

WAR BANQUET ON NEW YORK; ARMED GUARDS IN DRESS SUITS

Roosevelt's Declination First Volley Fired; Taft Will Reply Tonight.

By United Press. New York, Dec. 29.—It will be compulsory peace at the widely-heralded "peace dinner" at the Waldorf tonight.

GIRL WHO WORE FATHER'S CLOTHES SEEKING REVENGE



ANNIE-OMINICK

GIRL DONS MALE GARB TO AVENGE HER BETRAYAL

New York, Dec. 29.—Annie D. Ominick, 17 years old, has more faith in her own prowess than she has in the law.

ICY NEW YEAR'S FOR COLORADO

By United Press. Denver, Dec. 29.—An icy New Year's day for Colorado and the entire mountain region was forecast today when the mercury dropped down to five below at 5 o'clock this morning and gave evidences of staying there for a while.

SINGER SUIT SETTLED FOR \$2,000; ASKED \$50,000

By United Press. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 29.—The suit of Mrs. Ivanhoe Singer against the Berman W. Yates estate has been settled for \$2,000, according to the statement of Thomas Lee Jr., administrator of the estate today.

FREDRICKS OF LOS ANGELES EXPECTED IN INDIANAPOLIS

By United Press. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 29.—John D. Fredricks, Los Angeles district attorney who was in charge of the prosecution of John J. and James B. McNamara in the dynamiting conspiracy, is expected to arrive here next Wednesday.

TRUCE IN CHINA PENDING ACTION BY CONVENTION

Shanghai, Dec. 29.—China is about to enter upon an era of prosperity and contentment that she has never enjoyed in all her long history.

Royal Family Flees

Members of the royal family are fleeing in disguise from Peking. Prince Chun, the deposed regent, is reported to have disguised himself as a coolie and fled with the 7-year-old emperor.

Germans and Irish Leaving America

The 1910 census shows that there are 263,822 fewer Irish in the United States now than there were ten years ago.

BANK IS CLOSED IN KANSAS CITY

By United Press. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—After a conference lasting nearly all night C. W. Plank, state banking commissioner, early today announced that the American Union Trust Company, one of the newest banks in the state, would not open its doors today.

"PULLED OUT FOR MYSELF," STATEMENT OF LOST BOY

Durango, Colo., Dec. 29.—Ralph Crabb, the 17-year-old Denver high school boy who disappeared mysteriously on Dec. 4, has been located here. In a statement telegraphed here today the lad vigorously declared that the stories about a woman being concerned in his disappearance are "all rot."

THE WEATHER

Heavy snow this afternoon and tonight; Sunday probably snow; colder; lowest temperature tonight 20 to 25 degrees; increasing easterly winds, changing to northerly. Is the weather forecast today?

On the Eve

All is ready. Every conceivable thing that was to be done has been done. The Armory is splendidly decorated. The floor will be smoothly waxed.

But it will not be a Socialist Masquerade Ball unless you come.

Every Socialist and every sympathizer should be there. This is one of the occasions where all of us must turn out.

If hundreds of Socialists come from out of town, surely you, living in the city, will not stay away.

Remember, that you can enjoy yourself better at this Ball than anywhere else. Your enjoyment will be two-fold.

This Mask Ball and Carnival is given for the benefit of the Party and the Daily. With the Spring Campaign before us and a Presidential Campaign coming, your help is needed.

Tonight—at the 7th Regiment Armory—be sure to come.

WRIGHT ISSUES STATEMENT AND ASKS FOR PEACE

By United Press. Spring Green, Wis., Dec. 29.—Laying bare the entire secret story of his life and relations with Mamah Borthwick, Edwin Cheney's former wife, whom he installed in his "spiritual citadel" here, Frank Lloyd Wright today gave out a signed statement, which he says throws the glare of publicity to the "utmost depths of his soul."

NO JOB FOR THIS MAN IN XMAS CHICAGO RUSH

Four more men were arraigned before Judge Edwin K. Walker today in the Harrison street branch of the Municipal Court, charged with begging on the streets.

