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TRACTION SCANDAL BOILS—WATCH FOR BIRTH OF MERGER

Public Now Suffers From Grosscup-City Council Robbery Alliance.

A new traction scandal, fathered by that able parent of such things, Judge Peter Stenger Grosscup, has hit Chicago.

It Is Only Junk

The junk which has been called by courtesy "the property of the Chicago Consolidated Traction company," lying within the limits of the city of Chicago, has been taken over by the Chicago Railways company for an unknown sum, named at \$1,500,000 and more.

Will Issue Bonds

The company is preparing to issue \$3,820,634.51 in bonds against the portion of the Consolidated which it took over.

Andrew Cooke, now the mystery of Chicago traction circles, bought all the Consolidated properties at a public sale for \$1,425,000, of which sum he has paid but \$84,000.

Splits Properties

The wily Mr. Cooke then split the Consolidated Traction company properties into two parts.

Part one, all of the lines lying within the limits of the city of Chicago, went to the Chicago Railways company at the price named.

Part two, all the property of the Consolidated Traction company lying outside of Chicago, went to the County Traction company, controlled by Andrew Cooke.

Grosscup in It

In other words, the Chicago Railways company procured, as a result of the Grosscup receivership of the Consolidated Traction company, a portion of a property, which as a whole was sold for \$1,425,000.

For that portion of the city of Chicago grosscup allows the Chicago Railways company a valuation of \$4,102,534.51.

So that out of one badly depreciated property a brand new one is born, the County Traction company, and the Chicago Railways company is able to further inflate its valuation against the possible future purchase by the city of Chicago.

Aldermen to Blame

The aldermen whose votes made it possible for the Chicago Railways company to get this very pleasant something for nothing are:

- Forsman, Focht, Richter, Long, Parker, Emerson, Siewer, Deppa, Danisch, Buckley, Lawley, Lucas, Ulfertel, Stuebel, Merriam, Belfuss, Koralecki, Stitz, Healy, Stewart, Murray, Taylor, Hey, Britten, Krumholz, Dunn, Thomson, Dever, Lipps, Reinberg, Capp, Wilson, Twigg, Mueller, Littler, Kearns, Fisher, Berger, Res, Reading, Block, Clark, Forsberg, Zimmer.

Meanwhile, though the Chicago and Oak Park elevated railroad is charging a five-cent fare from the loop to Oak Park, the new change in traction affairs make a surface street car fare of 10 cents to the Lake street line.

Additional Fares

An additional fare on the Evanston cars is also demanded. In other words, after the people of Chicago have fought the traction ring steadily since the days of the passage of the 59-year act by the state legislature in 1887, a brand new place has been opened up.

The insiders have been enabled to do some choice stock gambling.

The Chicago Railways company, allowed to go into the hands of a receiver to facilitate the scheme which has now been completed, is out of the hands of the receivers, who were appointed by Judge Grosscup.

Prepared for Merger

Now the surface lines within Chicago are prepared for the merger which it is the object of the Chicago City and Connecting Railways company to effect. Watch it come.

DIEZ FAMILY TO APPEAR IN LA GROSSE THEATER

By United Press. La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 30.—With sufficient money to bail out her husband, John Dietz, defender of Cameron Dam, provided by members of the Bangor Hunting club, Mrs. John Dietz left here today. She expects to have her husband out of jail by next week. The whole Dietz family will appear here Sunday to speak before the performance of a play based on their fight against the lumber trust.

SMELTER PLANT RESUMES AFTER FATAL EXPLOSION

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 30.—Despite the fact that six workmen were killed in an explosion in the slag pile of the El Paso smelter yesterday and that four of these are still buried under tons of slag, the smelter resumed operations today. All of the thirty injured are expected to recover.

CHILD CRIES FOR PET COMPANION

Refusing all food and crying piteously for her terrier companion "Wink," 8-year-old Marie Hagen is in a critical condition here today and may die if the dog is not recovered or one is found to take its place.

The dog disappeared from the Hagen home last Thursday and when all search

BRITAIN HEARS NEGROES' STORY

Ballot Taken Away by Fraud and Force, Is Charge.

By United Press.

London, Dec. 30.—American negroes are waging an energetic campaign in England to convince the country of the untruth of articles recently published in Europe to the effect that the blacks' condition in the United States is really all that any one could desire.

In Big Crisis

"Our people," says a recent open letter on the subject in the News column, "were emancipated in a whirl of passion and then left naked to the mercies of their enraged and impoverished ex-masters."

Education Curtailed

"Along with this has gone a systematic attempt to curtail the education of the black man. In every walk of life we meet discrimination, based solely on race and color."

Negro Denied Chances

"Everywhere in the United States the old doctrine of recognizing fitness wherever it occurs is being ground before a reactionary policy of denying preferment to competent men if they have a trace of negro blood and of using the weapons of public insult and humiliation to keep such men down."

