

MINERS VICTIMS OF LYING PRESS REPORTS

Hearst Papers A Worst Offenders With Indianapolis Star a Close Second; Bosses Yielding

(Special Correspondence.) Springfield, Ill., Aug. 25.—At the recent special convention of the United Mine Workers it was a noticeable fact that the capitalist press of the whole country, with very rare exception, was supporting the policy of Lewis.

Hearst Was Worst The Hearst papers, "the friends of labor" represented, were worse in their misrepresentation of the facts than any others, except the Indianapolis Star, and those who were in attendance at the convention could readily understand the reason when they saw the condition of the distinguished representative of Hearst as he had considerable difficulty in finding his way to the convention hall at times and some days reached there for the afternoon session.

Ridiculous Account The story that appeared in Monday's American was a fair sample of the "ridiculous rottenness" contained in Hearst's paper, in which it was claimed "that a general fight took place, in which pop bottles flew as thick as hailstones" and that "Lewis was won in his contention."

Lewis Rebuked Lewis and his executive board were rebuked in the most emphatic manner possible by the adoption of the substitute presented by William Green, which ordered the Illinois strike, ordered a count of the referendum vote taken in Illinois, laid off the large force of organizers employed by Lewis and provided that each district has a certain amount of autonomy that even the national organization must respect.

Many Surrender Already many of the Illinois operators are preparing to start their mines; a number have ordered powder and other supplies preparatory to starting to hoist coal, and no matter what position is taken by the association at their meeting a number of companies have signified their desire to sign the miners scale and begin work.

Can't "Deliver the Goods" The men from Illinois, by their action indicate that they have no confidence in the present administration and will insist upon a change at the next election. In addition to this, Fred Lewis can not deliver the "goods" to the Illinois operators and, as a result, they will be required to recognize the Illinois miners and comply with their demands, which will be a bitter pill for those in charge of the operators' affairs and a severe blow to those who are responsible for this state of affairs.

(By United Press Associations.) Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 25.—The end of the coal strike in the southwest district is in sight. It is now believed. With the demand of the miners for increase in wages conceded and with only one point of material difference existing it is thought a settlement can be made in the next week.

Following a conference of two days the representatives of the Interstate Operators' Association extended an offer to presidents of three district miners' unions, in which they agreed to accede to the demands for higher wages, provided negotiations for the settlement are taken up immediately.

INDORSE DAILY SOCIALIST Hixson, Ill., Aug. 25. Whereas, The press of the country wields a great influence in molding public sentiment, and, if thrown in the right direction, is productive of great good; therefore, be it Resolved, That the Central Trades and Labor Assembly of Hixson heartily indorse the stand taken by the Chicago Daily Socialist, the Marion Daily Leader and our local papers, the Promoter and News. These papers have published the facts honestly and fearlessly, regardless of the capitalist's interests and they deserve the moral and financial support of the trade unions of our city. Adopted unanimously. A. F. PACE, Secretary.

MILWAUKEE MAKES GOOD

Charles Edward Russell Proves Socialists Are Carrying Out Promises

ARE RESPECTED BY ALL Even Hostile Critics Admit City Is Better Governed Than Ever

"Milwaukee, Our First Socialist City," is the title of an article by Charles Edward Russell, published in the current number of the Success Magazine. The writer reviews the progress of the Cream City made during the three months of Socialist administration, substantiating his historic account by opinions of Milwaukee citizens belonging to the Republican and Democratic parties.

"It is one thing to win elections," says Mr. Russell in his article, "and another thing to manage a great and growing American city under the idiotic conditions that we have provided for city management; and on this point the Socialists of Milwaukee have had much enlightenment."

Party Has Made Good "Even the most hostile admit that the Socialists have already done some good things in Milwaukee," he says, in continuation. "They have straightened out the city's finances. They have separated tax receipts from bond receipts. They found in use methods of accounting that are totally discredited in modern business houses. Such old-style letter-files as were used by Andrew Jackson and Jefferson Davis had never been discarded. Some department offices had no inventories to furnish their successors. The new administration began to introduce new systems. Hereafter when a citizen wants to know how and where certain funds are going, it will not be necessary to send to New York or Chicago for a commission of accountants as has been frequently the case in the past."

Snap's Out Off "All 'snaps' have been abolished in the public service," the article reads further. "No more securities are maintained for political henchmen, and not one place is given out as a reward for political servitude. All the city employees work eight hours a day—except the mayor and the department heads. They work from ten to fourteen, as the case may be. Unnecessary offices have been eliminated. The department of public works has been administered by a board of three men; the new administration dismissed two of these and made one do the work. It found a city gas inspector and a city chemist, each drawing a salary and each devoting part of his time to private business. The Socialists consolidated these offices and made the incumbent devote all his time to the city. They found in the city clerk's office an officer called the license and chattel mortgage clerk. He did not seem to have much to do, so they dispensed with his services. They found another called the inspector of bridges, whose functions seemed to be largely ornamental, so they dispensed with him also."

Not Job Seekers "The remarkable thing about this policy," the writer states, "is that often the men for whom work was provided were not Socialists. Throughout the city the new administration has absolutely rejected the spoils idea in politics. No question has been asked concerning the political faith of any placeholder; efficiency has been the only test; if he could do the work his employment was secure without the least regard to his party faith. For the first time Milwaukee is free from the spoils system and from the curse of practical politics."

Seidel Not King A characteristic incident is related in the article. "The first thing Mayor Seidel noticed when he came into office was a policeman idling about the door. He inquired the occasion for his presence and was told that the policeman was the mayor's bodyguard, an institution of ancient and traditional regard. "Well, turn him out to do patrol duty," Seidel ordered. (Continued on page 2.)

PLAN \$10,000,000 PLANT Duluth, Aug. 25.—A building permit for the new steel plant near New Duluth was issued to the Minnesota Steel company today. The cost is given as \$10,000,000. The fee paid to the city by the company was \$1,415. Plans for the steel plant show forty-eight separate structures. The biggest is over 1,100 feet in length and a number have dimensions of 300 to 400 feet each way. The buildings will be entirely of steel and concrete construction.

MAKE NEW WAR TEST Cincinnati, O., Aug. 25.—A war has been started here between Chief of Police Millikin and J. Paul Daley of Chicago, who worked in that city for several months in conjunction with Clifford G. Roe, investigating several cases of traffic in women. Chief Millikin has told Daley he had better leave Cincinnati. Daley refuses to go and says he is here to carry on the work he started and that he will continue until it is completed.

19 CREMATED IN WRECK; FORMER STRIKE BREAKERS MAN ILL-FATED G. T. TRAIN

Debris at Durand, Mich., Bursts Into Flame and Dead Bodies Roast in the Pullman Sleeper

COAL BOSSES' PRICE BOOST NOT JUSTIFIED

Miners, If Employers Yield, Will Get a Small Share

BONDS ARE REQUIRED Operators Pledge Themselves to Stand Against Peoria Wage Scale

The fight between the Illinois miners and the coal operators is now in a deadlock. The miners having voted to continue the strike until they are granted their demands as set forth in the Peoria agreement, the operators are considering every possible means of breaking the strike without granting these demands.

The operators in the association are being forced to sign a "bond of good faith" that they will not sign up with the strikers on the Peoria scale. Even should the operators, members of the Illinois Coal Operators' association, be forced to sign up on the Peoria agreement the few cents a ton increase granted to the miners, well under 10 cents a ton, would be made the pretext for retail price increases of 50 cents a ton by Sept. 1, and more later.

