

ERIC ERICSON EXPOSES SUBWAY STEAL; REPORT HIDDEN

DOUBLE PLATOON DEMANDED AGAIN

Firemen Making Plans to Secure Shorter Working Day

City firemen, who lost their fight for a double platoon system when the city budget was prepared, are making plans to secure the double shift by some other legal means.

Reasons Published

Dr. Louis P. Cardwell, formerly editor of the "Firemen's Journal," has issued a list of reasons why the double platoon system should be inaugurated, which he will submit to a number of organizations.

Low Rate of Pay

"His rate of pay is less than is paid a common laborer; about 17 cents per hour."

A Last Resort

"Under the present system in the fire department, a man may, and it frequently is the case, go away on a spree and send a doctor's certificate to his superiors, stating that he is ill, and in this way may secure a number of days' freedom from duty."

JUDGES BOW TO TOM CAREY'S SAM TILDEN

The Circuit court bench nominated unanimously Edward Tilden, president of the National Packing company, as member of the south park board of commissioners, to succeed State Senator Edward J. Rainey, whose term has expired.

Gets \$31,250; Quits \$75 Job

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 11.—With \$31,250 in real money awaiting him in Chicago, why should J. J. Reid work for \$75 a month as a stationary engineer for the Independence Electric Light company?

WILL MAYOR BUSSE RESIGN?

He Says He Won't, but the Chances Are That He Will

Does Mayor Busse plan resigning after the spring election? Report says he does. Political and business circles have been stirred for several days with rumors of the mayor's reported intention of resigning after the April election.

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Head of Independent Labor Party Hopes for Little From Asquith

Newport, Eng., Feb. 11.—The policy of the laborites to sweep the house of lords into oblivion remains unchanged. James Keir Hardie, Socialist and president of the Independent labor party, made that clear at the opening of the tenth annual meeting of the party.

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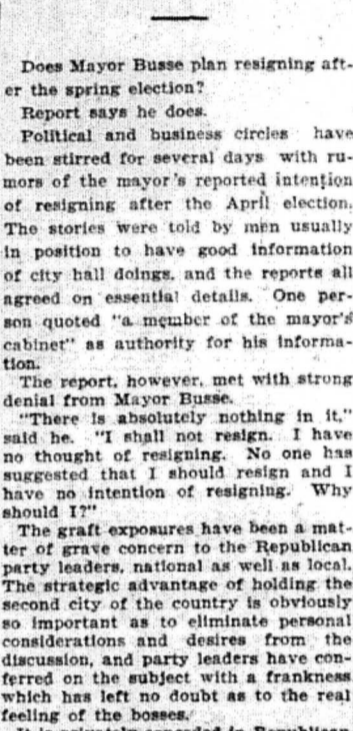
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Light Given on Hostility of Busse Gang Toward City Engineer; Document Hidden a Year Found by the Daily Socialist

FOREMAN-FISHER PLAN ROBS CHICAGO; AIDS TRACTION CO.'S

Head of Local Transportation Committee Denied Existence of Report Which Is Printed Today; He Won't Talk Now

A new light has broken on the secret of the indictment and dismissal of City Engineer John Ericson in the discovery of his report on the way by which the City can build the \$50,000,000 traction subway and save money without calling on the traction companies for aid.

HEARD OF A YEAR AGO

HAND BARED IN BIG STEAL

"Section of report, showing how city could build subway, alone, suppressed."

WHITE RATS IN WAR ON SCAB PLAY AGENTS

Actors' Union Gets Hearty Support From Theatrical Organization; F. Doyle Hit

Co-operation between the Actors' union and the White Rats, the latter being a national organization of theatrical people, was discussed enthusiastically at an open meeting called by the Actors' union, at 10 South Clark street.

War on Doyle

The fight of the Actors' union at the present time is against the booking agency of Frank Q. Doyle, 92 La Salle street, in an effort to establish the minimum scale of \$25 per week per person at his agency.

Ricardo Talks

The policy of the union was outlined by President John Nemo and Secretary S. D. Ricardo, who are confident that all hostile booking agencies will be humbled in a very short time.

Money Needed for Subway

"The railway franchisees do not impose on the City any obligations to build subways in accordance with the terms therein stated. They only grant the City the right to do so."

Under the terms of the franchisees, the railway companies stand ready to have their "net profits" reduced by two and one-fourth (2 1/4) per cent of the cost of subways each year, limited only by the proviso that in no event shall the said "net profits" accruing to them be "reduced to an inadequate and unreasonably small amount."

It is possible that the "net receipts" accruing to the railway companies can be "reduced to an inadequate and unreasonably small amount."

