

INSURANCE MEN IN UNION; WAR AGENTS IN HOT FIGHT, ASK FOR AID OF THE POLICYHOLDERS

(Special to Daily Socialist.) Boston, Mass., Feb. 14.—War has broken out between the insurance companies and the International Union of Industrial Insurance Employees...

Discharge Unionists After that meeting there was a general meeting of union leaders...

John D. Williams, a member of the executive board of the union, makes the following statement: "Thirty-five years ago no such an institution as an industrial life insurance company was known in America..."

THE WEATHER Office of Chief of Weather Bureau, Washington.—Weather forecast: Illinois and Indiana—Rain or snow in north portion Friday; Saturday fair, colder...

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RIDGELY, IT IS SAID, WILL QUIT CURRENCY POST Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—It is stated on what is believed to be good authority that W. B. Ridgely, the controller of the currency, has decided to accept the presidency of the re-organized National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City...

SAWS OFF LIMB HE SITS ON, MAY NOT SURVIVE HURTS Kewanee, Ill., Feb. 14.—August Tenpenny, while engaged in trimming trees in his yard, sawed off the branch on which he was sitting...

RED SPECTER HAUNTS BOSSES Roosevelt, Black and Taft Use Socialism as Theme

THE spectre of Socialism is stalking abroad in the land. In the hearts of some it strikes terror; others try to make political capital out of it...

DEATH CLAIMS GIANT SOCIALIST Aged 68, Weighed 300 Pounds, Was 6 Feet 6 Inches Tall

(Special to Daily Socialist.) Prairie du Chien, Wis., Feb. 14.—Stephen D. Tuttle, a veteran of the civil war and a heart-and-soul Socialist, is dead at his home here...

CONDENN BULB LIGHT AND PRAISE KEROSENE LAMPS Members of the Illuminating Engineering society of Chicago were told by oculists whom they invited to their meeting at the Grand Pacific hotel that such a radical advance in methods of illumination introduced in that century has been in many ways a retrograde movement...

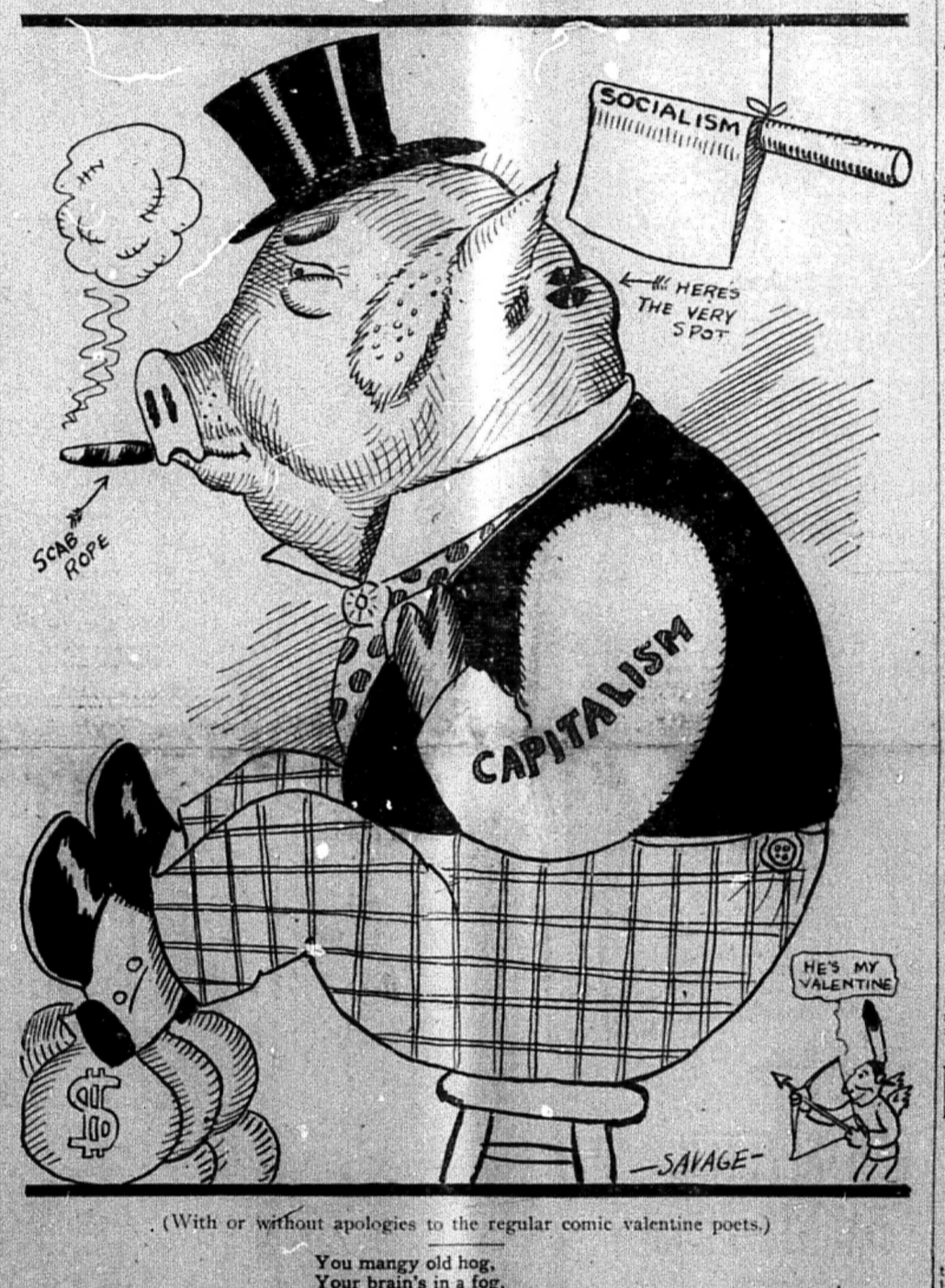
GIVE TEACHERS A GOLD BRICK Board Robs Veterans of \$200,000 and Makes \$165,625 Raise