It is thought that many of the operators are willing to concede the demands of the miners, but that the bond idea will keep them in line. W. F. Read, at a meeting of the Illinois Coal Operators' association held yesterday in the Fischer building, proposed that the operators offer the strikers a scale of wages slightly in excess of the rate in the various competitive fields and that President Taft be asked to appoint a board of arbitration similar to the board appointed by President Roosevelt in the anthracite strike, to decide all other points in dispute.

BRING OLEO MOONSHINERS TO THE CITY TO BEGIN QUIZ Investigation of charges of conspiracy to defraud the government made against manufacturers of butterine may begin here next Monday, the date announced yesterday. William Broadwell and Samuel Driesbach, convicted oleo moonshiners, who are now serving terms in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and three other prisoners who were convicted in Milwaukee, Wis., for the same offense, were secretly brought to Chicago today in charge of a federal official. Their arrival at this time was unexpected and they may be taken before the grand jurors this week in order that they may be returned to Fort Leavenworth as soon as possible.

IDaho AND MONTANA FIRES UNDER CONTROL—PEOPLE SAFE (By United Press Associations.) Spokane, Wash., Aug. 25.—All settlers who escaped from the forest fires in Idaho and Montana are now safe and the fires were officially declared to be under control, with the danger of renewal at a minimum, in a statement issued today by Supervisor Weigelt of the Coeur d'Alene National Forest. The statement also officially reports ninety-four deaths as the result of the fires, most of them rangers.

OLYFORD PINCHOT ENTERS A HOT FIGHT IN MINNESOTA (By United Press Associations.) Rochester, Minn., Aug. 25.—Gifford Pinchot will assist in the fight against Congressman James A. Tawney in the First district and espouse the cause of Sydney Anderson, the progressive candidate for the republican nomination. It is announced that Pinchot will deliver a number of addresses in the Tawney district during the primary campaign.

BROTHERHOOD WELFARE ASSOCIATION TO HOLD MEET The Brotherhood Welfare Association and committee for unemployment will hold a public business meeting, Sunday, Aug. 29, at 3 o'clock, at 180 Washington street.

(By United Press Associations.) Durand, Mich., Aug. 25.—Nineteen persons, mostly Pullman passengers in the Chicago-Montreal Grand Trunk express, were killed and incinerated four miles east of here early today. Grand Trunk passenger train No. 4 crashed into the rear end of the express while running thirty miles an hour, cutting the Pullman cleanly in half, trapping all its twenty passengers. The wreckage caught fire and at dawn was burning fiercely. The portions of the bodies not taken out could be seen dropping down into the embers. With the exception of the engineers and firemen, the two train crews were men who had acted as strike-breakers in the strike of the conductors and trainmen on the Grand Trunk and were retained by the road after the settlement was made with the strikers.

Bodies Taken Out A number of bodies were taken out and put aboard a train which proceeded to Flint. Confirmation of the number from that town was lacking at 8 a. m. Two bodies, those of two women, one middle-aged, the other about 22, were taken to a local morgue. At 8 a. m. several more bodies were taken from the fiercely burning debris and the sickened rescuers were horrified to see yet others being slowly cremated and their ashes blending with those of the Pullman.

The Montreal express from Chicago, consisting of nine coaches and running as train No. 14, stopped at Duffield, a little town four miles east of here, to make some slight repairs to the locomotive. Engineer George Mitchell was under his engine when the crash came and was seriously injured. His fireman, George Nelson, was brought here this morning, fatally scalded.

Won't Be Scared Brakeman G. N. Graham of Detroit had been sent back to the rear of No. 14 to post danger signals. He declares he struck his signals as ordered, but will not commit himself as to the rear lights of the train. He was brought here pending an investigation of the wreck.

Train Was Late Engineer Charles Spencer of passenger train No. 4 was running fast to make up a few lost minutes, and declares that he put on brakes and reversed as soon as he heard the torpedo, placed on the tracks to warn him, but that it was too late. He claims No. 14 had no tail lights. His fireman is missing and thought dead.

Had No Chance No. 4 plowed through the rear Pullman. The passengers had no chance for their lives. It is declared here that both crews, with the exception of the engine crew, were strike-breakers, held over by the Grand Trunk since the strike was settled.

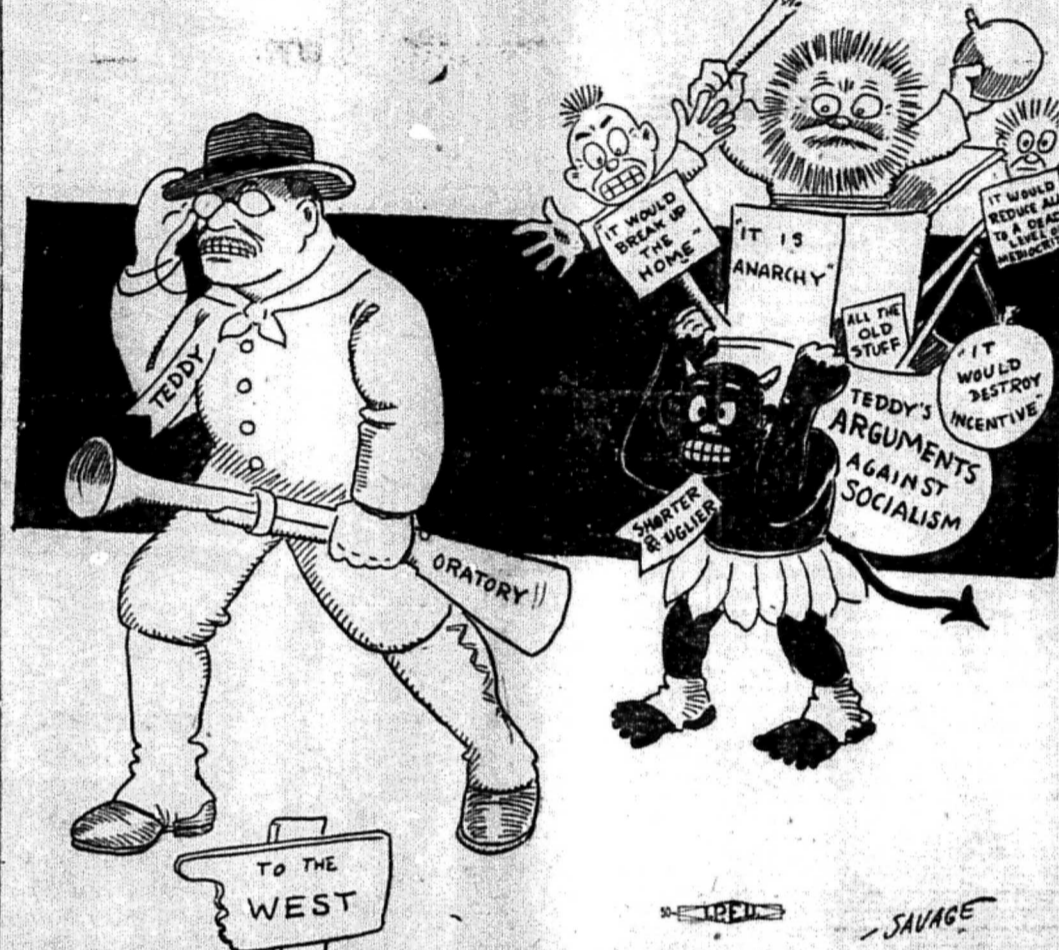
One survivor here is Clinton A. Davis, 226 Stanley street, Montreal. He was en route from Fargo, N. D., with his mother, who was an invalid, and a trained nurse. Davis states that both of these were burned to death in the fire and their bodies could not be recovered. He is burned about the face and cut in several places, but the physicians think he will recover.

