

'YOU ARE ROBBING US,' IS GAS CO OWNER'S CRY

Movement to Fix Rates Always Brings Forth Exclamations.

"You are taking our property for public use without compensation." Such is the cry of the gas combine in every city wherever there is a movement on foot to fix gas rates.

Stock Argument

When that movement reaches the volume of a demand for municipal ownership of gas, then, as did the People's Gas Light & Coke company in 1906, the aggrieved company points to that other stock argument, "municipal gas won't work."

Pay Large Dividends

If the sale of gas to the people of a city is such a "good" thing that companies capitalize it at huge sums, pay large dividends on it, even grab the privilege from a city, then how large a return do the courts grant to gas companies?

Supreme Court Decision

The nearest that the United States Supreme Court has come to fixing a rate which is "not confiscatory" is in the decision of the case of *Wilcox vs. Consolidated Gas* of New York, which virtually places that rate at 6 per cent. Here are some of the points settled by that decision:

Case Up in 1906

The case came up in 1906, when the Public Service Commission of New York sought to enforce an 80-cent gas ordinance which the city of New York had passed.

Takes Different View

But the United States Supreme Court took a different view.

Situation at Consolidation

At the time of the consolidation the stock issue of the combined companies was \$7,381,000. In 1906-07 the Consolidated claimed tangible property worth \$17,000,000, a value which the lower court had sanctioned.

No Competition

The contention was also made that "good will" had no financial value, as the company was without competition.

Still Profitable Monopoly

It must be that the United States Supreme Court guessed correctly on the five volumes of evidence for the New York Consolidated Gas Company is still a profitable public service monopoly in private hands.

CALL BALFOUR BRITISH BRYAN

Liberals Gain More Power; May Oust Unionist Leader.

(By United Press Associations.) London, Dec. 8.—Lord Balfour, Conservative leader of England, was today dubbed the William J. Bryan of English politics.

To Oust Balfour

The strongest pressure is being brought to bear to force Balfour out of the leadership.

Government Has Majority

The government coalition has a majority of fourteen seats in the new parliament on the results of the election as announced Wednesday night.

Waldorf Astor Is Victor

He and his colleague at Plymouth, A. Shirley Bunn, ousted the two sitting Liberals, Messrs. Mallet and Williams. The former is financial secretary of the war office.

Darrow Active in Dietz Case

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(By United Press Associations.) Hayward, Wis., Dec. 8.—The Dietz family will occupy the time between now and Monday, the date set for the beginning of their trial, with directing a search for Mrs. Dietz's stolen box, which she has learned was down from their cabin after the surrender.

Darrow Takes Charge

Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, has accepted an offer from Dietz to take accepted charge of the case on Monday.