The board of education at its last session raised the salaries of 4,650 teachers in the primary and grammar grades. It paid for this generous act out of the salaries of 20,000. Among that number are veterans in the Chicago schools...

ALL IOWA IS NOW FOR TAFT Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 14.—Not to be outdone by the Cummins people, the Allison organization has joined forces with Taft, thus insuring the solid support of the Iowa delegation at the Chicago convention...

EMPLOYEES GIVE, FIRM DOES NOT (Special to Daily Socialist.) Kalkaska, Mich., Feb. 14.—To aid the rickety parents of a 17-year-old boy, the sole support of the family, killed while in an elevator of the Freeman Manufacturing company...

WORKERS SIT SILENT WHILE TAFT SPEAKS; NO INTEREST; WALK OUT BY LEWIS G. DE HART. (Mail Correspondence.) Kansas City, Feb. 12.—The other evening I sat in the balcony of Convention hall here in Kansas City, with several thousand other workers...



(With or without apologies to the regular comic valentine poets.) You many old hog. Your brain's in a fog. Though you think you are almighty wise; But we'll put you to rout With a lick on the snout Right between your near-sighted old eyes.

MEXICO TO GET UNION TEMPLE Henderson Will Talk on Social Policies At Young People's Socialist League hall, 180 Washington street, Sunday evening, Professor Chas. R. Henderson of the department of sociology at the University of Chicago will lecture on "Social Policies."

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MEN ROBBED OF STOCK HOLDINGS

How Phone Trust Compelled Electric Employees to Sell

The purchase of stock by the employees of a company benefits the promoters of the concern in three ways...

Seeks Employee's Stock

On December 1, last, more than 350 employees of the Western Electric company owned stock in the company...

Cost Employees High

This stock was held by bookkeepers, clerks, salesmen and skilled workmen...

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MILLINERY BILL IN AMERICA FAR ABOVE MISSION FUND

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 14.—Exhibits pertaining to millinery work were shown today as a feature of the Presbyterian Mission Society convention here...

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arguments will be concluded on Saturday.

Son Says Case Is Over

Attorney representing Richard Snell, only living son of Colonel Tom Snell, who instituted the will contest on the grounds that the testator was under undue influence...

Wrote to School Girls

While the chief of these was the correspondence of Mabel Snell McNamara, hardly less important was the testimony that Colonel Snell corresponded regularly with a large number of schoolgirls of Clinton...

Colony Settles

The settlement of the estate of Colonel Snell was given to her attorney, C. W. Webster of Kansas City. In showing the introduction of the letters of Mrs. Hamilton Judge Cochran permitted the reading of one of the younger woman's letters...

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"Colonel Snell used to come to the postoffice two or three times a day," asserted Kline, "on each trip he used to mail two or three letters as well as look for mail."

Sends Money to Many

"He used to send about the same number and several times I have seen him slip good-sized bills into the envelopes. One of them did not have the right address and went to the dead letter office."

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Under date of Chicago, December 24, there appeared in the Commercial West a New York financial paper, the following:

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Grand Junction, Colo., Feb. 14.—Messages have been received in Glenwood Springs and in Denver to the effect that Miss Clara C. Oberdorfer, formerly a teacher in the public schools of Glenwood Springs...

Taught Free Love

Miss Oberdorfer's friends in Glenwood Springs and Denver are greatly shocked. They were well aware that for a long time she has been following the teachings of the negro fakir, but they never believed she would become the wife of the negro.

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A dispatch from Denver says, in part: "Lucas has been run out of several cities by the authorities on account of his free love teachings. He took up his residence some months ago at 411 Corona street, this city, and succeeded in interesting a number of prominent women in his teachings."

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CAP STRIKERS CATCH A SPY

Muncie Men Spring Surprise on Detective; He Skips Town

(Special to the Daily Socialist.)

Muncie, Ind., Feb. 14.—About the most interesting story growing out of the trouble between the Indiana Union Traction company and the members of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees centers around the discovery and expulsion of a detective from Cleveland, O., who joined the union and then kept his employers, the company's officials, posted as to the men's plans and actions...

Officials Suspect Him

When the strike was inaugurated, the national officers of the union, whose experience has educated them to be on the watch for such cases, immediately began to suspect LeBeouf. The more they trailed him the more they were convinced he was a spy and they shadowed him day and night.