The following partial list of the dead and those seriously injured, made up early today, covers the dead and injured here. Bodies Mangled Two unidentified women, one 50, other 60; first taken from wreck. Six others unidentified, believed to be man, child and four women, terribly scalded and mangled. Probably fatally injured. Clinton A. Davis, 47, Montreal, scalded on head and body. George Nelson, Battle Creek, fireman on train No. 4, scalded and cut. Bert Mitchell, Port Huron, engineer on train No. 14, head crushed. Seriously injured: Mrs. Shellen, 25, Chicago, badly burned. Taken to Flint hospital. Wait, home in Canada, 43, badly cut, taken to Flint. Unidentified woman, 64, burned about face and body. Unidentified man, 38, slightly hurt. Charles Spencer, Battle Creek, engineer on train No. 4.

CAMP DENVER RESIGNED Camp Dennee, Peoria, Ill., Aug. 25.—War has been declared, and Camp Dennee will be in a state of siege all day Thursday. The whole division under command of Major-General Edward C. Young has been assigned to defend the camp against the invasion of an invincible Red army.

DAHLMAN CONFIDENT (By United Press Associations.) Omaha, Neb., Aug. 25.—Marion James C. Dahlman today is more confident than ever that he has been nominated for governor on the Democratic ticket.

"ON TO MILWAUKEE"



NEWS ITEM.—COL. ROOSEVELT REACHES CHICAGO TONIGHT OVER THE LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILROAD FROM NEW YORK. HE LEAVES A TRIFLE OVER AN HOUR LATER FOR THE WEST. HE WILL SPEAK IN CHEYENNE, WYO., SATURDAY AND WILL NOT REACH MILWAUKEE TILL SEPTEMBER, WHEN HE IS THROUGH WITH HIS WESTERN TOUR, WHICH IS IN THE NATURE OF A "TRIUMPH."

FRED WARREN SPEAKS FRIDAY IN KOKOMO, IND.

Kokomo, Ind., Aug. 25.—Fred D. Warren, managing editor of the Appeal to Reason, will speak at the Park Pavilion here on Friday evening, Aug. 26. The local branch of the Socialist party is sending out the following notice of the meeting: "Every Socialist, every Socialist sympathizer and every man who loves liberty and justice, is cordially invited to be present at this great meeting and to unite with us in making this a red-letter day for Socialism in the state of Indiana."

NO PAY FOR WIDOWS OF FIRE FIGHTERS

(By United Press Associations.) Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—Widows and children of the men who died fighting forest fires in the northwest will receive no reparation from the government, unless special legislation is enacted by congress, according to a statement made at the forest service today. "After a man is disabled the government cuts off his pay," said an official. "There is no means, so far as I know, of taking cognizance of the fact that a man was killed in the service."

SOCIALISTS WILL PLAN CAMPAIGN AT BENTON MEETING TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Benton, Ill., Aug. 25.—The Socialist county committee of Franklin county will meet here, Saturday, Aug. 27, to arrange for the campaign. The party has the following ticket in the field: County Judge, W. C. Hobbs, a farmer; County Treasurer, David Jones, a miner and engineer; County Clerk, Herbert Harris, a farmer and teacher; County Superintendent of Schools, George W. Wright, school teacher.

RECORD FIELD FOR POLL

Complete returns from senatorial committees throughout the state show that the two major parties will have a total of 179 candidates for the lower house of the legislature to fill 153 places. This gives a margin of twenty-six over the membership of the house. The demand for more candidates for the general assembly has been heeded and the voters will have more choice in the legislative field than any time in recent years.

GOTHAM SHEET OF BREAD

New York, Aug. 25.—The thousands of city and suburban dwellers who patronize the Shultz Baking company, the recently organized "bakers' trust," will be obliged to have breakfast rolls that are thirty-six hours old and bread for dinner that was baked two days ago, if they have any at all. For the first time in twenty years there was no delivery of bread and rolls to grocers and other dealers this morning by any of the dozen firms which were merged into the Shultz company six months ago. Drivers of the company's trucks were unable to get any bread because of the failure to deliver bread as usual.

WEATHER INDICATIONS

The official weather forecast for the thirty-six hours ending tomorrow at 7 p. m. is as follows: Chicago and vicinity—Partly cloudy and decidedly cooler tonight; Friday, fair and cooler; brisk to high north west winds, diminishing Friday. Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin—Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Friday. Indiana—Showers and thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight; much cooler; Friday fair and cooler. Minnesota—Partly cloudy and cooler tonight; probably frost; Friday fair. Lower Michigan—Bain this afternoon and tonight; much cooler tonight; Friday partly cloudy; cooler in east portion. Upper Michigan—Showers this afternoon and tonight; much cooler tonight; Friday fair and continued cool.

RISK LAW IS HOTLY DEBATED

Labor Men and Corporation Lawyers Clash at Hearing

The Employers' Liability Commission, which has been conducting a series of conferences of employers and employees throughout the state met at the Grand Pacific hotel. The tentative plan offered by the commission, as printed in the Daily Socialist, set a short time ago was the topic of discussion. Representatives of both labor unions and the employers were at the meeting, with quite a sprinkling of lawyers, most of them representing the large transportation and railway corporations.

Daniel L. Cruick, a well-known attorney for organized labor, called attention to the body that the theories of contributory negligence, fellow-servant and assumed risk could not be taken into consideration by the employe when he enters into an agreement to take a job. The workers, he said, are compelled to get a job to live, and they can not be very particular before they take the job to specify the conditions under which he could work. The bosses control the conditions, and not until the employe is driven by a compensation law of some kind to make the conditions such that it will not pay for him to allow dangers to menace his employment.

In reply to a statement made by Tracton Attorney Cox regarding the payment of compensation to workers who leave the state or the country, he stated that it was the employers who brought the men into the country, and if the corporations did not pay them enough to bring their wives and families over, he saw no reason why they should not pay compensation to the family, no matter where they might be.

John O'Neil of the City Firemen's Association, thought that the employers' liability bill and compensation law should be separated. He said that there were too many lawyers in Springfield now who would oppose the law if both provisions were contained in the same law. Frank Buchanan called attention to the fact that year ago the European countries had settled the question under discussion.

"There are lots of humane plans offered to correct the evils in industrial conditions," he said, "but few real practical plans. The root of the evil does not lie in the lack of laws, but in the lack of enforcement. Today it is of little avail to pass laws against the rapacity of the corporations, as they are permitted by those in power to do most anything they please. Laws are being violated time and again and no officials are prosecuted. I can show concrete examples of such violations in the last two weeks. "These conditions," he added, "will not always exist. Labor is coming to the front and it will be but a short time when it will stand for nothing less than full justice."

DISPUTE AIDS THE SOCIALISTS

Parkersburg, W. Va., Aug. 25.—The Socialists were interferred with by the police when the local party arranged for a meeting at the corner of Fifth and Market streets. The result of the dispute was a big crowd at the meeting and cheers for the Socialists. Free speech has seldom been interfered with in this city. The nearest a city administration ever came to interfering with these meetings was when the common council passed an ordinance forbidding public assemblies on the streets, but the mayor, Mr. Pedigo, who still occupies that position and who is a man of considerable liberality in his own mind, promptly vetoed it.

CONDENSED NEWS

LOCAL

WOMAN FOR LEGISLATURE

A woman will be a candidate for the Illinois state legislature, according to Mrs. Minnie Pitts-Jones, at the Aurora Chautauqua...

TO INSPECT GARY

Two special trains arrived yesterday over the Chicago & Northwestern road carrying members of the Lake Superior Mining Institute...

TEDDY BILLED FOR CHICAGO

Colonel Roosevelt arrived in this city tonight, for the first time since his African trip. The regular Lake Shore train, with the colonel's car attached...