Wretched and False

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Cry of Yellow Press

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SAYS MONROE DOCTRINE NOW BACK NUMBER

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Delegates to the conference of the American Historical Association, which closed a three days' session early today, are still fervently discussing the bitter assault on the Monroe doctrine by Prof. Henry Gil of the National University of La Plata, Argentina, which was the closing feature.

ELOPERS SPEND NIGHT IN CELLS

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—Dressed in a stylish tailor-made suit and an expensive sea-skin coat, Mrs. William De Atley, wife of the proprietor of the De Atley Hotel in Washington, D. C., spent today in a cell at the police station, having been arrested in the company of Russell Hilliard, an actor, last night upon telegraphic orders from Washington.

CABINET GIVES UP IN TURKEY

By United Press. London, Dec. 29.—The Turkish cabinet resigned today, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph.

THREE L. C. PASSENGER ENGINES ON SCRAP HEAP

By United Press. Monroeville, Ill., Dec. 29.—Three Illinois Central passenger engines were put out of commission when an eastbound passenger train crashed into two engines in the local yards.

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TEN THOUSAND MASQUERS AND FRIENDS AT BIG SOCIALIST BALL

Chicago's Biggest New Year's Eve Event at the Seventh Regiment Armory Tonight.

Ten thousand enthusiastic masqueraders and their friends are expected to turn out to the Socialist masked ball at the Seventh Regiment Armory tonight.

As the hour of the big ball approaches, the hum and excitement of the closing preparations reaches a climax and becomes contagious.

In the county office and in the office of The Daily Socialist, as well as in the offices of the various foreign Socialist papers in the city, there is a rush for tickets, and nearly all routine work has had to be laid aside to give way to the pressing work incident to the masked ball.

Men are coming home early from their work in order to be able to get ready for this monstrous carnival. Women are hurrying through their household work, boys and girls are staying at home so that they will not be delayed in getting down to the armory early in the evening.

Hurry, excitement and mystery. Hurry, excitement, curiosity and mystery prevails throughout the city.

Up in the Y. P. S. L. headquarters there is more than hurry and excitement. The pounding of hammers, the buzzing of hand-saws and cheers and shouts of joy greet the door of the league hall.

Special messages were sent today to the different ward headquarters urging them to see all the members and have their names put in a book.

Everybody to come. Socialists Milwaukee will be well represented at the annual mask ball of the Socialist party at the Seventh Regiment Armory tonight.

W. A. Jacobs, candidate for governor of Wisconsin on the Socialist ticket at the last state election, is already in the city.

Every Socialist in Milwaukee personally feels that the Leader is their paper," says Jacobs.

Women want first prize. Socialist women will be out in force at the masquerade and mean to capture the first prize.

Prizes, which have been donated for the occasion, will be given away as follows:

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GALLERY TALKS SUNDAY ON THE TRUST BUSTERS

You may expect to see several Socialist representatives selected to the Oklahoma legislature during the coming year...

Speaks Tomorrow Callery will speak tomorrow at 10 o'clock at the Crystal theater...

The Socialist convention in Oklahoma City will give a great stimulus to the movement in the southwest...

To Sweep Kansas County Socialists of Crawford county, Kansas, feel positive of sweeping the county and expect to elect a congressman...

Socialist for Twelve Years Callery has been in the Socialist movement for twelve years...

When arriving at the station Callery was greatly surprised to find a great throng there to greet him with an automobile...

The women gathered about him, asking how the cause was progressing and Callery informed them that it was sweeping the entire country...

The luncheon ended with saying grace and Callery was taken in an automobile where he was to speak...

Big crowd is expected to turn out to hear the famous orator...

Why, Mrs. Nodrick, how did it happen that you missed Brother Wilson? He had to walk to the grove all by himself...

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Six More Indictments Against Triangle Men



New York, Dec. 30.—There are six more indictments against Max Blanck and Isaac Harris, proprietors of the Triangle waist factory...

GREAT ORATOR HERE SUNDAY

Phil H. Callery, the man who nominated Debs at the last convention, and possibly the greatest orator in the Socialist movement, will speak on 'The Trust Busters' next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock...