Has Many Signers

The letter is signed by former Alderman Clement G. Morgan of Cambridge, Mass.; Bishop Alexander Walters of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church; former Clerk of the Courts George W. Crawford of New Haven, Conn.; former Assistant State's Attorney B. S. Smith of Kansas; Editor J. Max Barber of the Voice of the Negro, Attorney W. Justin Carter of Harrisburg, Pa.; Dr. Owen M. Waller of Brooklyn, Editor William Monroe Trotter of the Boston Guardian; W. E. Burghardt Du Bois, author-scientist; Grand Master Edward H. Morris of the black American Oddfellows; William A. Sinclair, author; Editor Harry C. Smith of the Cleveland Gazette, Attorney G. W. Mitchell of Philadelphia, Prof. William Pickens of Talladega College, Alabama; former Consul to San Domingo Archibald H. Grimke, President James R. L. Diggs of Virginia Seminary and College, Virginia; former Chairman C. E. Bentley of Dental Clinics at the St. Louis exposition, Attorney Frederick L. McChesne of St. Paul, Pastor S. L. Corrothers of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church at Washington; Pastor J. Milton Washington, Secretary Baptist Church, Washington, Secretary James L. Neill of the National Independence League, Attorney N. B. Marshall of Brownsville, Tex., and Medical Director N. F. Noasell of Douglas Hospital, Philadelphia.

INTERNATIONAL RAILROAD RATE DRAFT SENT TO TAFT

By United Press. Washington, Dec. 30.—A rough draft of a proposed concurrent law to be passed by congress and the Canadian parliament of the control of international railroad rates was presented to President Taft by Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission.

BABY SAVED AT FIRE; THROWN FROM WINDOW

In a fire at 1254 West Van Buren street, Mrs. Dekanavsky wrapped her baby in pillows and dropped it out of a second-story window. A neighbor caught the child in an outstretched overcoat.

POISON IN COMMUNION CUP KILLS THREE PEOPLE

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—By accident a priest in the Lutheran church in the Peterhof district filled the communion cup with sulphurated chromate instead of wine. As a result, three of the communicants died today and more than a score are in a serious condition.

AT THE CITY LIMITS



THE CON: "FARE!" PASSENGER: "AW, YOU GOT MINE." THE CON: "I KNOW I DID. THIS OTHER ONE'S FOR THE COMPANY."

HORNET REACHES HONDURAS COAST

Rebels March on Capital City; Meet Feeble Resistance.

BULLETIN

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—The expected revolution has started in Honduras, according to private cable messages received here today. It is declared that a battle is in progress on the Nicaraguan border, twenty miles from Cape Gracias, Nicaragua.

Alarm Lessened

Alarm among merchants and foreign residents over the prospect of serious fighting is lessened somewhat by a belief that when General Lee Christmas and former President Bonilla march to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, they will meet small resistance.

Attempt to Block Rebels

The vanguard of the revolutionists, which started from a place near Cape Gracias last night with feeble resistance along the Nicaraguan border, Small forces of Davilla soldiers attempted to block their progress, but greater numbers gave the Bonilla men a decided advantage.

ATTITUDE OF SPANISH GOVERNMENT DUE SOON

Madrid, Dec. 30.—Discussing the approaching ministerial crisis, Prime Minister Canalejas would not deny the authenticity of rumors that certain members of his cabinet were about to retire because of their dissatisfaction with the action of the budget commission in suppressing appropriations asked for by their departments.

PROTEST FROM LOUISVILLE AGAINST FEDERAL COURTS

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SHERIDAN, WYO., IN PROTEST

Sheridan, Wyo., Dec. 30.—At a mass meeting held here the citizens entered a stirring protest against the sentence handed down by the federal courts in the Fred Warren case.

"HUBBY," DEAD ON PAPER, IS SUED BY HIS WIFE

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30.—That her husband has "died on paper" and gotten away with it for the last time, is the burden of a letter received here today by a county official from Mrs. Susannah Marson, of Dranfield, England, who seeks to recover 170 pounds sterling, which she alleges her husband owes her.

Mrs. Marson declares that she received a notice about a year ago to the effect that Marson had died in the South Sea Islands, but recently discovered that he was very much alive and suing her for divorce through the local courts.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS THROW GREEK PROVINCE INTO PANIC

Athens, Greece, Dec. 30.—Immense damage to property with probable loss of life has been occasioned in the province of Elis by continuous earthquake shocks. The movements of the earth have been unusually severe, hundreds of houses and stores having been thrown to the ground. There is great panic in the province, and much suffering. Troops will be dispatched to the aid of the people.

KING OF HUNGARY MAY ABDICATE TO ARCHDUKE

Budapest, Dec. 30.—The widespread belief that Emperor Francis Joseph intends to abdicate the throne in favor of Archduke Franz Ferdinand was strengthened today when the latter started for the monarch in receiving the Austro-Hungarian delegations. This occurrence is said to be in line with a desire on the part of the emperor to train his successor thoroughly before relinquishing the throne to him.

TRANSFER WALSH ROADS TO NEW CORPORATION

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 30.—The Chicago, Terre Haute & Southwest railroad, which takes over the John R. Walsh line, has filed here a \$20,000,000 mortgage in favor of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, and a second and supplemental one for \$6,000,000 in favor of the First Trust & Savings Bank.

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READY TO MAKE MANY NEW LAWS

Socialists Await Opening of State Legislature in Wisconsin.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 29.—Francis E. McGovern, Republican, will be inaugurated governor of Wisconsin on Monday.

Important Session

Shortly after the state legislature will convene in what will probably be the most important session of recent years. The legislature will be progressive Republican, with thirteen Social Democrats—the strongest delegation the state has yet sent to Madison.