He Talked Too Much

One of the men inaugurated himself into the good will of LeBeouf and finally became his room-mate with the result that the two were very confidential. LeBeouf did not exercise the cunning he imagined and revealed his game to the striker, who, with his true and tried friends, ascertained that LeBeouf received \$85 a month from the company...

Spy Has Disappeared

Now the men stated they have not seen him for some days. When asked to confirm the above story, the members stated that the business of their union was secret, but they admitted enough to establish the accuracy of the case as explained here.

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STARVING, SHE DROPS DEAD WHEN AID IS GIVEN

Whitebarre, Pa., Feb. 14.—Stricken with apoplexy as she was handed, an elderly woman, Mrs. M. M. Tucker, died in the office of Charles Westfield, poor director, to whom she had just told her pathetic story.

Hire Farmers to Save Wage

The American Car & Foundry company hit the nail on the head when they installed plants in various parts of the United States, for now they have discovered that such a plan offers not only advantages in transportation, but also solves the problem of securing cheap labor.

Use Toolers as "Sandwich Men"

There are many classes of advertising. Some firms advertise through the medium of papers, some through show windows and some use their employees as human advertisements.

Police Escape Pruning Knife

Retrenchment in city administration must affect a reduction in the efficiency of the departments of health, public works and fire, but not in the police department.

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WAZ ON AUTOISTS TO STOP ACCIDENTS AND ODOBS

Berlin, Feb. 14.—The question of the regulation of automobiles occasioned a most animated debate in the reichstag and called forth an assurance from the government that it would bring in a bill laying down the most stringent rules for the protection of the public.

Tells Story of Kidnaping

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DIES ON EVE OF VINDICATION

34 Years With Roads Is Dishonorably Discharged; Kills Self

(Special to Daily Socialist.)

Boone, Iowa, Feb. 14.—L. S. Goodwin, after 34 years of service with the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, George Goodwin, 53 years old, a passenger conductor between Clinton and Boone, committed suicide at his home here.

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Penn Rheumatism Cure advertisement with logo and text: GREAT FREE DISTRIBUTION 10,000 BOXES OF Penn Rheumatism Cure BEGINS TO-DAY AT 9 O'CLOCK FROM THE CENTRAL DRUG CO., STATE AND WASHINGTON STS. POSITIVELY FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY

TAUSIG FURNITURE CO. NORTH AVENUE AND LARRABEE STREET. ONE DOLLAR cash and 25c each week for seven consecutive weeks for this beautiful RECKONER made of finely finished golden oak with wood or cobbler seat—well-braced and neatly carved on top—nice wide arm and most comfortable. Open an account with us. We furnish homes complete in and outside of Chicago.

LOOMERS REPLY TO FIRM'S BLUFF

Model Shop of Silk Firm Said to Be Fake by the Weavers

(Mail Correspondence.)
Phillipsburg, Pa., Feb. 14.—Continued refusal on the part of the Standard Silk company of this city to arbitrate the strike situation with its employees was followed by a visit to that firm by May- or Firth, acting as representative of the employees.

"We do not care to talk to you in your capacity as representative of our men," said Braman, the treasurer, "but speaking to you as man to man, I can assure you there is nothing to talk about. We are firm in our resolve not to deal any further with the weavers and loomers who have left us, and we refuse to give any one of them their old positions again."

Not Inhuman, They Say.
The treasurer then, at great length, asserted that his company had not treated the men inhumanly; that they had not "docked" employees for sickness and sundry other causes, and had not made a practice of paying a starvation wage.

Following are some of the facts pointed out in the letter:

"Braman states that the average wage of weavers employed by the company was (about) \$10.50 per week. He knows that the statement is incorrect and misleading, and in charity to him—we know that a statement of this kind all depends upon the elasticity of the word 'about.' We can show, and will do so, to any one interested, that the average weekly wage of weavers employed by his company does not reach \$8 per week."

"His next statement covering what he calls the best hundred, naming the wage amount at (nearly) \$14 per week, is listed with statement No. 1, and again we draw on our charity fund and say that the word (nearly) is his life

preserver, and make this statement hoping that it may steady him up a little.

"That there never has been employed by this company since the building stood 100 best weavers that averaged \$10 per week. He again states that \$19, \$22, \$24 and as a final salate names \$28.04 as the Klondike of the company affecting the wages paid to weavers, and as far as 'Frenzied Finance' goes it sounds better to Braman, no doubt, than it does to strip the statement of all glamour and let the public look at the facts in life case.

Side Steps Real State.
"Braman has stolen a little of 'our thunder' and says that the public will ask 'why did these employees strike?' and instead of telling you why, he side stepped and wound up his very lengthy article with a tirade of abuse which to himself may have looked like a masterpiece, but to fair-minded men and women we believe it only showed the spirit of trying to poison the public mind against a number of struggling men, women and children who have refused to believe that all on earth was made for a few."

No Drinking Water.
"The first cause for complaint came when the company had red-lights placed at all of the washing and drinking places in the mill, and the water was turned off at a time previous to the regular time to cease work, thereby leaving no chance for the employees to wash themselves before leaving the mill, which had been the custom for years. Also depriving them of drinking water. Objection was at once made to the company of this action and the matter was adjusted."