Any person buying a twenty-five-cent subscription to a Socialist periodical or buying twenty-five cents worth of Socialist literature, will be admitted free. Subscription cards can be secured at the lectures.

Thousands of Women Strike in China Against Contract Husbands

Shanghai, Dec. 30.—The persecution of the Chinese population with modern occidental ideas is forcibly shown by the changing attitude of the women of that nation...

Tabloid News Received by Wire

New York, Dec. 30.—Two score dancers in the home of Justice Moss knelt in prayer as a priest administered the last rites to Miss Emma Salmon, the Moss governess, who died during the dance...

CONVENTIONS OF LABOR FOR 1912

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 30.—Delegates to the convention of the International Slate and Tile Roofers' Union of America will meet here Monday morning...

Other conventions of international labor organizations to be held during the year 1912 will be as follows:

- January 11-14, Sedro Woolley, Wash., International Shingle Weavers' Union of America.
January 16, Indianapolis, Ind., United Mine Workers of America.
April 27, Philadelphia, Pa., National Print Cutters' Association of America.
May 2, New York, N. Y., Amalgamated Lace Curtain Operatives of America.
May 7, Chicago, Ill., Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of North America.
May 29, Omaha, Neb., American Federation of Musicians.
June 3, Toronto, Canada, International Association of Marble Workers.
June 3, Boston, Mass., Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.
June 10, Detroit, Mich., International Brotherhood of Bookbinders.
June 10-15, San Francisco, Cal., International Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union of North America.
June 10, Little Rock, Ark., International Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Ship Builders of America.
June 10, Ceramic, Mosaic and Encaustic Tile Layers and Helpers' International Union.
June 17, Rogersville, Tenn., International Printing Pressmen's Union.
June —, Grand Rapids, Mich., International Union of Journeymen Horse-shoers of the United States and Canada.
July —, Atlantic City, N. J., National Brotherhood of Operative Potters.
July 9, Hamilton, Ontario, Can., International Broom and Whisk Makers' Union.
July 15, Victor, Colo., Western Federation of Miners.
July 16, Columbus, Ohio, Retail Clerks' International Protective Association.
July 16, Belleville, Ill., Stove Mounters' International Union.
July 20, Belleville, N. J., American Wire Weavers' Protective Association.
July or August —, National Association of Machine Printers and Color Mixers of the United States.
August —, Indianapolis, Ind., United Garment Workers of America.
August 6, New York, N. Y., International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers.
August 12-17, Cleveland, Ohio, International Typographical Union.
August 19-24, Denver, Colo., International Photo-Engravers' Union of North America.
August 26, Cleveland, Ohio, International Brotherhood of Roofers, Composition, Damp and Waterproof Workers of the United States and Canada.
August —, Chicago, Ill., Brotherhood of Railroad Freight Handlers.
September —, Boston, Mass., United Association of Plumbers, Gasfitters and Steamfitters and Steamfitters' Helpers of United States and Canada.

Peter Power's Labor Talks

SUCCESS IN ORGANIZING MIGRATORY WORKERS It is reported that the California State Federation of Labor is meeting with great success in organizing the migratory laborers...

HARD FIGHT ON AGAINST DEADLY PHOSPHORUS

The American Association for Labor Legislation is leading a hard fight to secure the passage of the Esch bill in congress to place a prohibitive tax on white phosphorus matches...

MAETERLINCK'S NAME IS FOUND ON HOTEL REGISTER

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—The biggest hide-and-seek game of the year is on here today, all of Boston being "it" and Maurice Maeterlinck doing the hiding...

TAFT GOES TO PEACE DINNER IN NEW YORK

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Taft left Washington for New York today without taking action in the Morse case...

KIDNAPER RELEASED FROM FEDERAL PRISON

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 30.—Harry Morris, once a well-known young mar of Cleveland, Ohio, was released from the federal prison today after completing his sentence of two years, less five months for good behavior...