ANNOUNCE LETTISH LECTURES

The Lithuanian branch of the Socialist party announces a course of six lectures on American Labor History to be delivered by John J. Schmidt...

PROJECT NEW WAREHOUSE

Augustus S. Peabody is trustee in a trust deed given by the Hartman Furniture and Carpet company to secure a loan of \$275,000 covering their holdings on Westwout avenue...

DOMESTIC

WRITES 268 WORDS A MINUTE

Denver, Colo., Aug. 25.—Glyde H. Marshall of Kingston, N. Y., with an average of 268 words a minute, today won the national shorthand reporting championship...

POLICE FIGHT REFORMER

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—The navy department proposes to test for itself the various theories as to the destructive powers of explosives dropped on the decks of battleships from aircraft...

The monitor Tallahassee has been ordered to Washington for a series of tests, the final one of which will be an encounter with an airship under battle conditions...

WANTED \$25,000,000 FROM U. S.

New York, Aug. 25.—In a suit before Supreme Court Justice Brady today in which John Hays Hammond and his son Harris are defendants, it became known that the Hammonds, who are associated with Henry Clay Russell Wade, who has been in Sing Sing, in promoting the interests of an automobile machine gun concern...

Letters written by Wade to aid in the sale of stock say that through the friendship of a certain man, Mr. Hammond by inference, the promoters expect to sell the gun to the United States government for at least \$25,000,000.

EXPOSE A LAND SCHEME

Pawhuska, Okla., Aug. 15.—An attempt in which it was alleged that land grabbers sought to gain possession of the \$1,000,000 government Indian school at Chillicoee, in northern Oklahoma, near the Kansas state line, today was laid before the congressional committee investigating Indian land contracts...

The school comprises numerous stone buildings and 8,000 acres of land. Representations had been made at Washington, it was stated, that the buildings were dilapidated, the farm lands of little value and that Indians refused to send their children to the school, all of which was false.

BUSINESS

WHEAT TAKES DROOP

Wheat lost all of the advance scored Tuesday and finished at about the lowest figures of the session yesterday. Heavy selling by commission houses, with a lack of outside buying, proved too much for the local bulls, who were forced to sell the lines taken on the day before, and their efforts to stem the selling tide were fruitless.

TEST WOOD PULP

Wausau, Wis., Aug. 25.—Contracts have been filed for the location in this

DIVERVIEW EXPO W. Wrecked All Records Yesterday. Still counting tickets—won't have the exact attendance until tonight, something like 187,000.

101 RANCH Real Wild West Sold every seat both performances. Twice daily until next Sunday, 8 & 9:15 p.m. Seats at Lyon & Leahy's, 5c, 7c and \$1.00, including admission to Diverview.

STREET PARADE THIS MORNING The route will be as follows: From River-view down Chicago av. to Division st., to Wells to Kinzie st., to State st., then into the loop district, returning on State st. to Division, Chicago av., to Clark st., to Lincoln av. to Belmont, to River-view.

NEXT SATURDAY COOK COUNTY DEMOCRACY PICNIC

MILWAUKEE IS MAKING GOOD

(Continued From Page One)

duty," said the pattern-maker. "Let him do something useful."

"The news caused a shock. What is a mayor without a bodyguard? A newspaper called up by telephone to ask if the revolutionary tidings were really true."

"Sure," said the pattern-maker; "I'm no king. What do I want with a bodyguard? Bodyguards don't go here."

Regarding the regulation of saloons and social institutions, Mr. Russell has this to say:

"An entirely new policy has been introduced about the saloons. In previous days licenses were easy—being, in fact, a part of the political system; for as usual the saloon, the disorderly house and the public service corporation were in alliance to rule the city. The pattern-maker and his friends had a different idea about the functions of the saloon. Milwaukee has about two thousand drinking places, which would seem to be enough. The mayor recognizes the saloon, in our present stage of civilization, as the poor man's club. But he wishes to have it a better kind of club than it has ever been. So the license committee of the common council now grants license renewals on the basis of the character of the place."

Up to June 30 the committee had wearied and disgusted certain elements in Milwaukee by refusing sixty-nine license renewals because the applicants, having been investigated, were found to conduct dance halls or to keep places otherwise disreputable. About forty others had gone out of business because they knew they could not have their licenses renewed. A man that gets a license now must sign an elaborate pledge that he will keep his place at a certain standard.

Get Better Amusements

"A delegation of clergymen called upon the mayor not long ago to encourage him to close all the dance halls."

"Why, certainly," said the pattern-maker suavely. "Just as fast as something better is provided, I do not purpose to curtail the amusements of a people that already have too little. I am utterly opposed to the dance hall; it is a menace to health and morals. But people go to it because they haven't any better place of amusement. Every time we provide such a place, let's close a dance hall."

"In pursuance of this idea, the school houses are being turned into social centers for the people, and for every such transformation, out goes a dance hall. Weekly dances are held at some of the schoolhouses. The city has now secured E. J. Ward, who developed the admirable social center system of Rochester, N. Y., probably the best in the world, and next winter will see the wide elaboration of all these plans."

WAYMAN OPENS CAMPAIGN

John E. W. Wayman, state's attorney, will open the campaign for the nomination of his ticket at the Lyric theater at a Monday meeting today. The state's attorney will take enough time from the trial of Lee O'Neil Browne to tell the people what he thinks of the "kitchen caucus held at the home of Jim Pease, where the big five arrogated to themselves the powers of a county convention and nominated a slate."

TWO KILLED; LAUNCH SUNK

Newark, N. J., Aug. 25.—Two persons were drowned and five others were rescued with difficulty early today when the steamer Majestic, running between this city and Coney Island, ran down and sank a naphtha launch in Newark bay. The dead are: Mrs. Mary Kops, 60, and David Sunes of Staten Island.

BOOST MILK PRICE

Milk producers declared today that the scarcity of cows, coupled with the summer's drought, will compel them to increase the price of milk to four cents per quart for the winter schedule from Oct. 1 to April 1, instead of three and one-half cents demanded last winter. Retail dealers declare that if such is the case the public may have to pay as much as ten cents per quart for milk.

CLASH FOR TITLE

Newport, R. I., Aug. 25.—For the possession of the topmost tennis title of America, Thomas C. Bundy, of Los Angeles, and William A. Larned, of Summit, N. J., clash at the Casino today.

FOREIGN

JAPAN ANNEXES KOREA

Tokio, Aug. 25.—All the powers have tentatively expressed their acquiescence to Japan's annexation of Korea, according to a statement issued today. They have received assurances from the foreign offices that Japan will respect the treaty rights of foreign powers with Korea.

It is Japan's intention, however, to abrogate independent treaties with Korea as rapidly as possible and enter into new agreements.

SPAIN TO REMAIN FIEM

San Sebastian, Aug. 25.—At a cabinet council held today, which was presided over by King Alfonso, who had just returned from abroad, Premier Canalejas read a telegram from Marquis de Gonzalez, counselor of the Spanish embassy at the Vatican, announcing the receipt from Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, of a long note explaining at length the Vatican's grievances. Premier Canalejas said the note would in no way affect his policy. "Whatever reasons are put forward by the Vatican," he said, "the government will not change its attitude."

POLITICAL

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SPORT

BOUT A HUMMER

(By United Press Association.) New York, Aug. 25.—Tomorrow night's bout at the National Sporting Club, between Morris Harris and Tom Overby, promises to be a hummer. Harris is the negro who gave Sam Langford a hard six round contest at Philadelphia recently. Overby is a new aspirant for flat iron honors.