Following this the loom-fixers were called before the management and notified that thereafter they would be compelled to discharge all weavers found waiting around the wash or drinking places before 6:30 p. m., notwithstanding the fact that these employees were all engaged as piece workers.

Refuse to Discharge Others.
"The loom-fixers never before having had anything to do with the hiring or discharging of employees, refused to bid the bidding of the company and in about one week thereafter three of the loom-fixers were discharged, followed shortly by the discharge of a fourth one.

Following this action by the company the rest of the employees considered it about time that their own personal grievances should receive some recognition by the company, and we are all out pending the time when we expect to get satisfaction."

SAYS UNION OATHS PREVENT LEADER FROM BEING LOYAL

(Mail Correspondence.)
Boston, Mass., Feb. 14.—"I have no feeling against the union, but with the oath a man who joins the typographical union must take before he can become a member in good standing I don't see how he can consistently be loyal to the union and be loyal to me at the same time," said Mayor Hibbard, relative to appointing a public printer.

"For that reason I shall not appoint an active member of the union to be superintendent of printing. I shall not appoint an active member of any trades union to be the head of a city department."

MUSSCATINE GETS INTO CAMPAIGN

Full Ticket Picked at a Convention—Hall Too Small

(Special to Daily Socialist.)
Muscatine, Iowa, Feb. 14.—With the nomination of a full city ticket and the adoption of a platform in which it is declared that the ballot is the only weapon that will successfully end the class struggle, the Socialist party of Muscatine has opened the spring campaign.

Petitions will be signed for the candidates and they will be entered in the lists. The hall in which the nominations were made was not large enough to hold the crowd assembled.

HOW FARMS GET TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR ONLY \$3 A YEAR

(Mail Correspondence.)
Boston, Mass., Feb. 14.—Unlimited home telephone service right in one's own home at a cost of about \$3 a year seems hardly credible yet that is the luxury enjoyed by hundreds of residents in eastern Vermont at the present time.

How is it possible for these fortunate farmers to indulge in such a flow of conversation over the hello wire at such a surprisingly low price? The question can be answered by a single word—co-operation.

It is no longer necessary for an agriculturist to hitch up a team and drive the better part of a day in a long drive there and back, if he wants to talk to another tiller of the soil about some matter, or some kind of a trap, or even to a man in town. His co-operative phone does the business for him, and he saves his team and his time for a more profitable purpose.

Build Complete System.
These Vermonters have constructed telephone lines, and have established a complete system owned and controlled by themselves, and operated for their particular benefit, without any thought of profit.

This notable co-operative achievement has been accomplished by each of the hundreds of farmers thus bound together by telephone contributing his individual share in both money and labor toward the building of the line in which he is a stockholder and part owner. Each one has, in fact, under the obligation assumed by the terms of the agreement that he entered into, taken upon himself the responsibility of building half a mile of line. That is, he furnished the poles and the wire necessary to complete the half mile, and paid for the telephone installed in his house. The whole thing cost him about \$40. If he provided his own poles and set them himself, which many have done, then the expense to him was considerably less than \$40—perhaps \$25 or \$30.

Each Man Runs Half Mile.
When the line projected reached completion and was put in operation, by each man running his own particular half a mile of it, then the farmer could go ahead and do all the talking by wire that he cared to, without let or hindrance, for \$3 a year, or at the rate of six cents a week.

This co-operative rural telephone system has proved a great boon, not only to the farmers, but more particularly to the farmers' wives and daughters. The widely separated houses, which in that part of Vermont, with farms of about 200 acres, are from a quarter to a half mile apart, are no longer lonely and isolated. The co-operative telephone has banished the loneliness and wiped out the isolation of distance. It has served to make life in the country more brisk and cheerful, and has brought far more sweetness and light into the farm houses than formerly shone about their hearthstones.

Good for the Woman.
If a farmer's wife, daughter or sister is now left by herself at home and gets to feeling the least bit lonely she can go to her telephone, call up a neighbor a few miles away and have a half hour or more of comforting gossip with her instead of going to the trouble of hitching up the old horse and driving five or six miles over to the neighbor, having a short talk and driving back home, all of which would take up half a day.

Indeed, there is a great deal of "visiting by telephone," as it is now called there, done in the rural districts of eastern Vermont since the advent of the co-operative telephone line.

"Old Maids' Line."
The "Old Maids' Line" is what some of those of the male sex, inclined to facetiousness, term it. This is not for the reason that old maids in particular have a monopoly of the telephonic conversation, but because of the large amount of talking between themselves that is done over the wire by the "wimmin folks" in the country—the men say.

From a small and insignificant beginning a few years ago the co-operative telephone idea has spread rapidly in Vermont, until now farmers and other dwellers in the country have several thousand miles of line over which they can talk.

First there was a short line, three miles in length, from Corinth to West Corinth. This was later extended, and then came other lines to connect with it, until finally there is now a score of them up and down the Connecticut valley. All have connection with each other, forming, in fact, one big co-operative system that takes in cities, towns and farms, but mostly farms, that is done over the wire.

The platform declares in the adherence of the local branch to the principles and program of international revolutionary Socialism, which, as briefly stated, means the substitution of the co-operative system of production and distribution for the present competitive system.