Own the Elevators

Among these will be such measures as one to permit the state to operate elevators and to enter other lines of business which do not come under county or city control.

Industrial Insurance

Among these bills will be one for home rule and one for industrial insurance for workmen.

Bill Acceptable

It has been drafted by the Milwaukee civic societies and with one or two exceptions is acceptable.

Those Interviewed

"What class of women did you interview?" "Business women. Women in the offices down town mostly. And that is the sentiment all over the state."

Income Tax Measure

Among other bills to be introduced will be an income tax measure, a good roads bill and a bill dealing with educational problems and a water power bill.

Socialists Important

All along the line the big bills touch closely upon the Socialist position, and the Socialist delegation will be an important factor in the legislation of this session.

SHOW BOSSES' SCHEMES TO PLACE MANY SPIES AMONG THE STRIKERS

MAKE PHONE REPORT TO CITY BODY

Predictions of Daily Socialist Are Verified by Official Document.

The report of the sub-committee of the council committee on gas, oil and electric light, presented yesterday afternoon, will be made the basis of public hearings in the near future at which the officials of the Chicago Telephone company and other interested persons will be given a hearing.

Confirms Statements

The report, which is made as the result of the investigation conducted by William J. Hagenah, is direct confirmation of statements recently made by the Chicago Daily Socialist.

The Daily Socialist asserted that the deficit of \$908,563, which Arthur Young & Co., claimed the company would incur if depreciation were allowed for, was a joker.

The Hagenah report states that the gross earnings of the company may be reduced \$429,325, all costs of the plant with the limits of Chicago can be paid, and also the bond interest and an 8 per cent dividend.

What Daily Socialist Said

The Daily Socialist asserted that the Chicago Telephone company is owned by the American Telephone and Telegraph company, and that the Chicago concern pays excessive prices for necessary equipment, which it buys from affiliated companies, which are under one common control.

The Hagenah report asserted this to be the fact. Accompanying the full report of the sub-committee was a summary, whose similarity to the contentions made in the Daily Socialist will be apparent in the following extracts:

Contention Apparent

"The report discusses at length the effect of depreciation and finds that the Chicago Telephone company has not maintained its plant against wear and tear."

Had to Shut Up

"When I quit I had to shut up. I knew I ought to be killed, and I am positive that such would be my fate if I opened my mouth about the business of the bureau."

Wanted Job

The reporter wanted a job on the garment workers' strike.

Women Don't Want to Vote.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 30.—The best and sweetest women in business and in the home do not want woman suffrage. Women politicians and the women of the under world do want it, because they can get something out of it."

Has Bill to Urge?

State Senator-elect John Hecker, who it is said will introduce a bill before the coming session of the legislature to abolish woman suffrage, had this to say today:

Those Interviewed

"I will not say what I will do or what I have drawn up until I get in the senate. Then I will introduce my bills."

Cost Is Heavy

This type of special protection has cost the at-lic-bound garment bosses from \$100 to \$4,100 a day each.

Manufacturers' Information Bureau Is Being Used Against Workers.

The manufacturers' information bureau, 165 Jackson boulevard, is a wonderful institution, supported by the various employers in the city of Chicago, and now a faithful ally of the strike-bound garment bosses.

Its Main Purpose

The main purpose of the bureau is to hire spies to secure information for the employers within the ranks of the unionists.

Prominent in Strike

In the present garment workers' strike the bureau has played a prominent part. A number of the spies have been caught in the halls and ejected.

Victim's Story

A good example of the work done by the bureau for the manufacturers and the duties imposed upon its employes is the experience told by a "victim."

Answers "Ad."

The young man answered the advertisement and found himself working for the Manufacturers' Information Bureau.

Faithful at First

At first he did not realize the serious nature of his work and did it faithfully.

Later he began to discover that various union men, who happened to speak against the manufacturers and whom he reported, were being dismissed and blacklisted.

Then it was that he realized the dastardly nature of his occupation and quit.

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POODLE'S BATH BREAKS UP HOME

(By United Press Association.) Evansville, Ind., Dec. 30.—When his wife insisted on giving her pet poodle his daily bath in the dish pan, it was too much for Robert Duncan, a prominent resident here, and today he filed suit for divorce. Duncan alleged that his

CONDENSED NEWS

LOCAL

LINEMAN INJURED FATALLY

Albert Swanson, 28 years old, 2925 West Twenty-third street, a lineman employed by the Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad, was injured fatally when struck by a windlass while at work at West Taylor street and the river. He was taken to St. Luke's hospital, where he died.

LOST AGED WOMAN IS HELD

Admitting herself "only a nuisance" because of her age, and puzzling the police with an address that does not exist, Mrs. Frederika Garring is held for information from relatives. She was picked up by Policeman De Witt of the Sheffield avenue station, and with difficulty made plain that she is unable to care for herself.

DIRTY WATER POISONS

William Casson, 27 years old, 20 East Thirty-third street, a laborer, became thirty while at work at California and Belmont avenues, and after drinking from a pail of water which had been used to clean electric lights, fell to the street unconscious, suffering supposedly from poison. The Shakespeare avenue police removed him to the county hospital, where it was said his condition was serious.