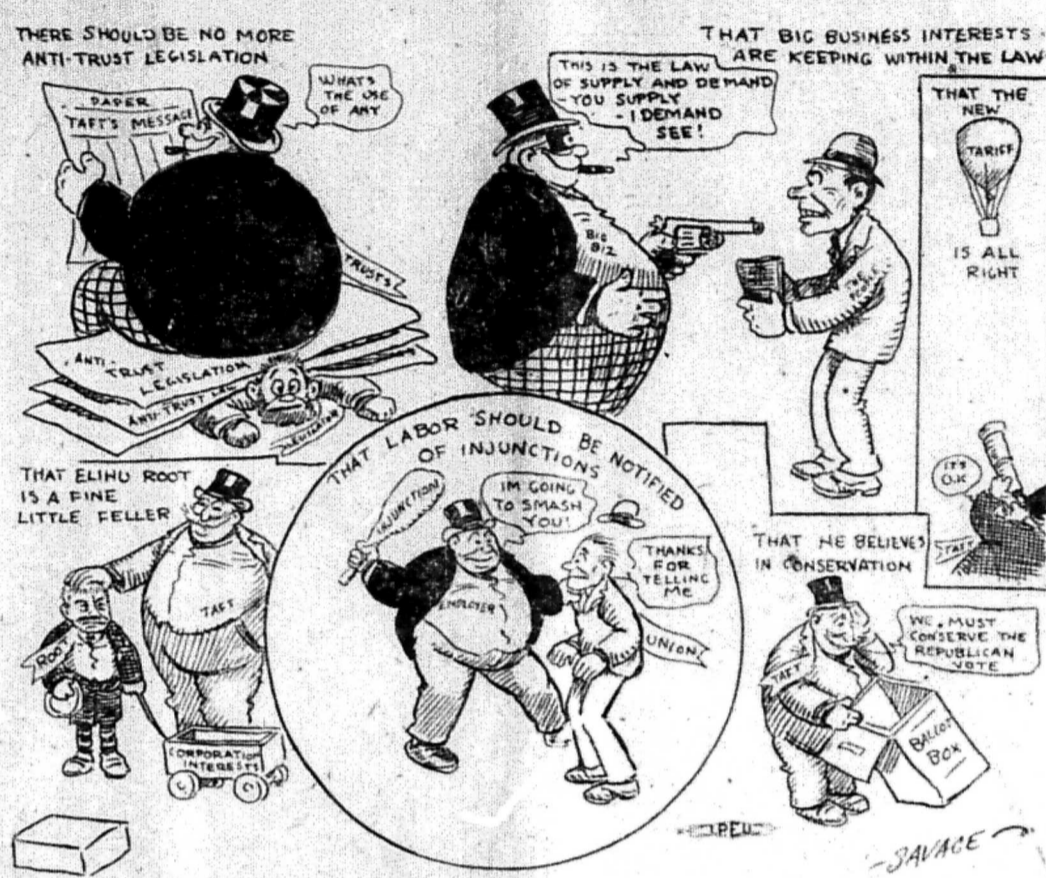
ROOSEVELT GETS 3,000 "INVITES"

New York, Dec. 8.—With him 3,000 invitations on file asking him to visit every section of the United States to make speeches, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is today preparing an itinerary for a trip that will last two months.

PACKERS IN NEW MOVE TO BLOCK GOVERNMENT'S CASE

Another unexpected move was made by counsel representing J. Ogden Armour and other beef packers indicted for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, when a petition was filed in the United States District Court asking that further prosecution in the criminal charges against the members of the so-called "beef trust" be held in abeyance until the suit in equity pending before Judge Grosscup in the United States Circuit Court be disposed of.

BILL SAYS:



BOSSES' SHEETS IN MANY LIES

Daily Socialist's Correspondent Alone Permitted to Report Union Meet.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.—As a result of the willful and malicious misrepresentation by the daily capitalist press here, the reporters of those papers were excluded from the convention hall of the Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor.

Socialist's Reporter Remains

The representative of the labor press, your correspondent, was the only newspaper man permitted in the convention during the last day's sessions.

Kirby Assures Support

Ex-President James Kirby, in an address before the convention, expressed regret that the relations between the Brotherhood of Carpenters and the Department were disturbed by the revocation of the charter at last Saturday's session.

REBELS WIN IN MEXICO FIGHT

Victorious Forces Control Situation in Small Towns of Chihuahua.

(By United Press Associations.) Chihuahua, Dec. 8.—Rebel forces, victorious in their attacks on several small towns, in western Chihuahua, practically control the situation today west of the capital of this state.

No Serious Fighting

A skirmish between government troops now encamped near San Isabel and insurgents maneuvering about San Andres is expected daily, although no serious fighting has yet taken place.

New Governor's Position

The official course of the newly elected governor of Chihuahua, Albert Terrazas, is not expected to be favorable to any disturbing element.

MINNESOTA SOCIALISTS SEEK TO FORM STATE PAPER

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 8.—Plans are under way among the members of the Public Ownership party, Socialist party of Minnesota, for the establishment of a state paper.

PAY-AS-ENTER CARS ATTACKED

Toronto, Ont., Citizens Protest Against Street Railway Innovation.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 8.—Riot followed a mass meeting held last night as a protest against the pay-as-you-enter cars just introduced by the Toronto Street Railway company.

Hold Mass Meeting

A mass meeting was called for last night at Massey hall. The call was issued by the board of control through Mayor Geary and was intended merely to voice a lawful protest against the innovation. Many fiery speeches were made, however, and upon leaving the building the audience became a mob.