To do this, the platform says, "demands the organization of the working class into a political party distinct from and opposed to all other political parties, which are founded upon and supported by the private ownership of the means of wealth and production."
In conclusion it appeals to all workmen to study the principles of Socialism, to the end that they may realize their class interests and join with us in our endeavor to overthrow capitalism, abolish industrial classes in society, terminate forever the class struggle, and inaugurate the co-operative commonwealth, based upon this fundamental principle of Justice: "To every worker the full product of his or her labor."

Ticket Is Put Up
The following is the ticket name: H. G. White—Mayor.
Geo. Dowell—Assessor.
Tom Gleason—Treasurer.
E. Coon—Police Judge.
L. R. Whipple—Wharfmaster.

First ward—W. Long.
Second ward—W. Zettler.
Third ward—Joe Miller.
Fourth ward—B. E. Law.

The ward committees named were: First ward, W. Long, Lee Rainbow, third ward, W. Crow, second ward, D. Dorsey, and in the first, L. W. Lang, W. S. White at large.

home of C. L. Speare in West Corinth, a small rural hamlet of about 15 houses, that the Vermont co-operative telephone idea originated. Speare broached it, he explained. Before he had named it, he had afterwards phoned it success, Ever since then he has been styled the "father of the co-operative telephone."

Founder in Interview.
Speare says: "I learned that there were telephones that could be bought. I declared that I would purchase one and furnish it for public use and build a line one-third of the distance of three miles to Corinth if others would build the remaining two miles. Shortly after that a neighbor, R. H. Williams, said that he would build a mile and also get a phone, and then each of us put a telephone in our houses. We drove over to Corinth one day, saw Mr. Scribner, a merchant there, and he agreed to complete the other mile. Scribner had left his store in care of Dr. Locke, who said that he wanted to be in on the deal."

"It then occurred to us that we might take in a few more persons and each of us build half a mile of line. This arrangement we made and carried out, building our three-mile line between Corinth and West Corinth. The plan is still being followed by other companies that have copied after it."

Later on those of us who were interested in the project held a meeting in a farmer's back kitchen and formed a co-operative company. I was elected president, R. H. Williams secretary. I drew up the by-laws, calling our organization the Corinth Co-operative Telephone Company.

Start Many Concerns.
"I think 13 or more small companies, similar to ours, sprang up about this time, running from White River Junction north, parallel to the Connecticut river."

"The next summer I ran a line on the same co-operative plan from Chelsea to W. Shire, adding 20 miles to our company's line, not charging a cent for services or for profit on supplies, and finding myself, aside from time, \$75 out of pocket when Chelsea was reached."

"At one time I had \$118 worth of telephones on the road that I had ordered, when a railway wreck demolished them. I never saw a splinter from them, I put my hand in my pocket and duplicated the order."

How Plan Progressed.
"Later at a directors' meeting in a schoolhouse at Corinth Corner, a motion was carried to the effect that the president should purchase all supplies, and should have a profit of 10 percent for handling them."

GREAT CROWD GREETED HAYWOOD

Many Cheer Miner's Reply to Morgan's Statement on Labor

(Mail Correspondence.)
Providence, R. I., Feb. 12.—Fewer denunciation of President Roosevelt and the attitude he is claimed to have taken against labor, the efforts on the part of the mine operators of the west to defeat the aims of the Federation of Miners, and bitter invective against the alleged depradation of the federal troops sent by the administration to scene of strikes in the west were the features of the immense mass meeting held in Music hall, at which William D. Haywood, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, and recently acquitted on the charge of conspiracy to murder, was the principal speaker.

The hall was packed with people long before the time for opening the meeting, and before Haywood began to speak it was so filled that many were turned away.

Hot Shots Hurdled.
Previous to the speech of Haywood some hot shots were hurled broadcast by the speakers who proceeded him, all of which seemed to find favor with the immense crowd, for the speakers were frequently interrupted by cheers and tumultuous applause.

William D. Haywood was given a tremendous ovation by the crowd, for when he was first introduced by W. H. Johnson, the business manager of the Machinists' union, the 3,000 or more people which the hall contained rose and cheered. It was some moments before the tumult subsided and the speaker could go on.

A collection was taken during the evening, which netted \$101, which will be used for the purpose of freeing Steve Adams from prison, where he is confined awaiting trial for his life for murder.

It was charged by various speakers that upon nearly every occasion when federal troops have been called upon to quell a so-called disturbance among striking miners they have been used merely as the tool of the mine owners whereby they might crush the strike.

Replies to Morgan.
Haywood spoke in part as follows: "I read recently of an interview granted by F. Pierpont Morgan to a newspaper man, in which he stated for publication that the working people of the United States must be whipped into submission and that they will be starved until they are willing to consent to what the powers that be wish to offer them. Now, I want to say to Mr. Morgan, in no uncertain words, that the working people of this country will not submit to the kings of finance, and they will not submit to a reduction of wages, that men of Mr. Morgan's ilk may buy valuable pictures in Rome. The working men of today will not submit to buying their wives and children coarser clothes, eating coarser fare, and living more poorly in order that the Vanderbilt and other rich people of the land might buy counts at so much per pound."

"Mr. Morgan has thrown down the gauntlet to every laboring man. Are you ready to take it up?"