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SOCIALISTS PLAN HOT CAMPAIGN IN WEST VIRGINIA

Sisterville, W. Va., Aug. 25.—The Socialists here have launched a strong campaign, endeavoring to seize several public offices for the party.

The ticket for the congressional and senatorial district as well as for the county is as follows: For congress, H. W. Houston, of Parkersburg; for state senate, T. D. Finlayson, of Sisterville; house of delegates, C. W. Kirkendall, Sisterville, and J. N. Smith of Middlebourne; commissioner county court, T. K. Harter, Lone Tree; superintendent of schools, Ralph Peavy of Alvy; justice of the peace, Jay Allen, Sisterville; constable, John Core, Pursley; president board of education, E. L. Benton, Sisterville; commissioner board of education, A. C. Thomas, Sisterville.

CHOLERA IS SPREADING

(United Press Cable.) St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—The cholera situation in parts of Asiatic Russia is declared today to be as threatening as in southern European Russia. Along the Ural river and in the Tomak, Batum and Orsk districts the disease is spreading rapidly, with only the most meager facilities at hand for fighting it.

STEWART RAPS FAITHLESS AIDS

Finding that he could not trust his subordinates, Chief of Police Stewart instituted a secret investigation into the gambling conditions of the city, and this resulted in the transfer of four police captains and an effective warning to all the inspectors.

The investigation was carried on by a special investigator under the personal direction of the chief, who reported that gambling was in progress under the very noses of the men who were supposed to stop it.

The transfer of captains was as follows: Capt. Cudmore, from Twenty-second street to Warren avenue.

Capt. John Halpin, from Warren avenue to Twenty-second street.

Capt. James O'D. Storen, from Fillmore street to Thirty-fifth street.

Capt. John H. Alcock, from Thirty-fifth street to Fillmore street.

REPRESENTATIVE WILSON TOLD TO "STAND PAT"

Representative Beckemeyer was again placed upon the stand in the Browne bribery trial today. He was asked if he did not come to Chicago before the first trial of Browne to see Representative Robert E. Wilson as to what he should testify. He said that he did not see Wilson, but that he did see Representative Abrams, a saloon-keeper, and that Abrams told him to "stand pat and keep his mouth closed."

The Yarborough brothers, Sidney and Otis, personal friends of White, were expected to be sensational witnesses, but they merely testified to meeting White at a hotel in Springfield. The court would not admit their testimony of conversations had with White and others and their testimony was merely corroborative of certain dates to which White had referred.

UNION STENOGRAPHERS TO MEET

The Stenographers and Typists' Association of Chicago will meet tomorrow night at 6:30 p. m. at room 419, 40 East Randolph street. All who are eligible should make it their duty to join this union without delay.

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The Roosevelt Idea or Roosevelt analyzed, by Henry L. Slobodin, in the LABOR DAY (September) INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST REVIEW, is hot shot for the Teddy Hero-worshipper, and C. T. Wixson's article on WHAT TAFT AND ROOSEVELT have done AGAINST the WORKING CLASS will leave the old Republicans without a pin to stand upon. No man can disprove these FACTS and no intelligent working man who realizes that they are FACTS will vote the Republican ticket.

SENATOR DICK, at Columbus (illustrated), with a write-up of the Dick Military Law and extracts from it, will show the Ohio workers what to expect from the old parties in OHIO, as well as in MICHIGAN, where the GRAND TRUNK BOYS have just won their strike against the allied forces of the railroad company, the governor of the state and the militia. (Don't forget to hand a copy of the September Review to the railroad boys. Now is the time to show them what Socialism means.)

CLARENCE S. DARROW'S article will show just why PATRIOTISM is dying out in America, if the photographs illustrating the STRUGGLE IN THE IRWIN COAL FIELDS, by Thos. J. Kennedy, and the antics of Military Dick at Columbus have left any doubts in your mind.

When you finish reading AUSTIN LEWIS' arraignment of the INJUNCTION, you will wonder why people ever obey them. The extracts from that DICK MILITARY LAW will explain the reason. But it will NOT explain why the workers in Ohio elect such men as DICK to office. We know it is because they don't know that Dick is an enemy to the workers.

The September number of the Review will be chuck full of propaganda articles and campaign grape shot that will show the workers how the men they have elected to office are serving the enemy.

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QUESTIONS OF PUBLIC POLICY

Sign Three Times—Once for Each Question—Voters Only

Send to Daily Socialist, 180 Washington Street, Chicago, Before Sept. 1. THIS IS IMPORTANT

To the Hon. James A. Roe, Secretary of State, Springfield, Ill.: We, the undersigned registered voters of the state of Illinois, hereby petition for the submission of the following question of public policy to the voters of the state of Illinois at the General Election to be held on the eighth day of November, 1916, as provided for in "An Act Providing for an Expression of Opinion by Electors upon Questions of Public Policy at any General or Special Election," Approved May 11, 1901.

PROPOSED QUESTION OF PUBLIC POLICY

Shall the next General Assembly submit to the voters of the State of Illinois at the next following state election an amendment to the state constitution, providing for the control of legislation by the people, by means of the initiative and referendum; said amendment to provide for the initiation of legislation upon a petition of eight per cent of the voters, and for the referendum of legislation upon a petition of five per cent of the voters, the action of the majority of the electors voting to be final; thus restoring to the people the power they once held, but which they delegated to the General Assembly by the Constitution?

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Shall the next General Assembly enact a corrupt practice act, limiting the amount a candidate and his supporters may spend in seeking office, and providing for an itemized statement under oath showing all expenditures so made, for what purposes made and from what source or sources received, thus preventing the corrupt use of money at elections?

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LABOR THE WORLD OVER

Thank God we have a system of labor where there can be a strike.

In the world's broad field of battle he is here in the strike!

LABOR WINS IN POLITICS

South Australian Victory Gained Against All Other Parties

Sydney, Australia, Aug. 25.—The Labor party of Australia, which came into power recently, has just plucked another substantial victory.

South Australia, which is one of the most important states, has just elected the entire labor party ticket. This victory of the working people was won in spite of the union of the conservatives and the liberals, who threw all differences to the winds and jointly fought the labor candidates.

Workers Enthusiastic
The result of the election is greeted with enthusiasm by the workers of all cities, but more especially by the workers of Adelaide, the capital of South Australia.

The new state officials for South Australia are: J. Verran, miner, premier and commissioner of public works; F. W. Coneybeer, journalist, minister of education; C. Vaughan, shoemaker, treasurer and minister of mines; F. S. Wallis, printer, secretary of state; J. P. Wilson, saddler, minister of industry and farming; and W. J. Denning, lawyer, attorney general.

Overrun by Trusts
This victory of the Labor party in South Australia is especially important since that state, though not very thickly populated, is sought a great deal by all sorts of trust owners and monopolists.

The Labor party has already given notice to the avaricious landlords that it will drive them from the state if their exploitation does not cease. The trusts have likewise received the pleasant announcement that plans are on foot to nationalize them.

The workingmen of Australia are now bending all their energies to capture the state of New South Wales. The old parties in that state are split up and practically expect defeat at the hands of the Labor party.

SPEND THOUSANDS FOR UNION LABEL PUBLIORITY
The garment workers' unions of the United States are expending large sums of money in advertising in their official organ, is printed the following:
During the past two years we have not spared printers' ink in keeping our label before the public; we have seen to it that every convention, whether trade unionist or farmer, and every state or county fair, central body or local union, had a goodly share of our label advertising matter and literature distributed among its delegates and patrons. In all we distributed not less than 700,000 pieces, at a cost of \$4,849.62, which will be shown in the financial statement.