MARK HANNA'S SON IN BID FOR PUBLIC OPINION CONTROL

Cleveland, O., Dec. 8.—Rumors of a change in control of the Cleveland Leader were disposed of by the authoritative statement that Kennedy, Wright and Thalheimer, to whom the paper had been leased for a term of years, have sold the lease to D. R. Hanna, son of the late Senator M. A. Hanna.

Protest Warren Sentence

Mountaineer, N. J., Dec. 8.—The "two law" system of the United States was condemned here by the branch of the Socialist party, when resolutions were passed protesting against the imprisonment of Wood Warren.

STRIKE CLOGS THE BIG STORES

Managers Feeling Pressure May Concede to Teamsters' Demands.

Shipping rooms of the big State street stores are becoming so clogged with Christmas merchandise held up because of the strike of delivery wagon drivers that the managers of several of the stores have evinced a desire to arrange for a meeting with the men.

UNEARTH WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

Regular Price Paid for Chinese Girls Brought Here Is \$3,000.

(By United Press Associations.) San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 8.—The existence of an organized, association of Chinese and Americans here and in Hong Kong to procure Chinese slave girls for sale in the United States, has been revealed by the investigation by government secret service agents of reported white slavery, following a report attempt of the smuggling ring to import eight men and seven women from China.

BALLINGER IS WHITEWASHED

Majority Holds Him Guiltless of Charges Made by Glavis.

(By United Press Associations.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Absolutely exonerating Secretary of the Interior Ballinger of all the charges brought against him, the majority report of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee was presented to congress today.

Girls Kidnaped

The girls brought over are believed to be members of wealthy Chinese families kidnaped by the agents of the ring in the celestial empire.

POLICE TOLD NOT TO INTERFERE WITH PEACEFUL STRIKERS

Mayor Seidel Gives Strike Army of Toilers in Peaceful March Through Chicago's Streets.

SEIDEL'S LETTER "John T. Janssen, Chief of Police: "Complaints have been made here that disemployed citizens have been subjected to abusive epithets and rough handling by policemen. "Whatever may be the basis of these complaints, I want it understood that no man on the police force has the right to interfere with a citizen who is not violating the law. "I expect you, as chief of police, to make it clear to the members of your department that so long as a citizen is within his legal rights he should not be manhandled or insulted. "Officers tolerating such tactics and patrolmen practicing them will be held accountable. "Hoping that the reports referred to will, on investigation, prove exaggerated, "I am respectfully, "EMIL SEIDEL, "Mayor."

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 8.—The letter from Mayor Emil Seidel to Chief of Police Janssen following closely on the declaration of Edmund T. McLean, president of the city council in Freie Gemeinde hall, that the city administration is with the striking garment workers, acted like a tonic to the strikers.

Prepare for Scabs

With the notice that the clothing manufacturers will import scabs today the union picket lines were doubled and the union officials made full preparation for an orderly conduct of the strike.

Business Handicapped

Although the number of men on strike remains practically the same, the accumulation of orders and sales on the various floors in the big establishments promise to seriously handicap successful business operations during the coming rush.

Police Act Unfair

A striker who recognized one of the drivers on a delivery wagon and spoke to him in a friendly way was seen by a policeman on a motorcycle and immediately taken into custody.

Price Is \$3,000

The secret service discovered that the regular price Chinese girls being in the United States is \$3,000 and they allege that the seven girls imported recently were bought for the specific purpose of being sold to white and Chinese masters.

Speakers Invited

Every prominent speaker in Chicago was invited to address the strikers at the park and nearly all were on hand. The speaking was scheduled to commence at 2 o'clock.