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Table listing State Secretaries for various states including Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and International Sec.

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News for Unionists

It is pointed out that since the issuance of the recent injunction the boycott of the Buck Stove and Range company is more effective than ever before because of the publicity given the affair. It is said that many Washington temperance leaders are making an effort to enlist union men of that city in the prohibition movement. The long-standing controversy between the United Association of Plumbers, Gas and Fitters and the International Association of Steam Fitters has been submitted to arbitration. Each side has three arbitrators and Samuel Gompers will act as referee.

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LOCAL LABOR NEWS

Manuel to Milwaukee. M. B. Emanuel, organizer for the Retail Clerks' Protective Association.

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Will Give a Dance. Employees of Birk Brothers' Brewing Company will give their first grand reception and dance.

Well-Known Waiter Dead. John Banks, a prominent member of the Waiters' union, died Saturday night.

Strike Assessments End. The printers have won the eight-hour day. Chicago Typographical Union No. 16.

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SOCIALISM AND KANT'S PHILOSOPHY

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The history of philosophy records a series of defeats, resulting in final and complete disaster. Twenty centuries of herculean labors, performed by the greatest intellects the race produced during that period, and philosophy ends where philosophy began—the will-o'-the-wisp it pursues is as far beyond the reach of Kant as it was of Plato.
Round and round it moves in a fatal circle from which there is no exit. It builds its imposing temples on foundations of sand, and no sooner is the capstone planted in triumph than the entire superstructure falls into ruin.
Philosophy, never daunted, rolls her Sisyphus stone to the very summit of the mountain and then, when victory seems assured, back it tumbles to the starting point.
Science vs. Philosophy
Her aims are lofty; her head is among the clouds; she despises science, which grovels among sordid facts, but science, content to investigate that which has been gathered from experience, and which can be verified by observation and experiment, moves forward in a line, not always straight, but forever advancing.
Today systematic, speculative philosophy is abandoned and science holds the field triumphant and unchallenged. Science has succeeded in the search for truth where philosophy failed. Where philosophy stretched the chasm with a rainbow, science spanned it with a solid bridge. Philosophers have piled speculation on speculation, they have erected system after system, every system claiming to give the sum total of human knowledge, and yet they are no nearer an agreement on first principles than were the philosophers of ancient Greece. The cry "Back to Kant" has no more relevance than back to Ptolemy or back to Plato. In fact, philosophy always gets "back" to where it starts from without being urged.
Science, on the other hand, moves on from one conquest to another, refusing to accept that which cannot be tested, wasting no time in idle speculation on matters beyond verification, she achieves more in ten years than philosophy has to show for two thousand.
When philosophy rejected the only sure ground of knowledge—experience—it condemned itself to perpetual sterility. Joseph Dietzgen says: "After the repeated creation of giant fantasmas, it found its solution in the positive knowledge that so-called pure philosophical thought, from which all concrete contents have been abstracted, is nothing but thoughtless thought, without any real object back of it."
So thoroughly discredited had mere speculation become by the middle of the last century that Ludwig Feuerbach boasted: "My philosophy is no philosophy."
If posterity should ever forget the ponderous labors of the philosophers the name of Emanuel Kant will still be entitled to a foremost place among the thinkers of the world.
Kant's Nebular Theory
In 1765, long before he constructed his system of philosophy, he published a book of two hundred pages, which deserves a place by Newton's "Principia" and Darwin's "Origin of Species," a book which will more and more in the future constitute Kant's chief claim to live in the memories of men. It was entitled "A General Theory of the Heavens," etc., and gave to the world the famous theory of "nebulae" which has done more to emancipate astronomy from theology than even the epoch-making discoveries of Newton himself.
This epoch-making theory is too often ascribed to Laplace, who did not publish his "System du Monde" until forty years later, in 1796. It is conceded that Laplace discovered the theory independently, although subsequently, as Kant's book seemed to go straight to oblivion, when it was published.
Born in Konigsberg, son of a saddler, in 1724, he lived three happy years, never leaving it further than a walk into the country. Twice he contemplated marriage, but in the first instance he reflected so long, the lady married another, while by the time he made up his mind in the second case, the object of his consideration had left town.
Devoted to Philosophy
After nine years as private tutor to various families, he began to yearn for recognition, and after fifteen years as "Privat-Docent" he obtained the professorship he desired by the Chair of Logic and Metaphysics. He set himself as his life task the solution of the world-old problems of philosophy. Undeterred by the fate of his predecessors, he believed it possible to succeed where