SMALLEST BABY ON RECORD

In an incubator at the Chicago Lying-in hospital, 515 Ashland boulevard, is one of the smallest children ever born in Cook county. The baby, 4 weeks old, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore, 6973 Rogers Park avenue. At the time of its arrival the infant weighed one pound fourteen ounces. The little girl has taken on flesh steadily and now weighs two pounds and a half.

REPORT FIVE CASES SMALLPOX

Fear of a smallpox epidemic aroused the city health department yesterday, and as a result Herman Spaulding, chief of the bureau of contagious diseases, has ordered vaccinations to be performed and has assigned several inspectors to look into conditions at several lodging and rooming houses from which five cases of smallpox have been reported within a week.

SEARS TO BUILD PALACE

Richard Sears of the mall order firm of Sears & Roebuck of Chicago, who is now living the simple life on a 300-acre tract of land near Grays Lake, is reported to be planning the construction of a new spring of a palatial residence that will have an aristocratic Green Bay road, west of Lake Forest. He has lately added largely to his holding, in some cases paying as high as \$300 an acre.

STEWARDS CLOSE RESORTS

Twenty-two disorderly resorts in the West Side levee district have been ordered closed by Chief of Police Steward. The action of the chief was taken after representatives of the West Side association of business men, which for months has been fighting to "clean up" the district, submitted affidavits to him showing that the police rules regarding the conduct of resorts were being flagrantly violated.

CHICAGO DEATH RATE HIGHER

Chicago has dropped from second place in 1908 among cities having a population of 500,000 or more to sixth place, with a death rate of 15.2 to every 1,000 inhabitants, says the council report of the health department. Assistant Health Commissioner Drake says 15,000, or nearly half the deaths last year, were caused by preventable diseases. "While New York's death rate is steadily decreasing, Chicago's is steadily increasing," Dr. Drake says. "The death rate in Chicago is rapidly approaching the figure it reached eighteen years ago, before we began enforcing sanitary measures."

DOMESTIC

TWO NEGROES SLAIN BY POSSE

Clarkdale, Miss., Dec. 29.—Two negroes were killed and another was seriously wounded during an exchange of shots with a posse searching for three farm hands charged with the killing of Plantation Manager Kirk.

SIX MORE INDICTED AT GARY

Six more were arrested as the result of indictments in connection with the Gary election riots. These were William Piper and five electricians, Martin Carmody, James Fineman, Robert O'Connor, Ray Abbott and Fred Jurgens. They are accused of rioting.

SAVES WOMAN FROM SUICIDE

Washington, Ind., Dec. 28.—While she was attempting to swallow the contents of a bottle of carbolic acid, Arthur Hummel, a drug clerk, threw a large package at Mrs. Grant Faith, aged 36, wife of a well-known lawyer, and knocked the bottle from her hand. She received burns that may cause death.

TICKLES LION; SHY TWO FINGERS

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—While visiting the winter quarters of a wild animal show John Kellers of Knights Landing, Cal., was told that he could make a lion yawn by tickling his chin. John tried, with the result that he is now in a hospital nursing a hand from which two fingers are missing.

BRAIN SHOT AWAY; LIVES

Independence, Kan., Dec. 28.—Although five square inches of his skull and a part of his brain are gone, Claud Stafford, 19 years old, of Peru, Kan., apparently seems recovering in a hospital from a bullet wound received in Tulsa, Okla. Stafford is conscious and carries on an intelligent conversation. He was shot by the Tulsa town marshal.

POLICEMAN IS PLAY ORTIC

New York, Dec. 28.—Mayor Gaynor has discovered that the New York police force has a literary "top" who has been acting as a censor of plays of which complaint has been made. A reporter from Sergeant Quackenbush, made a linguist and a French scholar, made to Police Commissioner Crohey finds nothing offensive in Sarah Bernhardt's production of "La Samaritaine," but adds: "As to the relative merits of the play, personally I consider it weak and

Where to Eat

KING'S RESTAURANT

NEW YEAR'S TABLE D'NOTE 75c
112-114-116-118 Fifth Avenue
Reserve 1st Table for New Year's Eve.

TEACHERS ADOPT PENSION PLANS

Dr. Allen of New York Says Schools Fail in Civic Duties.

The last business session of the convention of the Illinois State Teachers' association opened today at the La Salle hotel.

REBUKES SIR HIRAM MAXIM

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Statements made by Sir Hiram Maxim of England, who wrote President Taft on Oct. 25 last that gun explosions in the United States army and navy were due to the form of powder grain in use, were characterized as unworthy of serious consideration in a letter to President Taft from Secretary of the Navy Meyer made public at the White House.

POLITICAL

ONE STATE PLEDGED FOR TAFT

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 28.—The Republican state executive committee adopted resolutions endorsing President Taft as a "national and not a section president" and pledged support for his renomination and re-election.

HARRISON CAMPAIGN OPENS

Carter H. Harrison's majority campaign was formally launched last night with a meeting at the Briggs house, at which thirty-five speakers, one from each ward in the city, were present. Alderman Peter Reinberg presided, and among the speakers were Congressman Sabath, Robert Redfield, Aldermen Donahoe and Coughlin and Christopher J. McGinn.

BUSINESS

\$4,000,000 AUTO CONCERN

E. D. Shurmer, founder of the Royal Tourist Car company of Cleveland and for the last year in charge of its interests in Chicago, has organized the third biggest combination of automobile manufacturing concerns in the country, the Consolidated Motor Car company, which is capitalized at \$4,000,000.