Give Little but give it often to The Chicago Daily Socialist SUSTAINERS' FUND

LABOR HAPPENINGS

The annual election of the Amalgamated Woodworkers' district council will be held at a special meeting next Wednesday evening in the assembly hall of the I. A. of M., 156 West Washington street...

Woodworkers Idle

Several shops in which union woodworkers are employed were closed just before the holidays, as usual, and will not reopen until about the middle of January...

Kline at Centralia

James W. Kline, president of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers, will address a strikers' mass meeting at Centralia Monday afternoon instead of going to New Orleans to speak before a grand mass meeting of the Illinois Central system federation...

Up to Railroad Department

The question of calling a strike of the Northwestern shophmen to obtain a recognition of the federation from the railroad company will be put squarely up to the delegates to the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which meets next Thursday in the Kaiserhof hotel...

The action of the railroad department will be final

If it is found impossible to induce the company to recognize the federation the general president will call on their executive committees for power to call a strike and the walkout will take place as soon as possible...

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT ADJOURNS HERE FOREVER

Without ceremony and with only the words: "This court stands adjourned sine die," Judge C. C. Kohlman today adjourned the United States Circuit court forever...

Judges Lose Jobs

The nine Circuit districts will be abolished and the jurisdiction of the District court extended into that of the Circuit court. The judges of the former Circuit court become exclusive judges in the Circuit Court of Appeals...

Crosscup Quits Already

The judges who were members of the circuit comprising Indiana, Ill., and Wisconsin, are Baker of Indiana, sea-man of Wisconsin, and Kohlman and Crosscup of Illinois...

latter was made vacant by his resignation some time ago. Two bills are now pending before Congress, one for the abolition of the judgeship on the Circuit bench and the other for the creation of another district judgeship...

AMERINGER HERE ONE DAY ONLY; DON'T MISS HIM

Bring that friend down who is leaning toward Socialism, but who is not quite sure yet—bring him down next Wednesday evening to 205 West Washington street to hear Oscar Ameringer and finish a good job...

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—New Year's revellers will have to "go some" Monday morning. Cafes will be allowed to dispense booze from midnight to 1 o'clock only.

SOCIALISM CONDENSED AND COMPACT 'The Class Struggle' Charles H. Kerr & Company, 118 West Kinzie Street, Chicago.

TO-NIGHT That Big Socialist Masked Ball Will Be Held in the 7th Regiment Armory, 34th St. & Wentworth Av. You've Been Waiting for This a Whole Year. If You Miss It You Must Wait Another Year Before You Get Another Chance Get Your Tickets During the Day, and Come Early!

LA FOLLETTE IN TAFT'S OWN CITY

By United Press. Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Having swept across Ohio from its most eastern city, Ypsigtown, and then down through seven counties to Dayton, yesterday, Senator Robert M. La Follette entered President Taft's home county and city today...

There are seven million women in America who are earning their living by their day wages. These women have the right to say by ballot what their hours of labor shall be, and what sanitary conditions shall reign in the workshops in which they toil...

Amusements LYRIC \$1.00 Matinee Tomorrow THE KISS WALTZ GARRICK The Bohemian Girl PRINCESS VALEKA SURATT THE RED ROSE A SALLE: 17th Week LOUISIANA ONE IMPORTANT MUSICAL COMEDY

BEEF PACKERS SURPRISINGLY FRANK IN TRIAL

After four days of testimony in the case of the ten millionaire packers on trial for criminal conspiracy in restraint of trade before Federal Judge Carpenter, United States District Attorney Willson today contents that the government has proved a series of conferences and secret meetings among the defendants, clearly showing their intention to organize a monopoly in the meat industry by regulating the supply, fixing prices and putting competitors out of business. That such a monopoly was finally consummated in the formation of the National Packing company is the next step, according to the government. The ground work for this proof has already been laid in the testimony regarding the negotiations leading up to the incorporation of the National Company in 1903.

The testimony of Henry Veeder, which will be resumed when court reconvenes January 2, has brought out the intention of the packers as far back as 1883 to reach an ironclad monopoly agreement. In that year, Veeder said, Gustafus Swift, D. E. Hartwell, secretary of the Swift company, and E. J. Martin, representing Armour, directed him to act as secretary of a series of meetings.