they had failed. He believed he had discovered a new method, an open sesame to the hitherto insoluble mysteries of the universe.
Above all, his philosophy was to be critical—"The Critical Philosophy." This criticism was to be aimed at the very organ of knowledge itself—the faculty of reason. Like all other philosophers, Kant believed he had blazed out a new path, destined to lead to the promised land of certitude. In this, however, Kant deceived himself.
He published his celebrated book, "A Critique of Pure Reason," which contained the first half of his philosophy. It was an examination of the powers and limitations of reason and the sense perceptions. This book made a great stir in Germany in spite of its clumsy and difficult terminology.
The main position established in the "Critique of Pure Reason" is that the understanding is not capable of perceiving things as they really are, but only as they appear to be. What we behold is the "phenomena," behind that, and wholly invisible and imperceptible to us there is the "noumena" or "things in themselves"—the things as they are in reality. So far Kant leads in complete skepticism.
Hume had landed in skepticism, because he held that the understanding was treacherous and its conclusions could not be relied on; therefore, philosophy and religion became alike impossible. What appeared to be the same result was reached by Kant, asserting as he did, not that the understanding was too treacherous to be trusted, but that it was unable by reason of its own limitations to penetrate beyond appearances and ascertain those certainties which are essential to philosophy and religion alike.
It seemed as if Kant was to give skepticism the philosophic status in Germany which Hume had already obtained for it in Britain. The "powers that be" were hardly disposed to accept this without protest. The censor allowed the book to pass on the ground that it would "only be read by deep thinkers." It is said that Frederick II protested and was assured by Kant that his fears were groundless, that he intended to give religion a new foundation and would defend the existing order.
A Remarkable Feast
The manner in which he accomplished this is seen in his "Critique of Practical Reason," which presented the second and supplementary half of his philosophy. In this work the skepticism of the former volume is totally annihilated. It is accomplished thus: We must not despair of ever knowing the eternal verities, because this knowledge cannot be obtained by means of the understanding. We are, as human beings, equipped with a power of ascertaining truth wholly independent of reason or experience. By this means we are able to place great truths which have hitherto been disputed upon a solid foundation, which will render them impervious to a future criticism.
Thus Kant raised the question of questions: Have we any ideas that are independent of experience? Again he fought upon a battle-ground which had always proved philosophy's field of Waterloo.
The hopeless fatality of Kant's philosophy came out clearly in his "Practical Reason." His great "Critical Philosophy" turned out to be a re-haul of theories which even in his day were beginning to be discredited, and which were destined a century later to be pulverized to powder by positive science and the Socialist philosophy.
In the previous century John Locke in his "Essay Concerning the Human Understanding" had anticipated the conclusion of nineteenth century science that all our ideas are the result of experience. This, however, Kant stoutly disputed, as he must needs do, his whole philosophy being directly at stake.
Two Sources of Knowledge
According to Kant, there are two sources of knowledge. Kant himself denied this and tried to show that according to his own teaching there is only really one. He maintains that water cannot be said to have two sources, because it is composed of oxygen and hydrogen. Water, according to Kant, is not caused by oxygen and hydrogen—two things, but by the "union" of oxygen and hydrogen, which is one thing. This kind of word-juggling was a large part of the stock in trade of the philosophers, and went far in bringing discredit on their fanciful conclusions. In spite of his efforts to give it an appearance of unity—monism—to which it is by no means entitled, he falls into the most flagrant dualism.

Even the simpler sum is insoluble to the consciousness of the child that has not learned the relation of numbers. True, children learn to count rapidly, but only by "experience." They are quick to perceive that the ability to count is necessary to the preservation, intact, of certain precious properties, and when a certain stage of proficiency has been reached, it is surprising how great an outburst may be brought on by the insidious abstraction of one or two gingerbread cakes.
Wallace Tried It
It is worthy of note, that when Alfred Russell Wallace wished to find an unoccupied area in Darwinism, where the ghosts of spiritualism might live and move and have their being undisturbed by "Natural Selection," he sought the same refuge as Kant—mathematics. He too maintained that the mathematical faculty could not be accounted for on purely rational grounds, and as Kant had ascribed it to a metaphysical (beyond-physical) source, he declared it to be an "influx" from the spirit-world. At bottom, Kant and Wallace are at one; they are both seeking to protect the fundamental belief of the theology current in their time from the encroachment of science.
It is quite clear that if nothing was being sought beyond the establishment of this non-physical origin of the mathematical faculty, neither Kant nor Wallace would have given it a second thought. Wallace as co-discoverer of "natural selection" had, so his colleagues thought, closed the front door of science against belief in the supernatural, and he found it necessary to look for some rift or crevice by which it might re-enter. But Wallace had to contend with a much more formidable science in the nineteenth century than had Kant in the eighteenth. In fact, he had to show that the mathematical faculty could not be accounted for by "natural selection."
He must therefore prove that mathematical ability was not a useful variation, leading its possessor to victory in the struggle for existence. To this end he maintained that the great mathematical powers of a senior wrangler in an English university, were so little in demand, and withal so rare as not to constitute a material factor in the struggle for existence. As Professor Ritchie pointed out, in this controversy, Wallace overlooked the fact that the special powers of a senior wrangler are invariably accompanied by, and are the result of, a highly organized and well-trained brain, which undoubtedly is a very important factor in the struggle for existence, as it is fought out in modern society.
Reduced to simpler and more primitive instances the alleged difficulty at once disappears. It does not require great insight to see that an animal with a family of five, and possessing the ability to count them all and at once detect the loss of one would be much more likely to rear all her young than another animal with a family of the same number, but unable to count above three, and which, therefore, would not search for missing offspring until more than two were lost.
In the attempt to place mathematics on a supernatural footing Kant and Wallace alike completely failed. The only important difference is that in the eighteenth century when Kant tried it, the thinkers of his day, still in the grip of metaphysical philosophy, received the assertion with great solemnity and acclaimed its propounder the greatest genius of his age. Kant himself had the temerity to compare his own work in philosophy with that of Copernicus in physics. Had he made this claim for his own work in the same field as Copernicus—his nebular theory—posterity would have upheld the analogy.
Instead of furthering the brilliant results of his work in physics, his work in philosophy tended to undo them. In physics he did much to destroy the useless theology of the middle ages, while in philosophy he labored to re-establish it on a better foundation.
So clear had the impossibility of this become by the middle of the nineteenth century that a similar attempt on the part of Wallace to achieve the same object, provoked among his contemporaries a tolerant and pitying smile.
All Men Are Mortal
As an illustration of the subtleties by which the Kantian "independent" truths were established take this: "All men are mortal," everybody believes this, but they do not believe it from "experience," because it is quite clear that we cannot know this from "experience" so long as any of them are living. If from this general proposition we deduce the particular statement "Thomas is mortal," before we could know from "experience" that this statement is true we should be obliged to wait until Thomas died.
This ingenious reasoning was considered acute in the eighteenth century, but it calls for no extensive reply in the twentieth.
The real process by which such conclusions are reached has been laid bare by science; not by means of criticism so much as by consciously adopting that very method as a means of finding the truth. Science seeks to explain the unknown by the known. Whether the people who are now alive will all die belongs to the future, and is therefore unknown. But as everybody who ever lived in the past did die, we argue from this known fact of experience that the people now alive,