ARMOUR MAN TO ARGENTINA

William E. Pierce, confidential employe of Armour & Co., sailed yesterday from New York for Buenos Ayres. It was stated in Chicago yesterday that Mr. Pierce has been deputized to open a branch office of the big packing house in the metropolis of the Argentine republic. This, however, was denied by J. Ogden Armour.

FILES \$12,000,000 MORTGAGE

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 29.—Covering properties in Minnesota, Wisconsin, New York and New Jersey, the Standard Milling company filed a mortgage with the state auditor to be made of record in the county of state. The mortgage amounts to \$12,000,000. The mortgage covers, besides the Minneapolis properties, the holdings at Buffalo, Syracuse and Lyander, N. Y., Superior, Wis., and stock in mills throughout the Northwest and in New Jersey.

ALDRICH GETS MALAY RUBBER

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 29.—Peter Archibald Grimes, a rubber magnate of Idaho, who is in the city, has just received information from Singapore that the Continental Rubber company, which is controlled by Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, and which is a part of the United States Rubber company—the "rubber trust"—has gained control of four of the biggest rubber plantations in the Federated Malay States, and has plans laid to break the rubber market of Europe, aided by the tariff wall of the United States.

FOREIGN

JAPS ATTACK U. S. CONSUL

Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 28.—The American vice consul at Dalny, Manchuria, Adolph A. Williamson, was assaulted at a fish market in Dalny by several Japanese. Williamson says that his assailants thought he was a Russian, as they addressed him in that language.

KING, AS SANTA, SENDS LIONS

Marseille, France, Dec. 28.—The steamer Natal is expected soon with a Christmas present from King Menelik II. of Abyssinia to President Fallieres in the form of two lions, a zebra and a giraffe.

BEDOUNS ROUTED; 450 SLAIN

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—Turkish troops sent against the Bedouins have driven the revolvers out of the El Korak district in the village of Syria, near the Dead sea, after a sanguinary engagement. Official advices state that the Bedouins lost 450 killed and 600 prisoners. The Turkish losses were 7 officers and 77 men.

SPORT

GOTCH AND ZBYSEKO TO MEET

New York, Dec. 28.—Zbyseko, the big Polish wrestler, who defeated Dr. Roler several weeks ago at the Grand Central palace, and Frank Gotch were matched to wrestle, the date and place to be decided later. The men will wrestle for a purse of \$20,000, it is announced, winner to take all.

LOBBRAINE RESUMES FIGHT

London, Dec. 28.—After correcting the motor trouble that interrupted his fight yesterday, Robert Lorraine, in a Howard-Wright airplane, will again start today to fly from the Isle of Sheppey across the English channel. He is competing for the Baron de Foray £20,000 prize for the English aviator who, in an English-built machine, flies farthest across the English channel before Jan. 1.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION SHAKES MANY HOMES IN DETROIT

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—Ten men, a woman and a baby were thrown from their beds and slightly injured, and ten houses in the neighborhood were damaged early today when dynamite explosions wrecked the grocery belonging to Thomas Marino, an Italian. Marino is said to have received a number of "black hand" letters. Because of the actions of Mrs. Louis Frontese, wife of an Italian grocer, who is said to have had trouble with Marino, police, today arrested the woman. The authorities are searching for her husband.

WATER POWER QUESTION IS BEFORE LEGISLATURE

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 29.—A struggle is on between the majority and minority factions of the special legislative committee on water power and water power sites in session here. The majority favors state ownership, the majority favors state control. The majority is drafting a plan whereby the water power companies will be under the supervision of the state railroad commission.

OFFICIALS FEAR JAP SITUATION

Washington, Dec. 28.—That the reported attack of Chinese and Japanese upon United States Vice and Deputy Consul Adolph A. Williamson at Dalny, Manchuria, may be the forerunner of even more serious anti-American demonstrations is the fear of Washington officials familiar with the situation in the far east.

Williamson's Beating May Result in Rigid Official Probs.

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May Extend Chicago Plan

The other plan asks that an amendment to the teachers' pension law be enacted that will permit the extension of the present Chicago plan to all cities with a population of over 25,000.

Children's Defects

He read the following report of Chicago school children examined during the first six months of 1910: Number of children examined, 77,619; number of defective and treatment advised, 35,374; percentage found defective, 46%; total number of defects found, 51,065.

MARKETS

GRAIN MARKETS

Chicago, Dec. 29.—There was a bull market in wheat and prices were 1/8¢ higher for the day. Minneapolis was quite strong at an advance, the influence being heavy buying there by Peavey, who sold here all day. Shorts bought freely at Chicago and there was some investment demand. The seaboard reported 40 loads Manitoba wheat taken for export, which was a bull help, too.

PRODUCE MARKET

Buyers were scarce on South Water street today, and the few that were out were taking only lightly of the offerings. Although the trade was unable to absorb the entire offerings, closing prices showed but little change from those that have ruled for a few days past. The fact that weather conditions were against the egg market, and also that buyers were taking only lightly, caused a weak feeling to prevail in this market.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WILL AID HEALTH COMMISSIONER

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 28.—Eight students of the University of Wisconsin, under the direction of Prof. J. R. Commons, department of economics, are aiding Health Commissioner F. A. Kraft to index all houses in which are tuberculous victims.