Used Mysterious Number These conferences were designated as "P. O. Box 247." Six packers took part. The country was divided into shipping districts and reports received regarding the business in each; reports of all prices and shipments were made to Veeder. In the conferences the packers agreed upon the amount of business to be done by each in the various districts; where there were inequalities in prices profits were divided and equalized. Reports were sent to members each week by a secret code with each packing company designated by a mysterious sign. Prices and amounts of shipments for succeeding weeks were sent out to all managers in various territories. Veeder admitted all these charges and surprised the government questioners by volunteering statements that surprised them. All this testimony was given over the objection of Judge Carpenter. The defense holds that this pool, "P. O. Box 247," existed prior to the three-year period over which the indictments extend and is therefore inadmissible. The government secured its temporary admission on the promise to prove that all acts of the packers, from 1903 to the time of the indictments, constituted one continuing conspiracy, and therefore is competent evidence.

MACHINISTS TO HOLD ELECTION

The election of business agents for District No. 8 of the International Association of Machinists will be held Sunday from 10 a. m. till 6 p. m. at room 12, 158 West Washington street, corner of La Salle street. Three business agents are to be elected, and only members having their due books will be allowed to vote.

The following letter has been sent out by a committee of machinists to members in District No. 8: "Realizing the existing dissatisfaction which prevails with the manner in which the affairs of the I. A. of M. are conducted in District No. 8, and further realizing that this condition can only be remedied by the united efforts of the members in electing progressive business agents, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we urge all brothers who desire a change to aid and support the brothers mentioned below as candidates for the office of business agent. They are tried and true trade unionists, who, if elected, will use their every effort to advance our organization along the lines that are laid down in our constitution, and such others as are accepted as progressive trades union ideas:

- 1. Candidate from Local No. 229, Louis F. Wolf.
2. Candidate from Local No. 366, Andrew Camutz.
3. Candidate from Local No. 1, no choice.

The following are a few of the lines along which these candidates, if elected, have pledged themselves to work:
1. To establish a system whereby a record of all positions open, and all brothers unemployed, shall be kept, with the object of keeping our members constantly employed.

2. To keep a systematic record of all violations of the existing factory laws and compel a rigid investigation and enforcement of factory inspection, together with a record of all injuries to our members, to the end that we may positively know what legislation would be beneficial to us.

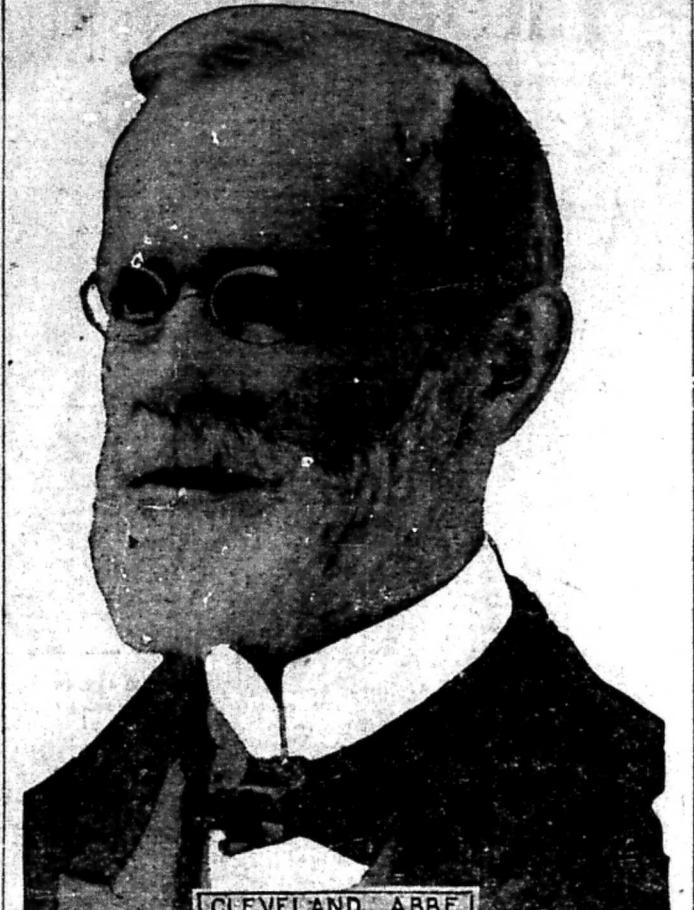
3. To thoroughly organize the delegates to the Chicago Federation of Labor so that they will have a definite purpose and aim, and work to the end that they may accomplish something for the labor movement.