being of the same species and the same in every other way, so far as this matter is concerned, will also die. The first and most essential method of modern science is to proceed in this way from the particular facts to the general law.
After a laborious but unsuccessful effort to prove the idea of causation to be independent of experience, like the mathematical faculty, he takes another plunge into the depths of his consciousness, and to the great satisfaction of Frederick II and the public censor, he brings up a personal God, the freedom of the will, a future life, and that much-lauded idea of duty, to which he gave the philosophical title of "The Categorical Imperative."
Although these things are all welded together in the Kantian system, we shall here confine ourselves as far as possible to the ethics of Kant, leaving the treatment of his purely theological positions to the book edition of this lecture.
The Categorical Imperative
When Kant listened to his consciousness he heard a voice saying: "Thou shalt!" Thus duty, besides belonging to a certain category, was also "imperative." "Thou shalt" would be absurd if he were not able to respond to the mandate, from which he concludes that man has a free will, a doctrine which biological science has completely exterminated.
If Kant had possessed the cautious mind of the present-day scientist, he would have listened to the "Thou shalt" of his consciousness with some considerable suspicion. It may have occurred to him that the very words might be only an echo of his memory, reminiscence of the days when he sat at his mother's knee and twelve "Thou shalt's" of the decalogue were impressed on his mind.
Could he have known what modern anthropology has since revealed, he would have known that he would only find in his consciousness, a jumbled mass of things put there in various ways during his childhood, boyhood, and youth.
When we remember that Kant had spent six years studying theology, and had not been disappointed in his application for a certain position, would probably have spent his life preaching, we are not surprised that the net result of the search of his consciousness was a collection of the theological ideas which were current in his time. The very formula in which he states his "Categorical Imperative" contains nothing more than the golden rule decked out in the verbal trappings of philosophy.
It reads: "Act at all times so that the maxim of thy action may serve as the principle of a universal law." The idea is that it is possible for all men to be actuated by the same motive and act in the same way. Ethical actions, even without the aid of Socialism, has demonstrated that there is as yet no such thing as universal ethics.
Haeckel's Criticism
"On that theory," says Haeckel, speaking of Kant's formula above quoted, "all normal men would have the same sense of duty." And he adds: "Modern anthropology has ruthlessly dispensed that pretty dream; it has shown that conceptions of duty differ even more among uncivilized than among civilized nations. All the actions and customs which we regard as sins or heinous crimes (theft, fraud, murder, adultery, etc.) are considered by other nations in certain circumstances to be virtues, or even sacred duties."
In the domain of ethics the victory of Socialism has been signal and complete. True it was anthropology that "dispelled the pretty dreams" of the theological and intuitional ethicists, but it was left to the Socialist philosophy to explain "why" men had different ethical codes in different countries and different historical epochs.
It was not Lubbock or Tylor or Spencer, but Marx, who proclaimed the economic and social origin of all moral beliefs and ethical codes. Every new economic system brings with it new problems and as it develops, its social processes impress themselves on the consciousness of those living within it. These problems call for new ethical concepts and the moral codes of a past epoch will not serve.
The problems that confront modern society are not those which faced the Syrian village of two thousand years ago, and the ethics that sprang out of the social life of the Syrian village will not meet the social needs of the twentieth century. Quite as useless to-day are the Kantian intuitional ethics, which reproduce medieval theology, with some bourgeois modifications.
Socialist Categorical Imperative
The ethics of modern Socialism are not taken either from the preserved literature of ancient peoples, or the befuddled consciousness of eighteenth century philosophers; they have their roots in the world of economic reality. They grow out of the present needs of an exploited working class. The formula of the Categorical Imperative reads: "Act so that all thy deeds shall do good to the emancipation of the class that labors and the furtherance of the evolutionary process when given its birth and which at this moment urges it on to certain victory."