NEBRASKA LAWYERS FAVOR LEARNED FOR U. S. JUDGE

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Omaha, Neb., Dec. 28.—MYTON L. Learned, of Omaha, was endorsed by the Nebraska Bar association for judge of the Eighth United States Circuit court to succeed Judge Vandewater, after a two days' fight of seven other candidates to prevent endorsement.

RECEIVE NO ATTENTION

Nockels and Fitzpatrick did not pay much attention to the statements of the detectives, as they expected some ruse or another, but now, since the diamonds have taken place, it is self-evident that the detectives were sincere.

LETTERS OF APPEAL

The manufacturers persist in stating that the strikers are going back to work, but at the same time they are feverishly busy sending letters of appeal to the homes of the workers asking them to return to work.

FOUR KILLED, 14 INJURED IN ICE PLANT EXPLOSION

(SPECIAL PRESS.) Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 28.—Four persons were killed and fourteen injured, some seriously, in an explosion of the boiler at the Morewood Lake ice plant, according to a telegram from there. Ambulances and physicians were rushed from this place.

FARMER SOLD VOTE 3 TIMES

(By United Press Associations.) West Union, Ohio, Dec. 28.—The first arrest of a woman in connection with the corruption of the ballot box in Adams county is expected to come today following the indictment late yesterday of a widow, alleged to have sold her son's vote for \$5.

Men Offer Fines

When the grand jury reconvened today 195 new indictments were reported as the result of yesterday's work. About fifty men not indicted visited Judge Blair yesterday and offered to pay fines. These cases will be acted on at once so the court can take official action.

Expect 1,200 Indictments

The total number of indictments returned up to today is 988, and it is expected this number will be increased to more than 1,200 before the week is out.

Edmonds Now 'Milwaukee, Jr.'

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Edmonds, Wash., Dec. 30.—Los Angeles, Reading or any other city which wants to be a second Milwaukee, must be content with being a third.

Step Toward Goal

Cook is convinced that his election is only one of the steps toward Socialism in the United States. He says that the revolt within the ranks of the old parties, and the number of people who now vote the Socialist ticket show that the day of a general Milwaukeeization of the United States is not far off.

People Are Weary

"The time is coming," said Cook. "The people are tired of the trust-maintained high cost of living. The condition within the old parties, the splitting into 'progressives,' 'insurgents,' what you will, shows that there are hundreds of thousands more getting ready to cast their ballots with those hundreds of thousands who voted the Socialist ticket all over the United States."

HAITIANS AND DOMINICANS DECLARE SHORT TRUCE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Through a Dominican army of 700 strong faces a Haitian force of twice that number on the border between the two countries. Receiver of Customs Edwards reported today that no fighting was expected.

PHONE REPORT TO CITY BODY

(Continued From Page 1.) for the wasting of assets had ever been made. This resulted in a charge to the construction account of \$3,767,233.

What Company Did

"When the company adjusted its books so as to wipe out its provision for depreciation, with the resulting large increase in its book cost, a corresponding credit was made to its surplus account, which was reduced by the declaration of a stock dividend amounting to \$4,500,000.

No Depreciation Provision

"The report also finds that in addition to the above amount the company has not provided for depreciation as it should have done, so that the plant today is not worth so much as the adjusted book cost.

Sinking Fund Method

"The rate of depreciation is computed to be by what is called the 4 per cent sinking fund method. The report states that the company should set up a reserve for depreciation which should be credited annually with the above percentage and that the accumulation should be used only for renewals and replacement purposes."

Stock Manipulation

"The report discusses at length the relations of the Chicago Telephone company with the Western Electric company and with the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

Advantages Taken

"The payment to the American Telephone and Telegraph company is reduced by \$147,000. It is stated that the payment of this large amount is the result of an unreasonable advantage taken by the American Bell interests because of their control of the majority of the stock of the Chicago Telephone company."

Shows Earnings

"The third part of the report finds that the total earnings of the company in the city of Chicago during 1909 amounted to \$8,321,609.69, of which \$7,609,817 represented exchange service earnings and \$588,827.50 earnings from toll. The remainder represents earnings from miscellaneous sources.

Six Months of Labor

"The report is the result of six months of labor, involving access to the books, papers and other data in possession of the Chicago Telephone company. After finding that the gross earnings of the company may safely be reduced \$429,229, the summary of the report concludes as follows:

IN JAIL OVER ALIMONY

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—William Stark, a saloon-keeper, has passed nearly a year in jail rather than pay alimony. He was committed Jan. 15, 1910, for failure to pay his divorced wife \$100. "I will rot here before I pay alimony," Stark declared to a committee of the grand jury which visited the county jail.

POLICE INVESTIGATE DEATH OF PRATT BROTHERS IN FIRE

Portsmouth, O., Dec. 30.—Officers left today for Mud Lick, at the head of Rocky Fork, eighteen miles from here, to investigate the reported murder of Minor and Oliver Pratt, butcher brothers, whose charred bodies were found in the smoldering ruins of their home.

KANSAS OIL CASE AROUND

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 28.—The anti-trust suit brought by the state of Kansas against the Standard Oil Company was submitted to L. W. Kephling, special commissioner of the state Supreme court, in Kansas City, Kan., today. The evidence in the case comprises eight volumes, a total of 3,919 typewritten pages. Each page contains about 300 words.