I desire to call your attention to the poster sent out by the general office, reproducing the tickets, banners, etc., placed on shirts, overalls, and pants made in penal institutions. Over 200,000 of these posters were sent out, and every labor organization in the country received a supply. They were especially sent to and asked for by jobbers and retailers, and I believe they did more to call to the attention of prison-made garments on the market than any other effort put forth by us. Electors of the tickets were made, and were reproduced by many labor papers. The tickets, however, show but a small proportion of the products of prison labor in the clothing industry. The shirt bearing the name of "President" deserves special mention as being made by convict labor.

WOMEN PICKET TO HELP MINERS ON STRIKE
Scranton, Pa., Aug. 25.—That the entire community is taking up the fight of the striking miners was evident today, when a host of strike sympathizers and their wives gave a lesson to a number of scabs who refused to join the strike. While the Pennsylvania Coal company's scabs were going to work today they were asked by a number of women strike sympathizers to quit work and join them. An altercation resulted, in which a number of the participants suffered minor injuries.

WEAVERS ON STRIKE IN DIRE STRAITS
New Bedford, Mass., Aug. 25.—The struggle between the textile workers and mill owners of this section shows no signs of abatement. The slasher tenders of Local 157, Industrial Workers of the World, are putting up a good fight and are in need of financial aid.

OUT OUT THE MILITIA
The military editor of the Vancouver Daily Province sends up a pathetic wail because the workmen of British Columbia refuse to join the militia and insist upon doing the dirty work of the corporations in times of industrial conflict.

JAPAN IS OPEN SHOP
Of the 52,000,000 people of Japan only a million and a half have the suffrage. There are almost no labor unions and no employers' liability laws. All Japan is an "open" shop, with a few in full control. What a happy country it must be for employers of labor.—Portland Oregonian.

INDORSED BY LABOR
The Chicago Federation of Labor has endorsed the Daily Socialist because it is of great value to unionism at all times, assisting in educating the workers, in making the work of organization, in the publication of union news, and information of all kinds, such as is printed in no other paper.

TAKE NOTICE
The Daily Socialist is seeking to make this labor department interesting to every workman of Chicago. In order to do this it asks the co-operation of all labor officials and workers. If you are not a member of the union, call on Franklin 1108. If any mistakes are made as to date of union meeting night, please correct.

PAINTERS—Stay away from Washington, D. C. Strike on!

UNION MEETINGS TONIGHT—DON'T FAIL TO BE THERE

Architectural Ironworkers, 200 Washington, Asbestos Workers, 44 La Salle, Terra Costa Workers, 5, North Chicago, Carpenters, 1033 Washington, Carpenters, 271 51st St. 924, Cement Workers, 28, 455 N. 24th St., Engineers, 42, 1806 W. Division, Firemen, 707, 811 Archer, Glove Workers, 4, 1586 Clybourn, Iron Workers, 40, 233 Washington, Machinists, 229, 732 Milwaukee, Machinists, 690, 1333 Washington, Metal Polishers, 175, 11391 Front, Metal Workers, 1, 105 Randolph, Painters, 271, 102 W. Lake, Tile Workers, 6, 530 W. Lake, Teamsters, 722, 10 Clark, Teamsters, 10, 1000 W. Division, Teamsters, 715, 145 Randolph, Teamsters, 655, 2830 S. Halsted, Carpenters, 224, 11500 Michigan St., Carpenters, 44, 164 W. Division, Carpenters, 221, 10 Clark, Carpenters, 14, 1438 Emma, Carpenters, 1207, 1000 W. Division, Cement Finishers, 2, 248 S. Green, Cigar-makers, J. Adv. Bd., 190 Madison, Carpenters, 271, 102 W. Lake, Electrical Workers, 124, 275 La Salle, Engineers, 42, 1806 W. Division, Garment Workers, Dist. Cl., 275 La Salle, Electrical Workers, 124, 275 La Salle, Teamsters, 745, 8107 82d, Woodworkers, 17, 507 Milwaukee, Woodworkers, 44, 164 W. Division, Car Workers, 81, 7800 State, Painters, 271, 102 W. Lake, News Engineers, 299, 650 W. Lake.

POLICEMEN HATE TO BE STRIKE BREAKERS
The example of the Fort Worth policemen is being emulated by the peace servers at Columbus, O. Fifty if they have had to walk the plank because they would not ride in cars manned by strike-breakers. The mayor is positive that they shall all lose their jobs for their offense against the street railway corporation. These officers did not refuse to patrol the streets and preserve the peace. Their objection was to be used as instruments to drive their fellow citizens out of town or back to the conditions imposed by the street railway. It appears that the police officer of today is possessed of some of the feelings that stamp him a man like others who endeavor to exist within the narrow means possible of earning. The cop was formerly regarded as a man without human sympathy, but with a desire to stamp himself brave by belaboring strikers and sympathizers with their clubs. Organization work will eventually reach the police departments of the country and the police will do the simple duty of preserving the peace, and not be forced by men with authority over them to assist in breaking up labor unions. The time will come when the cop will give up his shield before he will be such an instrument.—Houston Labor Journal.

MAY STRIKE TO PROTECT THEIR POLITICAL RIGHTS
London, Aug. 25.—At a committee meeting of representatives of the General Federation of Trade Unions, Socialist and Labor parties and the Labor members of parliament, called to consider the recent court decision against the rights of labor unions to assess their members for the support of their parliamentary representatives, the strongest sentiment developed in favor of demanding an amendment to the law under which the labor representatives according to the Liberal-Labor-Irish parliamentary alliance.

If the court's decision is allowed to stand, the committee members declared that a nation-wide strike, including every union workman in the United Kingdom, would probably be called.

The radicals favored defiance of the court's order and a continuation of assessments regardless of the resultant contempt of court.

A WORKINGMAN'S DEFENSE OF THE BUSINESS AGENT
Sometimes the workingman is criticized because he permits a "walking delegate" to represent him before his employer. The day of individual bargaining has gone by. The large employer of labor does not know the men who are working for him. Frequently the manager or superintendent refuses to deal with the representative of the trade union, forgetting that he himself is the appointed representative of a number of stockholders, thus practically becoming the "walking delegate" or business agent of his corporation. It is but natural for workmen to select a business agent to make the best possible bargain for the only thing they have to sell, namely, their labor; and that they should stand unitedly for the highest wages that the trade can afford.

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Don't Crowd Us Too Far

The coal trust has been held at bay quite well by the United Mine Workers since the first of April. When the operators failed to put one over the boys on strike they began their old tactics—to INTIMIDATE the PUBLIC.

The coal barons have sent out word that the prolonged strike is causing a shortage of coal. This shortage is held as an excuse for an increase in the retail price of coal.

The capitalist newspapers are willing tools in the hands of these operators and tell all about the intentions of the coal ring, so as to get the people prepared.

The price of coal is never dependent on the cost of production nor on the scarcity of the article.

The price is always "AS HIGH AS THE TRAFFIC WILL BEAR."

The railroads are "educating" the people, through the press, to higher freight rates. It is easier to make the people pay higher freight than higher passenger rates. The collection is made less directly and the public is less sensitive to this robbing process.

The railroads originally hung upon the wall the motto: "Charge all that the traffic will bear."

The milk trust is making another move. A year ago it raised the milk from seven to eight cents a quart in Chicago.

Now it is running big headlines calling for TEN CENTS A QUART.

In a month or two, after the shock is over, the announcement will be made in small type that the new rates have taken effect.

The milk trust is making the price "ALL THAT THE TRAFFIC WILL BEAR."

And so with the meat trust, and clothing trust, and lumber trust, and harvester trust, and all trusts that control the living of the workers.

Now it is up to us to show these gents of the trusts a thing or two.