Manufacturers Obstinate

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More than 50,000 persons, men, women and girls, marched through the streets of Chicago today, carrying banners and singing working-class songs. "Carry Banners They marched behind a score of brass bands and the banners they carried proclaimed them to be striking garment workers. "The strikers came from every part of the city and represented almost every nationality on the face of the globe. "They came from the squalid homes in the Ghettos, the tenements, the cottages and the residences. "Two Score Speakers They came as one army of workers and marched in the streets to the "Cubs" baseball park, where more than two score of speakers voiced their demands in the various languages. "Never before did Chicago see as many persons of one industry gather as one in the streets. "Over 40,000 of the marchers were garment workers on strike against the clothing manufacturers. The rest were citizens who had the time to join in the march and express their sympathy with the tailors. "As early as 9 o'clock in the morning the strikers began to gather at Jackson boulevard and Ashland avenue, the assembly point. "From 9 o'clock until 10 the ranks grew until the line stretched west on Jackson boulevard as far as the eye could see. "Shortly after 10 o'clock the bands struck up a lively march and the line began to move east on the boulevard to Halsted street. "Then the leaders turned south on Halsted street and marched amid the cheers of the bystanders to Twenty-second street. "At Twenty-second street the marchers turned west once more, and to the strains of the "Marseillaise" proceeded in "orderly" fashion down Ashland avenue, where several thousand more South Side strikers fell into line. "South on Ashland avenue the thousands marched to Polk street and then west to Wood street, where the floors of the West Side baseball park stood open to admit them into the grounds. "The banner carried by the striking garment workers aroused cheers of approval all along the route of the march. "People gathered on the sidewalks threw their hats in the air and waved handkerchiefs as the girls, many of them in short dresses, marched by carrying a banner inscribed "Let us stand united and we won't fail." "Carry Many Banners Hundreds of other small banners stating the grievances of the garment workers and their various minor demands were visible throughout the vast line of march. "Many of the strikers appeared in the ranks with bandaged heads and carried banners inscribed, "Abolish the club with your halter." "Others still carried a large banner inscribed, "One of our brothers is absent. He sleeps with a bullet in his heart." "No Disturbances Police guarded the lines of march, but no disturbances took place at any point. "The line went down the line of the marchers time and time again when a strike-bound scab was passed and some of the strike breakers were seen at the windows, but the strikers held themselves in wonderful control. "Shortly after noon the thousands arrived at the ball park and filled the monster play ground to overflowing. "All of the 20,000 seats were occupied and the ground was crowded. "Speakers Invited Every prominent speaker in Chicago was invited to address the strikers at the park and nearly all were on hand. The speaking was scheduled to commence at 2 o'clock. "No vote was taken Tuesday on the peace offer, the speakers devoting their entire time to organizing and instructing the strikers as to the parade and march. "No decisive vote has been taken on the agreement and will not be taken until either Friday or Saturday, when printed copies of the agreement will be passed out to the strikers. "Manufacturers Obstinate In answer to a request sent to him by Mayor Bussé and the city council strike committee, Martin J. Isaacs, representing the Wholesale Clothing Manufacturers' Association and the National Wholesale Clothiers' Association, appeared before the committee and declined to consider any agreement with the strikers. "Besides Isaacs, the associations were represented by L. B. Kuppenheimer, E. J. Rose, J. J. Abt and A. Anderson. "The city was again represented by Mayor Bussé, City Clerk Francis D. (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

BOY WENT "WEST"—PARENTS PLEAD

Hartford City, Ind., Dec. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. William Tyner, living at Tyrone, east of this city, will appeal to the government for assistance in securing the release of their son, Cecil, 23 years old, who is held captive aboard a whaling vessel off the Alaskan coast, according to a letter received today from the young man's companion. "Tyner went west several years ago. The last word took place at that time from him was about two months ago, when he wrote that he was going to Alaska.

LABOR THE WORLD OVER

"Thank God we have a system of labor where there can be a strike."
—Abraham Lincoln.

In the world's broad field of battle
Be a hero in the strife!
—Longfellow

FEAR OF LIFE STRIKE CAUSE

Lax Inspection and Cruel Conditions Cause of Long- shoremen's Strike.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 8.—Two hundred longshoremen are on strike in the Pittsburg district against conditions that are tyrannical in the extreme.
These men are engaged in the precarious duty of making up tows for the southern coal markets. Laxness and favoritism by the inspectors to some of the more powerful coal companies is the charge of the strikers. They will ask a government investigation.

Inspection a Farce
Inspection day has become a farce. The law requires that a certain amount of steam be required when the boats are in operation, but the inspector comes around at a time when there is no steam on.

