a knowledge of the Socialist philosophy.

THE RED FLAG

There is something curious about the hysterics into which many good people of otherwise sane and disposing mind creep, as they are thrown by any display of the red flag of the Socialists. An auctioneer's red flag excites no other emotion than enthusiastic expectations of buying something for less than it is worth, but the red flag of the Socialists excites vicious hate and abject fear. It is like the proverbial "red rag to a bull," only the red rag doesn't scare the bull, and the red flag of Socialism scares even policemen into conceptions. The best comparison, perhaps, is with the emotions of the "Feds" and "Tories" of a century or so ago over the Liberty cap, which the American Democrats of that time had imported from France and which afterwards became a highly respectable symbol of American ideals. Having had bloody associations in the French revolution, the Liberty cap was easily given a bad name, and to the babies of all ages, from infancy to dotage, it was as good as a ghost story "at fetching creeps." So now with the red flag of the Socialists. Isn't it undeniably red? And isn't blood also red? Well, then, isn't it the flag of bloody revolution? A bas! Selah! Et Cetera! But does it fear? No, now with the red flag that men may alude to blood without intending to spill any? Have they never heard it said that "of one blood, God hath made all nations of men. And don't they know that the Socialists are opposed to spilling blood? Don't they realize that it is Socialist antipathy to war more than any other force that preserves the peace of Europe? Whatever else may be urged against Socialism, and much may be urged against it, none but malicious slanders or ignorant fools would decry its red flag of universal brotherhood.—From The Public.

A VISION

Met though I had a wonderful vision, Throughout the beautiful land there was a dreadful plague. The mills and factories were stopped, banking conditions were strained and men were thrown out of work. And as I looked I saw gathered about the public treasury hundreds of thousands of men from all walks of life, capitalists and laborers alike, holding up their hands in supplication to the government for aid. "Give us money," said the capitalists, "for our reserve is impaired and we are worth only half of what we had before." "Give us public work to do and pay us from the public treasury," said the workmen, "for we have no jobs and our families are starving." I watched anxiously while the government pondered for a considerable time and then, with thumbs down toward the capitalists and with thumbs up toward the laborers, the government spoke thus: "You capitalists! Awaunt! Ye would still have enough had ye much less. Ye have said that ye have raised yourself by your superior brain and skill. Go ye and repeat. Ye have nothing but your jobs. When your jobs are gone you have nothing left. Besides, ye do not ask for money, but ye seek to do service by which ye may earn money. It is a fair request and shall be granted." Then I awoke, rubbed my eyes and wondered in what strange country I could possibly be.—Ellis O. Jones in Buck.

TO THE EDITOR

PLATFORM AND FARMERS. Having read a national platform by J. W. Work in the Daily Socialist, can say as a farmer of forty odd years that I think the plank devoted to the farmer in the platform ought to be adopted. There seems to be an idea among many farmers that Socialism will undertake to operate the farms as it will the trusts and other great combinations of wealth. I think where men own and operate farms, doing most of the work themselves, they should be allowed to live unmolested, because I think Socialism will give every laboring man a home; in fact, that is the principal object of it. Let us hear from some other farmers on the subject and a good editor on the subject would not be a bad idea. I believe if such a platform is adopted by the convention that a great many farmers will vote for it, and without the vote of the farmers we will be a long time establishing the cooperative commonwealth. J. H. ALLISON. Longwood, Mo. SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN BOOK. I trust the party will issue a campaign book for the presidential election of 1908. This ought to contain an array of arguments and facts of immense service to Socialists all over the country. It could be made a weapon for the capitalist sophistry which no candidate could deprive "my worker of. Such a compendium, of a size to fit the pocket, properly indexed and containing the most authentic information, would be eagerly bought by the party membership and even the public at large, and might pay a handsome profit to the organization. Let our statisticians, researchers and writers get busy, under the proper guidance of the national committee. H. C. UTZOFF. La Salle, Ill.