It follows that it is possible that they might also be increased to an "inadequate and unreasonably large amount."

There is room for an argument as to what constitutes one or the other extreme, and perhaps the best way to settle it is not to raise the question at all.

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Mask Ball is Held Saturday

Only Two Days More to Self Tickets; Programs Are Now Ready

Work to get the big Seventh Regiment Armory, Thirty-fifth street and Wentworth avenue, in readiness for the Mammoth Prize Mask Ball, given by the Socialist party of Cook county, Saturday evening, began today.

To Aid Dancers

"Increased space will be taken up by the wardrobe this year which necessitates a large amount of preliminary planning and arrangements. This work is now well under way."

Programs Are Ready

The programs for the dance have just been completed and are objects of beauty. The front cover is worked out artistically in red and gold, and should prove an excellent souvenir.

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Pinchot Shows Aid Given the Land Thieves

New York, Feb. 11.—Law breaking committed in the forestry service was shown up by Gifford Pinchot, deposed chief forester, in a speech before the National Art club. The crime was committed, Mr. Pinchot declared, for the special interests in the abolition of college training of foresters at government expense.

Broke the Law

"Let me give you the best illustration I have seen in recent years of how a public officer, under pretext of obedience to law, may traffic with it and abuse it to the public injury," said Pinchot.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

BY JOSEPH E. COHEN.

It is altogether gratifying that as the years roll around, Abraham Lincoln is finding an ever warmer place in the affections of the American people.

His story of army contract jobbery, of financial brigandage and of other unscrupulous tapping of the federal treasury by the rich men of the time, is well known to require repeating here.

Its root fact was this: "You earn bread and I'll eat it." And though Lincoln may not have seen it so, yet the struggle between the North and South was over the bread that labor of one kind or another, white or black, had earned.

Does This Explain It?

Elsewhere in this issue the Daily Socialist prints portions of a report by City Engineer Ericson, who is now under indictment in connection with the graft charges.

Can Live on Twenty Cents a Day, So Declares a Harvard Expert

What would be the effect on wages if the workingmen's families should follow the advice of this Harvard professor?

When people speak of the high cost of living, they mean in reality the cost of high living, for the American spends altogether too much on mere "flavors."

Winter and Workmen

We have now been in the throes of real winter temperature for over two months, the end of it is not here.

HONOR THE MAN

BY JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

I honor the man who is ready to sink Half his present reputation for the freedom to think;

Staying Bought

The Illinois Manufacturers' association is now complaining because Taft has been rather slow in doing some things that the corporations composing the association demand.

Congratulations to the Bakers

It is so very rare a thing to find a case in court decided in favor of a union that there is an exceptional pleasure in congratulating the bakers' union on the discharge of their members by Judge Uhr in the conspiracy case.

OPEN FORUM

Exclusion From the Mails The Daily Socialist of Monday, Feb. 7th, tells us that at the instance of Social Delegates a resolution was discussed by the Chicago Federation of Labor requesting the President and Congress of the United States to bring about a congressional investigation of the charges made by the Appeal to Reason against Judge Groszup.

What Is the Answer?

Human life is a peculiar thing! Some live, some exist, but have nothing to do with the world's work, but have nothing to do with life.

EDUCATION FOR WOMEN FIFTY YEARS AGO

The educational outlook for woman is vastly different from that by which she was confronted half a century ago. It was but little more than fifty years ago that Lucy Stone traveled from West Brookfield, Mass., to Oberlin, O.

USES OF PALM WINE IN SIBERIA.

Aside from being used as a beverage, palm wine has some other uses which might be mentioned. In making bread it is used for yeast.

WHEN THE WHALE WALKS THE WALKS

When the greasy old Gayhead recently returned to San Francisco, after a six-months' cruise in the Northern Pacific, she was not only the first whaler in years to bring in a really full cargo of sperm oil, but she also brought back six men who had been hurled skyward by the head and then again by the tail of a wounded whale.

TUBERCULOSIS KILLS 2,500 ANNUALLY IN WISCONSIN

At least 2,500 people in this state die of tuberculosis every year, says Dr. W. D. Frost, bacteriologist at the University of Wisconsin.

CHILD LABOR DUE TO CONDITIONS

Children are being forced into the industries at an increasing rate under the present pressure of economic forces.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

BY ROBERT HUNTER

During the next few months the statesmen of Washington will wear lions and troubled faces. A very little thing has come up that is to be the cause of much worry and strife.

Some New Books

History of the Great American Fortune. By Gustavus Myers. C. H. Kerr & Company. Cloth, 296 pp., \$1.50. For many years the literature of Socialism in the United States was supplied from translations of foreign books.