The inspection day is a public report, and lots of green paint, fire buckets, floats, yawls, etc., are in evidence on that day.
The longshoremen intimate that there are strong friendly relations existing between the boat owners and inspectors. They have seen captains ordered to carry out certain instructions, and later seen the inspectors stand silent, and in fear, while the owners boarded the boats.

To Force Law Enforcement
The Marine Engineers' Beneficial association has decided, commencing Jan. 1, 1911, to compel all licensed engineers to strictly obey all provisions in the law and to prosecute all violations.

Third Vice President Charles N. Vosburg of the association says:
"For years it has been an open secret that the government inspectors' limit of steam pressure on marine boilers has been ignored. As high as 100 pounds in excess has been forced on boilers to care for overloading of boats and to reduce the expense in shipping."

Must Have New Boilers
The engineers say that to enforce the proposed law will make it necessary for about three-fourths of the steamboat capacity to have new boilers placed on them, as the present ones could not be operated at all with the steam pres-

Trades Unions

Poster education and uproot ignorance.
Shorten hours and lengthen life.
Raise wages and lower usury.
Develop manhood and balk tyranny.
Enlarge society and eliminate classes.
Establish fraternity and discourage selfishness.
Reduce prejudice and induce liberality.
Create rights and abolish wrongs.
Lighten toll and brighten men.
Cheer the home and frisk the field.
Make the world better for those living today.

All wage workers should be union men. Their progress is limited only by those who hold aloof. Get together.
AGITATE, EDUCATE, ORGANIZE!
Don't wait until tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes.
Don't wait for someone else to start. Begin yourself.
Don't harken to the indifferent. Wake them up.
Don't think it impossible. Three million organized workers in the American Federation of Labor prove different.
Don't weaken. Persistence wins results.

ure allowed officially by the government.
Mr. Vosburg says further:
"It's just the same as overloading a locomotive or overloading an elevator in this issue. It has become so common that the engineer can overload his engine and boilers, and to successfully do so is the most desired man. It is at tremendous risk, and our members are now standing out against this further violation of the laws."

Life and Property Lost
"From a practical standpoint, I believe that a large percentage of the loss in coal towns is due to this overloading, for the small boats used are unable to successfully navigate with their heavy loads and they go to pieces. Ultimately, it will prove an economy in life and money for all concerned."

LABOR WILL NOT JOIN IN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Organized labor, as represented by the Chicago Federation of Labor, will not join the movement of the Legislative Voters' League to call a constitutional convention. In a letter to Secretary Harry L. Bird of the league, Secretary E. N. Nockels of the Federation charged that the league was trying to sidetrack the initiative and referendum propositions endorsed at the last election by urging a constitutional convention.

"The voters endorsed the initiative and referendum principles by a vote of 4 to 1," said Secretary Nockels. "There is no necessity for a constitutional convention."

STELZLE LAUDS A. F. OF L. MEET

Minister Pokes Fun at the Sleuths Who Sell Con- vention Records.

BY CHARLES STELZLE
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.—That enterprising detective bureau which annually supplies employers with reports of the "secret" proceedings of the American Federation of Labor convention for \$15 has a cinch, for the printed proceedings of the previous day's doings are laid upon every delegate's desk each morning, and all the meetings are open to the public.

"Frightful Doings"
But the "frightful doings of organized labor" have been played up to such an extent, the details being worked out in the office of the detective bureau, that the average employer of labor has become an easy mark for the agency.

No doubt this bureau had its salaries paid at the convention of the American Federation of Labor just closed in St. Louis, but he got mighty little out of the convention which will give his employers any satisfaction.

Democratic Meetings
The meetings were conducted on the most democratic basis possible. No man can truthfully say that he carried this convention in his vest pocket, for every question was determined upon its merits, regardless of who introduced the resolution.

No delegate can go away saying he did not receive a square deal because he was not given a hearing.

It Might Be Done
It's amazing how patiently the convention will listen to a delegate who is anxious to get his speech of protest into the proceedings so that he can square himself with his constituents. It might not be a bad plan to give such delegates "leave to print" so as to save the time of the convention.