We cannot "regulate" the trusts—that is impossible. We cannot control them—not while they are in control. We cannot compete with them—they have us by the throat.

BUT WE CAN OWN THEM.

Now, if the coal barons cannot furnish us with coal at reasonable prices we will simply have to elect men to congress and to the legislatures and to the courts who will represent us and begin at once to go into the coal business.

WHY NOT?

The people of this country have stood the system of robbery too long already.

The trusts are like the huntsman who crowded some buffalo too close to a mountain gorge. They turned on him and killed him.

The coal trust has crowded the miners and the public too far already.

It is time for us to turn.

If the private owners cannot run the industries the people will be glad to show them how.

Injunction Against Union

Judge Tuthill has issued another injunction. This time it is against the Waitresses' Union.

A week or so ago a strike was called on the restaurant run by Mrs. Mahler.

Miss Anna Willard did some good work for the girls and was arrested. At the hearing the case was dismissed. She was arrested again and asked for a jury trial. The case comes up Aug. 30.

In the meantime Mrs. Mahler's restaurant has suffered, as well as the girls on strike. Miss Willard is doing picketing.

Judge Tuthill, the same tool of the capitalists that issued an injunction against the enforcement of the ten-hour law for women, is on deck. He now forbids picketing, forbids the members of the union to talk to or influence the scabs or anyone who may desire to work at Mrs. Mahler's restaurant.

It is the same unconstitutional form, the anarchistic dictum, the same class command as other injunctions.

The miners have ceased to take notice of injunctions. The chauffeurs have laughed them to scorn.

It is the height of slavish subservience to pay any attention to these unconstitutional injunctions.

Hold these injunctions and these judges in contempt. Tell them that a nation like ours will never stand for such gross tyranny, and that we all propose to violate this anarchistic command.

The Daily Socialist will give all the publicity needed to arouse the people against this un-American farce.

If this is contempt we should feel honored.

We hold all UNJUST laws and judges in supreme contempt, even as we hold capitalism and the whole profit system which is ruining the people in contempt.

The day is at hand when we must show the masters that the power lies with the working class and that we will elect our own judges and our own lawmakers.

In the meantime we will stand by the striking waitresses and help them violate Tuthill's injunction.

Edison on Milwaukee

"My message to Milwaukee is that here is a great opportunity," was the opening sentence of Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, in a conversation with the municipal commissioners a few days ago.

"The city can buy land, subdivide, improve it, and on it build sanitary, comfortable, beautiful houses for all her people, which need not cost more than \$1,800 each. At the old methods of construction such houses could not be built for less than \$5,000—and then they could not at all compare with the ones which I am planning to construct.

"These cement houses will be beautiful, sanitary, have great variety in architecture, cannot possibly burn up and will last forever."

And all this hope of a better future for the people of Milwaukee is based on the fact of municipal ownership of the houses and grounds.

Edison sees the great possibilities of the race in inventions. He also recognizes that these inventions avail the people nothing if a few individual owners are in possession of them.

It is for this reason Edison goes to Milwaukee when he wants to express hope for better things.

And all the inventions and improvements would be as welcome in all the earth if the people themselves collectively were the owners.

People who never make mistakes have all gone to heaven. We couldn't go with them and notice that you are also lingering here below.

Why can't some kindergarten nurse give Governor Deneen a pretty little doll with eyes that will go to sleep.

Anyhow, the Chicago Daily Socialist is generously indorsed by the unions.

From the Diary of a Lawyer

BY JOHN N. LANDEERG

This one was a native Philadelphian, wedded to, and deserted by, a son of the Emerald Isle.

"I was married to Mr. McN. six years ago," began the visitor. "We have three children. My husband is an electrician. We lived happily until 1907, when the frightful panic broke loose. My husband lost his position, and was idle for more than eight months. We had to give up our little home in West Philadelphia and crowd in two furnished rooms. We used up every penny I had managed to lay aside for the proverbial rainy day. Unfortunately, there were too many such days. I was, finally, compelled to go out from house to house, earning three to four dollars per week at washing and ironing. In this way I supported the family for six months.

"In the summer of 1908, my husband left Philadelphia to seek better luck elsewhere. I haven't heard from him since. Half a year ago, a relation of mine informed me that my husband resides in Williamsport, has a good position, and while away his solitary hours in the company of an entertaining spinster. I have written to him twice, so the effect that my lot is becoming unbearable, and that he should, at least, provide for the little ones. He ignored my letters. I have, therefore, determined to arrest the rascal for desertion and non-support."

As I listened to the woeful tale of this unhappy woman, the frightful specter of the fatal year of 1907-8 loomed up before me in all its ghastly hideousness. I beheld an array of just such deserted wives, fatherless babes, tens of thousands of desolated homes, hundreds of thousands of widows and orphans, made so by the insatiable greed of the Wall Street vultures, of the piratical tribe of J. Pierpont Morgan, whom the brainless voters of this corporation and graft-ridden republic have invested with despotic, unlimited power to rule over the destinies

of ninety million people, whom they can bankrupt, ruin, and starve whenever their, the financial bringanda, caprice or whim decrees so. I beheld the eight thousand suicides, recorded for the disastrous year of 1908, prematurely torn away from their loved ones, not by the double-edged sword of the angel of death, but by the lethal clutch of the poisonous talons of want and poverty,—and all this misery and suffering, ruin and destitution, hunger and degradation in the midst of an abundance of everything needed to supply all material wants of mankind; starving, because they, the workers, have produced too much food; wearing rags, because they, the tollers, have made too much clothing; rotting in filthy, pestiferous dens, because they have erected too many palatial mansions. All these evils flow but from one source—the robbery of labor.

And these crimes committed by a handful of pirates in control of all our industries, with the sanction of the ignorant workers, will go on until a recurrence of the dismal events of 1907, a few years hence, will, at last, arouse the misguided dupes from their age-long lethargy.

And on that day, when the incompetent, reckless parasites and plies capitulate to the unified, upon the political as well as industrial field, working class, the human race will, for the first time in the world's history, breathe the air of economic freedom. Men shall no longer have to waste their lives in the sordid struggle for a mere animal existence.

All able-bodied men shall have a right to work when and where they please, and at what they like most, and be secure in the fruits of their toil.

Thenceforward, we shall no longer hear of deserted, cheerless homes, exploited childhood, degraded womanhood and enthralled manhood.

Schwab Report Suppressed

On the authority of Robert Hunter, who tried and was unsuccessful in locating a copy of the senate committee's report on conditions of labor in Charles M. Schwab's principality of Bethlehem, Pa., the document was evidently suppressed on orders from higher up.

About the only people who don't believe that there is a fine job between Schwab and responsible government officials are Mr. Schwab and those officials. They won't admit it because it isn't desirable to terminate it just yet.

And there are good thinkers in this great country of ours who wonder why confidence in the trustworthiness of officials is falling. The government was created for the people by the people, and everything that transpires in governmental business is the property of the people.

But the people are not taken into the confidence of the government through fear that they might get to thinking and demand action of a kind that would extirpate the evils on which men higher up fatten their purses with which to raise up a race of snobs that are superior to the people who made it possible for their ancestors to get a start in the world.

As it is a costly proposition to capture a political job higher up, it is but reasonable to suppose that ordinary business acumen would not fail to get even with the cost.

None of the men higher up are writing their names in the hearts of men by doing things that appeal to the finer sensibilities. They are, however, writing their names in the book of fame as moneygetters.—Houston Labor Journal.

Socialist Power in Russia

BY D. L. ORLOWSKY

Our comrades, and Socialist press as well, are stating that there are "close to 320,000" Socialists in Russia. I think this statement is more than incorrect.