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TAXES SHOW OLD PARTY MISRULE

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 28.—Evidence of old party misrule are still coming to light. Faces Big Deficit. With the making up of the first budget to be prepared by the Socialist administration it was found that the city faces a deficit of \$389,000.

Milwaukee Socialists Have Hard Time Making Both Ends Meet.

To make up the deficit the city administration has planned the following: Rigid economy. Collect taxes from dodgers. Make public utilities pay just taxes. Cut down bonding the city. Allow city to enter revenue producing enterprises.

One Instance

For instance, the fire department sold second-hand hose to other departments. The fire department books failed to show credit for the money received, while the accounts of the other departments showed the record of the money spent to buy the hose.

PITMAN AIDED 1908 CAMPAIGN

Ben Pitman, author, lecturer, inventor and brother of Isaac Pitman of England, known as the "father of shorthand," is dead. He died from an illness that had only in the last day or two been regarded as serious.

Brother to "Father of Shorthand" Dies In Cincinnati, Ohio.

He opens his letter containing the donation with "Comrades, Greeting." Pitman was born in Trowbridge, Wilts, England, in 1822. He came to America in 1853 and settled in Cincinnati.

Helped "Red Special"

In 1908, when the "Red Special" campaign was proposed and adopted by the Socialist party, Pitman donated generously and regretted that he could not give one hundred times as much as he did.

Was an Author

There he founded the Phonographic Institute, of which he was still president. He was the author of several works on phonography and introduced to America the system of shorthand writing which bears the name of his brother.

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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 we are here in the front—Longfellow.

GOMPERS OUT TO AID 'FRIEND'

He Wants Carl Carey Anderson, of Ohio, in U. S. Senate.

(By United Press Associations) Washington, Dec. 30.—As an avowed labor candidate for the senate, Representative Carl Carey Anderson, of Ohio, was today heartily endorsed by the authorities of the American Federation of Labor, for senator from Ohio.

Kind Gompers Wants

"We will do everything we can to secure the election of Mr. Anderson," said Samuel Gompers today. He is the kind of a man we need in the upper house.

Says Labor Needs Him

"Labor needs men elected who will not only faithfully vote, but will also stand true for labor rights and interests."

CLERKS RESENT DOUBLE LABOR

Economy Move of Uncle Sam Forces Employes to Work Overtime.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Much talk is being heard in every department of the government service here over the increased work demanding overtime on the part of the clerks.

Do Double Work

One clerk in the postoffice department said that seven clerks had resigned in his room and that no others had been put in their places. The clerks who remained were compelled to do their own work and the work of the seven that left.

Organizing Quietly

It is well understood among the government employes that the first step toward a proposed organization that will affiliate with the American Federation of Labor should be taken quietly and with no show of antagonism to the federal government or to the heads of the departments and the bureau.

PUBLIC UTILITIES CONCERN ADOPTS PENSION SYSTEM

Camden, N. J., Dec. 30.—The public service corporation of New Jersey announced old age pension and insurance plans for employes to go into effect on Jan. 1.

EMPLOYERS TRY SLUFF ON DUBUQUE TEAMSTERS

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Dubuque, Iowa, Dec. 30.—Playing the first card in a wage game that promises to take on a serious aspect in the transportation business of the city, the Team Owners' association has notified the secretary of the Teamsters' union that on and after April 1 teamsters will be compelled to accept a reduction in their salaries of \$1 per week.

MORGAN BUYS MANY OLD ENAMELS FOR \$200,000

Paris, Dec. 30.—Jacques Seligman has bought the Swenigorodsk collection of Byzantine enamels on gold of the ninth century.

RAILROAD HANDS RESPOND WELL TO STRIKE ORDER

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 30.—The railroad hands of the Adams and American express companies in Springfield, Hartford, Meriden, Westfield, Holyoke and other cities and towns in southern New England are said to have responded well to the order to strike.

NEEF BARON DENIES HE IS MAKING BIG PROFITS

New York, Dec. 30.—Louis F. Swift, the Chicago packer, returned yesterday from the steamship Oceanic on a short trip to Europe. Mr. Swift said reports of immense profits in the meat packing business are decidedly exaggerated.

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JAPANESE ARE INVADING THE BRITISH INDUSTRIES

London, Eng., Dec. 30.—Japanese competition is making serious inroads upon British industries, handicapped as they are by free trade.

POPULAR VOTE CLAUSE IS ASKED BY LABOR IN GALVESTON.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 30.—An important change in the commission form of government which is in use here is proposed by the Galveston Labor Council, which urges that provision be made for making the commission more subject to popular will.

ANTHRACITE MINERS TO RECEIVE 7 PER CENT BONUS

For their work during the month of November the mine workers in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania have received an increase of 7 per cent on the rate of wages fixed by the Anthracite Strike Commission.

MONTANA EDUCATOR DIES AFTER THROWN BY HORSE

Lewistown, Mont., Dec. 30.—Miss Irene Vankleek, 30 years old, of Ithaca, N. Y., one of the best known educators in Montana, is dead here today after being thrown by a fractious horse which she was riding. Miss Vankleek was instantly killed.

LONDON CAB AND TAXI DRIVERS TO COMBINE

London, Eng., Dec. 30.—The Cab Drivers' union and the Motor-Cab Drivers' Protective association have agreed to amalgamate. The necessity for this step was strongly advocated at the time of the strike at a motor garage in Chamberwell road some months ago.