"High-Brows," "Scroppers"
There was nothing done at the St. Louis convention which could in any way reflect upon the labor movement. As a matter of fact, there was an-

other convention in session in the city at the same time composed of eminent-ly respectable gentlemen, but it is said that these high-brows—several hundred of them—nearly came to blows.
There was exhibited in this convention the possibilities of mental and social attainments for the American workman, for every one of the delegates was at one time an artisan or laborer—some, many crippled and dismembered hands prove that—to say nothing of their familiarity with shop and factory life.

The general character of the labor leader has undergone a decided change in the past seven years. A new type has arisen. He doesn't issue a bluff or a threat.
He quietly produces facts and figures and, in a businesslike way, proves that he is on the job.

Type Is Changing
He is the type which is today on the trail of the American Federation of Labor convention—clean-cut in speech and appearance; he is the match of the corporation's "walking" delegate, otherwise known as "manager" or "superintendent."

Much of the convention's time was occupied with educational matters, principal among them being that of industrial education.
(Note.—The detective agency referred to by the writer is the Corporations' Auxiliary.)

BAKERS' UNION SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING DAYLIGHT SHOPS

As a result of the agitation of the Chicago Bakers' union, several hundred basement and under-sidewalk bakeries have been compelled to come from below the street level. They are now working under daylight conditions.
These bakeries are not all union. But it is the union's watchdog tactics that have compelled the city's department of health and the police department to strictly enforce the law, no matter what the cost might be to the owners.

The bulletin of the Chicago School of Sanitary Instruction says that they are all working under greatly improved sanitary conditions than before the enforcement of the present bakery ordinance, which was prompted by the union.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH IN BOARDING-HOUSE FIRE

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 7.—One woman was burned to death, another fatally burned and a score of others forced to flee to the streets in flimsy garments as the result of a fire which today destroyed the Thompson house, a fashionable boarding place.

Mrs. Susan Jenkins, 78, and her daughter, Louise, 26, were hemmed in by the flames in their room on the fourth floor.

Mrs. Jenkins died soon after being taken to the street by the firemen, while the daughter is dying in the Vassar hospital. The fire started in the furnace room.

ENGINEERS TAKE STRIKE VOTE
A strike vote taken by 35,700 locomotive engineers employed on sixty-one western railroads, will be canvassed in Chicago next Saturday. It is predicted that the result of the referendum will show that more than 95 per cent of the engineers favor a strike. They ask a 15 per cent increase.

HUSTLERS' COLUMN

CONDUCTED BY WM. CHERNEY

Try It Again!

It is said that it is sometimes easier to be sorry than to apologize. However, we owe an apology to hundreds of our hustlers, and we want to apologize here and now.

In fact, we made more apologies to our hustlers and friends in the last few weeks than we make to our creditors in a year.

It happened this way. Ever since election we have been pushed to the limit. Letters and subscriptions have come in at a bigger rate than at any other time. They came in bunches—in heaps—rushing in, and before we knew it we were snowed under. We were crowded something awful. Simply swamped.

As a result the letters you sent in were not given the attention they deserved. We were delayed in putting the subs you sent in on the list. We were delayed in replying to the letters you sent in.

For this we wish to apologize. But we are getting our heads above water now. We are climbing out—just about catching up.

You had the circulation department "going some" in order to catch up, but they "went" at a fearful pace and they have done it, and now they are ready and anxious for a new try.

We are in a position to put the subs you send in on our list at once and give your letter prompt attention.

We are keeping an eye out for another storm of subs. We are not trying to avoid the storm—by no means—but **WE HAVE PREPARED FOR IT!**

We have caught up—ready for another rush—ready for another **AVALANCHE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.** Let them come!

The socialist party locals are still coming in on that monthly pledge. The following are the latest to fall in line:
New York, N. Y. ...
Springfield, Mass. ...
Central City, N. Dak. ...
2nd District, 27th ward, Chicago. ...
Alameda, Cal. ...
Copperville, Wash. ...
Montrose, Colo. ...

A dollar remittance comes from I. N. Marshall, Minnesota, and is applied on the Sustainers' fund by request.
Comrade Fred Grundt, Minnesota, renews for a year, and then orders a bundle of ten ballies, which he says he will have his boys sell in the town. That's a splendid way to get new readers.
Comrade Alex McAlleese reports that he has sold twenty Locomotive Course sub cards in about a week. Push that lecture course to the limit. It can't be beat.