It is known that Socialists of Russia elected over 250 members to the second Duma. Could it be possible for 320,000 Socialists to elect 250 members to parliament?

We have in this country half a million Socialist voters. How many members to congress did we send?

Of course, no one is able to tell how many Socialists there are in Russia, as all their societies are kept secret, but doubtlessly there are far more Socialists than our press is stating.

It is my personal belief that Russia is not behind, if not ahead of, Germany in the Socialist movement. Many daily papers and periodicals are controlled by Socialists, but, as I said, they cannot admit it freely.

The Improved Jingles of the Stock Exchange

BY LOUIS SCHNEIDER

To be read inwardly and often repeated by all foolish little Americans.

Question—Who made the world?

Answer—Roosevelt.

Q.—Who was the first man?

A.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Q.—Who was the wisest man?

A.—Governor Roosevelt.

Q.—Who was the strongest man?

A.—Elephant-Killer Roosevelt.

Q.—Who was the meekest man?

A.—Vice-President Roosevelt.

Q.—Who was the champion boxer at Harvard?

A.—Student Roosevelt.

Q.—What president couldn't tell a lie?

A.—President Roosevelt.

Q.—Who lived three days in the belly of a whale?

A.—Roosevelt, the faunal naturalist.

Q.—Who won the Spanish-American war?

A.—Rough Rider Roosevelt.

Q.—Who was the talkiest man?

A.—Dr. Roosevelt.

Q.—Who wrote the letters of Janius?

A.—Editor Roosevelt.

Q.—Who killed Cock Robin?

A.—Tiddy Roosevelt.

Q.—Who struck Billy Patterson?

A.—The Colonel.

Q.—Who was, is and always will be the most modest man?

A.—Roosevelt.

IN A SWEATSHOP

Pent in, and sickening for one whole-some draught

Of air—God's gift that all cities sell so dear.

They stitch and stitch. The dim light falls upon

Bent bodies, hollowed bosoms, and dead eyes.

Their very mirth is horrible to hear, It is so joyless! Every needle-stroke

Knits into dainty fabrics that shall go for fancy fashions, the protest and the pain

Of ravaged lives, of souls denied their food.

At last the clock-stroke. From the beetling shop

The prisoners file, and up and down the street

Scatter the hatches humorists call home.

To sit, to die, or if it may be, clutch some pleasure fierce enough to drown the thought!

That on the morrow they must meet again.

"How long, O Lord, how long!"

"From 'Vistas of Labor,' by Richard and Burton in the Atlantic.

NOT EFFACED

Wife—And will you promise to water the flowers regularly while I am away?

Husband—Don't you worry about that. I know what that is.—Flegende Welt

The System squeezed the fat.

The system squeezed the lean;

And so, between itself, you see, it swept the platter clean.

This little lamb bought on "margin";

This little lamb bought "outright";

This little lamb tried an "inactive" stock;

This was "short"; luckless wight!

And they all got fleeced except this little lamb.

Who wisely stayed out of the fight.

Taffy was a welsber.

Taffy was a thief;

Used stocks of mine to gamble with—At least, that's my belief.

Rigged the market, cleaned me out—Cellar, vault and roof;

I've th' theory and suspicion, And—everything but proof!

Tom, Tom, the piper's son,

Bought on "margin" and thought it a fun.

Tom was beat—

Cleaned out complete—

And then kicked, bellowing for the street.

Hickory, dickery, dock;

On "margin" this lamb bought a stock.

The market went flat—

Where is the lamb at?

Hickory, dickery, dock.

THE CROOKED MAN

There was a crooked man

—He walked a crooked mile;

He found a crooked sixpence

Upon a crooked stile;

He bought a crooked cat

That caught a crooked mouse

And they all lived together

In a little crooked house.

Another crooked man

With a crooked party trained;

And by selling out his vote

Many crooked dollars gained;

He bought a crooked seat

And passed some crooked laws

And in a crooked Senate

Won his party great applause.

ALL OFF

The Heiress—Have you seen papa?

The Duke—Yes. It's all off.

The Heiress—You don't mean to say that he refused to give his consent?

The Duke—Oh, no. He said he'd give his consent—but not another cent.—Stray Stories.

POWERFUL MOTIVES

Teacher—Yes, children, when the war broke out all the able-bodied men who could leave their families enlisted in the army. Now, can any of you tell me what motives took them to the front?

Bright Boy (triumphantly)—Locomotive—The War.

Our Leader

BY WILLIAM MOUNTAIN

Our leader, this, you say, endowed to voice

A mighty people's myriad ideals;

This vulgar bluff, mouthing down the aisles

Of nations, sophomoric platitudes?

God give us eyes to see the thing he is!

A hollow weathervane to ever air

That carries incense; worse, a windy cock

Who thinks the sun appears if he but crows;

A sorry freakish, finding no man friend

Save who can swell his stateless vanity.

A self-appointed nuisance, busy-body,

Below contempt, but feeding on applause,

Is now a menace that was first a jest,

And liberty, asleep, must rouse and laugh

Ere she indignantly slay the little thing

That seeks to bind with his her mighty limbs.

The long and dreary struggles of the past,

The age-long conflict waged for human right,

That from the pain and blood of centuries

The least might lift his head from toil and claim

Companionship with all the world holds best,—

This bragging coward would undo with words

And bend the victory to his selfish aim!

In vain he grimaces; they know him best.

Who say the least, and in their silent hearts

Will weigh the virtues loudly, self-proclaimed.

And see the cunning Pharisee of old,

Delighted with his squeaking voice, and lips

Aspattering with half truths and curled with pride.

To be the prophet of the oblivions,

Who is the world's most shameless plagiarist!

See how he snarls, with venomous teeth exposed

To gnash the feeding hand—they will not bite!

Too well he knows the power that makes can mar.

And fashion for itself another tool.

Quick! Quick! the cap and bells; he's played all parts—

And played them ill—all but the part of clown,

And who wonder, with the gods shall laugh

To see this jester's mock sincerity.

Our Good Police

BY ERNEST UNTERMANN

How quickly things change nowadays!

Only a few days ago I had the doubtful pleasure of acquainting the readers

of this paper with our municipal free-love establishment in Spokane. Today I have the ditto pleasure of reporting that it is all off!

At least so the Spokane papers report. And our Spokane papers are quite as modest as the "Sun" in claiming that when you see it in them, it's so. Only I don't see it that way.

The news is sent out that the Spokane police have abolished the firing system for white slaves. And all the Spokane newspapers hail this as a great victory for "pure" morals. Now I wonder have they been "fired" or don't they know any better?

Suppose that the police judges don't collect their graft from the white slaves any longer in the usual way, does that mean that they don't collect any more graft from them at all? Does it mean that the alliance between the red-light district and the police and the old party machine has come to an end? Does it mean that white slavery has ceased to exist in Spokane?

The capitalist press does not say. In the absence of any light on these questions from these sources of high intelligence, I feel free to say that in my opinion the only "good" policeman exists in the state in which the only good Indian is said to exist; that in my opinion the only good republican or democratic machine politician who does not participate in graft where it can be collected exists in the same Nirvana; and that, likewise, in my humble opinion, white slavery will exist with its cadets and police friends so long as the capitalist system and its natural results are permitted to exist by the ignorance or indifference of the working people of this country.

TO THE STRANGER WITHIN YOUR GATES

In New England—"What do you know?"

In New York—"How much 'g' got?"

In the South—"Who are you?"

In the West—"What can you do?"—Life.

THE SMILE REMINISCENT

"I see you are smiling at my jokes," said the waiting contributor, hopefully.

"Yes," replied the editor, "that courtesy is due when one meets old friends."

—Philadelphia Public Ledger.