A. F. OF L. EXECUTIVE BODY ORDERS ELEVATOR TROUBLE

Work on elevators in fourteen new buildings south of 22d street was to begin today after a strike lasting several months.

NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF HEALTH DENIES REPORT OF EPIDEMIC

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Man's Redemption

Environment and employment are the chief factors in the making of men. Employment, properly organized and directed, makes environment so that it truly can be said that the fate of the race depends upon employment. No person or set of persons; no class, no matter how intelligent or well meaning, can organize and direct the world's employment.

Double Fare! Pay Up!

People living in the suburbs of Chicago don't like to pay double fare to get downtown. They insist that they are not fairly treated. Five cents for a strap, they claim, is enough. They are even inclined to be ugly about it.

The Indolence of Shareholders

Under this caption "The Financial World," whose interesting pages we often quote, calls attention to the failure of the hundreds of thousands of railway stockholders to take any part in the fight for higher freight rates.

THE MAN WHO SAW THINGS TWICE

(A CONTINUED STORY) BY BALPH KORNGOLD

The will of David Morris was found to be free from eccentricities. His entire estate, with the exception of the old brick building in which his office was located, he bequeathed to his daughter. The old building, a very valuable property on account of its proximity to the business district, he left to his friend, the doctor, while Conrad inherited his rather extensive law library and the office furniture.

"Vagaries of Socialism"

BY H. LYNCH

The Rev. J. T. Roche, styled the "talented editor and Catholic priest," writing in the New World of this city, about the present industrial conditions in France, has an awful wall. Like the majority of men of his kind, in every line of his writings, he displays his sympathy for the capitalist class and his hatred for the organized workers of that country.

Questions and Answers

(Inquiries addressed to this paper should be addressed to the Questions and Answers Department. They should be short, concise and not more than two or three in each letter.—Ed.)

- Q.—1. Does a class struggle exist at present?
Q.—2. If so, when did it begin, and how can it be ended?
C. F. BECK.
(1) Evidence of the present existence of the class is shown in these facts: That at present we have one class owning the means of production, the factories, the mines, the railroads, etc., and buying the labor power of another class.

Ill Fares the Land

BY ROLLA MYER

The gyrations of society go merrily on. The census shows that during the last ten years we have continued to move rapidly along the cometary orbit on which statistics long ago showed we had started. Not only rural districts, but whole agricultural counties, and even one entire state, have actually since the twelfth census decreased in population.

The "Ism" That Will Not Down

BY WM. ALVAN REID

Of all the specters that haunt the daydreams of many of our labor leaders is the doughty ghost of the "ism" that will not down. Of all the "isms" that we are soulfully warned against the "ism" prefixed by the harmless word "social," is the recipient of the greatest number of slurs and misrepresentations.

OPEN FORUM

THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT
A few days ago an editorial about the high cost of living appeared in the Chicago Daily Socialist.
The Chicago Daily Socialist then and then put itself on record in regard to the co-operative movement in the United States.



"History of the Great American Fortunes" by Gustave Myers. Published by Chas. H. Kerr & Co., 158 West Kinzie street, Chicago, Ill. Cloth binding, \$1.50 per volume.

One of the most convincing and successful public speakers and debaters once said that when he wished to present an argument that was convincing he relied almost entirely upon selecting specific instances in illustrating his point.

Gustave Myers in his "History of Great American Fortunes" rests his argument on specific men and specific fortunes, which he names. He gives us the history of the fortunes of the Astors, the Fields, the Vanderbilts, the Goulds, the Huntingtons, the Blairs and the Garretts.

The Morgan fortune of many millions of dollars, having grown up in our own time and generation, the author devotes very nearly one-half of Volume III to J. Pierpont Morgan and how he acquired his fortune.

Writing of these great fortunes, all of which were acquired by legalized fraud, the author says: "We have now seen how the most successful capitalists, the founders of great fortunes, carved their careers of fraud and theft. We have noted how Commodore Vanderbilt pocketed millions by blackmailing competitors and by leasing or selling worthless vessels to the government during the civil war for exorbitant sums."

For the student of Socialism, the debater in defending Socialism or for the Socialist in conversation with his neighbor and acquaintances, this book is indispensable. The facts that Myers presents are so simply arranged and so readily assimilated by the reader that they will convince the most skeptical.

THE EXPLANATION
Indignant Customer—Here, waiter, there's a dead fly in the soup.
Waiter (sympathetically)—Oh, yes, that kills 'em, poor things!—Windsor Magazine.

A STAB
"How Tillie's clothes hang about her. Why, they don't fit her at all!"
"But think how much worse she would look if they did!"—Meggendorfer Blatter.

HEIGHT OF TOUCHNESS
"His awfully touchy, isn't he?"
"I should say he was. A man who had a grudge against him defied him to come out and fight, and he locked himself in his office and stayed there two days."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

POOB PAPA
"Ah, what did papa say when you asked him for my hand?"
"I'd gladly tell you, but I'm afraid you'd never respect his opinion any more."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

When the Socialists in Milwaukee first elected a decent man to the city council the old party politicians said it was an accident; when last spring we carried the city they said it was a coincidence; but now when we carried the county, too, they say it's becoming a habit.