The Sustainers' fund is presented with a dollar by Comrade J. L. Montague, Colorado.
Frank A. Miller, Iowa.
George Winstrom, Missouri.
D. F. Toss, Idaho.
Mrs. F. B. Dawley, Pennsylvania.
J. C. Carlson, Washington.
Ernest Hegel, Michigan.
J. B. Lipey, Kansas.
Alex Laird, Ohio.
George Farber, Idaho.
John J. Hall, Missouri.
J. D. Boone, Tennessee.
John Cowan, California.
Dew McHabb, Iowa.
C. Hansen, Colorado.
J. I. Houseweat, Illinois.
H. C. Gustafson, Illinois.
C. C. Matheson, Michigan.
Arthur Y. Werten, Utah.
Ed. G. Nix, Indiana.
J. H. Van Antwerp, Michigan.
L. B. Blodgett, Kansas.
R. G. Dodson, Missouri.
Rev. George Humberstone, Ohio.

Five new ones scattered around the locality are gathered together and sent in by Comrade D. A. Walton, Ohio.
Comrade William Hayden collects \$1.88 on one of those lists and turns it in. Much obliged.
Comrade W. A. Altizer, Oklahoma, scopes up \$26. that will always be with us.
Three cheerless go on the list at the request of Comrade Dr. B. S. Beck, California.
Harry C. Broecker, Ohio, taps a couple, and keeps his weather eye on duty to find some more.

My! but it is too bad that we cannot show everything you have done in this column. If you keep on at this rate we will have to get out a special paper for the hustlers.
W. G. Bent, Oregon, smashes in with a straight list of four.

M. W. Russell, Montana.
U. P. Gooderham, West Virginia.
John Connelly, Indiana.
Ole Verbum, South Dakota.
J. A. Rogers, Colorado.
F. Albright, Pennsylvania.
C. J. Lenti, Idaho.
W. E. Dowler, California.
H. Hiltzman, Iowa.
R. P. Steffel, Wisconsin.
Mark Swain, New York.
F. J. Kenaley, Ohio.
Christ Vogler, Massachusetts.
Fornia Purys, Illinois.
C. D. Orange, Tennessee.
C. E. Hodge, Montana.
H. C. Schroding, Pennsylvania.
Val Potisek, Illinois.
M. S. Hodge, Nevada.
H. B. Watson, Oregon.
J. N. Hutchinson, Indiana.
Eugene Le. Peire, Illinois.
Evan L. Williams, Montana.
E. D. Gammons, Pennsylvania.

LABOR TO MEET WITH FARMERS

A. F. of L. and Soil Tillers Decide on Same City for Conventions.

St. Louis, Dec. 8.—The choosing of Atlanta as the city in which they would next assemble, delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Labor frankly state was brought about by the invitation of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union to the federation to have both conventions meet in this southern city and hold simultaneous sessions.

Farmers Unite
In twenty-five southern and western states the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union has a membership of 3,000,000 farmers, asserts President Barrett, and their fight against the menace of the Sherman anti-trust law is based upon the same fundamental principle of the right of men to combine and sell the product of their labor to whom they please, as is announced by the trades unions in their claim to the right of combining and selling their labor power.

Favor Union Label
In convention after convention these union farmers have passed resolutions favoring union labor products, and moreover, have stood resolutely by the American Federation of Labor in its protests against the flooding of the United States with foreign labor that would lower the standard of wages and living.

To Protect Workers
In demanding these test laws, assert A. F. of L. representatives, there is no question of nationality involved, nor for this country is made up of all nationalities. The question is purely one of the protection of the standard of living for all wage-workers now in the United States.

WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK

standing. But not all of them were expert debaters. Some of them knew little of the "art" of debate. And debating is really one of the fine arts. Mr. H. Percy Ward suffers from none of these limitations. He has been one of the principals in over one hundred important public debates in England, where the art of debate is assiduously cultivated. The debate next Sunday afternoon will be a clash of experts. Students who wish to see debate raised to its highest power, with nothing amateurish, should be in their seats when Lewis opens at 3 o'clock. Doors open at 2:30. The committee advises you to drop in at the Garrick box office some day before Sunday, any time from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. and get your ticket. Don't come around at ten minutes after three, when Lewis has already begun his opening speech, without a ticket, and expecting to find yourself able to sit where you please. Four hundred people tried that at the Lewis-Strickland debate, and they didn't sit anywhere—they stayed outside. The seats for Sunday are selling at a great rate. Every seat is reserved and they are all the same price, 25 cents. Mr. Ward lectures in the morning in the Garrick at 11 o'clock on "Edison and His Clerical Critics". You might hear him and buy your ticket as you leave the theatre. But our advice is—buy it before Sunday.

Chairman: RICHARD J. COONEY, President of the Illinois Bar Association.

Question: Capitalist or Priest, Which is the Worse Enemy of the Worker

CAPITALIST: ARTHUR M. LEWIS

PRIEST: H. PERCY WARD

BOOK ADVICE TO STUDENTS BY ARTHUR M. LEWIS

Do you—the readers of this paper—wish me to establish a department of this kind in this weekly half-page. It is, of course, my chief occupation to read all the best books on Socialism, Science, Philosophy and kindred subjects. Naturally I learn a great deal about books which cannot be learned directly by men or women, who have only their leisure to give to such tasks. I am perfectly willing to give you the benefit of my experience in this direction, and this half-page, connected with the Garrick meeting, is a fitting place for it. There is one difficulty, however. This is an expensive place for it, and there is only one way by which the Workers' University Society could cover the outlay, namely, for the readers of this advice to buy their books from the Society itself. The Society will supply any book on Socialism, at the regular rate, and will, of course, supply the books I recommend. If you wish this book-class kept up, remember when buying your books, to get them at the Garrick meeting, or address your order to: "The Workers' University Society," 180 Washington St., Chicago.

BOOK II.

The United States is woefully behind the rest of the world in some very important respects. Especially is this true in Socialism and Science. In science there is a very important controversy being fought around Darwin's theory of Natural Selection. In this country all we hear are the echoes and some of our people know so little about it as to imagine that Evolution itself is in question.

Another great intellectual struggle is being waged around the theories of Marx. Edward Bernstein, a scholar of some note, leads the attack on Marx, and Karl Kautsky, the greatest living Socialist scholar, is the chief defender. If every American Socialist could read that controversy it would raise the intellectual power and the political sagacity of the Socialist Movement of this country beyond calculation. Here again, until recently we heard nothing but the echoes of the battles between the German giants.

And now we have the greatest book of that controversy—on the side of Marx—translated into English: a book of nine chapters by Kautsky, and every chapter a masterpiece of reasoning and sold at 25 cents. On three separate occasions I have specially urged the students in the Garrick audience to get this book, and they were never slow to respond, and over five hundred of them have taken this advice. The fourth chapter on "Economic Evolution and the Will" could not be written in this because we have no thinker equal to such a masterpiece of reasoning. The book is entitled "The Road to Power." Send your 25 cents, postage or stamps, or anyway you please, to "The Workers' University Society, 180 Washington St., Chicago, or ask for it at the Garrick meeting.

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THE SECRET Or Breaking Up the Home

BY GEORGE ALLAN ENGLAND. IN SEVEN CHAPTERS—CHAPTER THREE.

Dan lay inert till long past noon, with flushed face and swollen, turgid neck. His position was cramped, but Maggie dared not rouse to an easier one. Mary, the oldest girl, had crept in from school, had bolted some scraps (stiffing her cough at the mother's sternly whispered command), and had tucked up again. The other children, hastily fed, had been sent out since more with their perpetual clothes-baskets. Still Dan snored and Maggie toiled; still the baby slept its unnatural sleep 1 1/2 side its blackened father.

"Small wonder, wid' th' rot-gut yer been spongin' for yer friends!" fibed Maggie. "Av yer thirsty, get at yer self!" Dan sat up instantly in bed, his face black with rage. The word he hurled at her was blistering; but Maggie only gazed at him as she walked away. "Gawd! Ma coob'd be mosed the sufferer, as he gripped his head with both hands, rocking to and fro with anguish. 'It's splittin' entirely! Why didn't yer lave me slape?'

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