4. Knowing that this will make a membership in the I. A. of M. more valuable, and that it will add new enthusiasm to the movement, which can only result in a larger and a stronger organization, and knowing this to be in accordance with the views of our international president-elect, these candidates will co-operate with him and his grand lodge officers in building up our organization along the lines specified in the preamble and platform of our constitution, thereby keeping District No. 8 in perfect accordance with the aims and objects of the International Association of Machinists. Fraternalism submitted.

JOINT COMMITTEE.
Pilsen Lodge, 54; Maywood Lodge, 18; Liberty Lodge, 22; Prethelt Lodge, 37; Gleichen Lodge, 38; Lake View Lodge, 90.

SEEK TO MAKE BOYD NEUTRAL IN TRIPOLITAN WAR by United Press.
Gibraltar, Dec. 29.—In order to preserve the neutrality of Egypt during the war in Tripoli, the British cruiser Suffolk was despatched from Malta today to Egyptian waters.

Symons Gold Medal for Weather Expert



Washington, Dec. 30.—The Royal Meteorological Society of Great Britain has awarded the Symons gold medal to Cleveland Abbe, the meteorologist of the United States weather bureau in Washington, in recognition of his work. The medal will be presented at a meeting of the society on Jan. 17. Cleveland Abbe is known throughout the world as one of the foremost meteorologists. He was a pioneer in the forecasting of weather, having inaugurated, in 1869, a daily weather report for the Cincinnati chamber of commerce, which fed the United States government at once to take up similar work. He entered the government service in 1871 and has served it continuously since. His works on meteorological matters are considered authorities. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and numerous foreign and American scientific societies.

GREAT PRIZES FOR BIG SOCIALIST BALL

(Continued From Page 1.)

- Best group in costume, \$50 in cash.
Second best group in costume, \$25 in cash.
Third best group in costume, \$10 in cash.
COMIC COUPLES
Best couple in costume, 10 in cash.
Second best couple in costume, \$5 in cash.
Third best couple in costume, \$3 in cash.
Fourth best couple in costume, \$2 in cash.
Fifth best couple in costume, two gallons of wine, donated by The Jewish Labor World.
Sixth best couple in costume, two white leghorn pullets, thoroughbreds, value \$10; donated by J. B. Morrison, 7820 Oglesby avenue.

- FANCY COUPLES
Best couple in costume, \$10 in cash.
Second best couple in costume, \$5 in cash.
Third best couple in costume, \$3 in cash.
Fourth best couple in costume, \$2 in cash.
Fifth best couple in costume, \$3 in merchandise; donated by "The Armitage," Milwaukee and Armitage avenues.
Sixth best couple in costume, one-gallon jar of Vermont maple syrup; donated by a man.

- PRIZES FOR LADIES IN COMIC COSTUME
1. One lady's gold watch; donated by A. B. Conklin, 1921 South Fifth avenue.
2. One cluster of genuine hair puffs, value \$5; donated by Mignon Beauty Parlor, 2955 Armitage avenue.
3. One \$5 silk petticoat; donated by Mrs. J. C. Kaneko.
4. One imported china set; donated by Walter Huggins.
5. One \$5 pair of lady's shoes; donated by Adel Shoe company, 2648 North avenue.
6. One cut glass celery dish; donated by The Progressive Woman.
7. One "mission" abourette; donated by The Daily Socialist, value \$3.
8. One Japanese vase, hand painted; donated by Greenstone & Klene, 2020 Milwaukee avenue.
9. One bottle of perfume, value \$2; donated by A. Horwitz.
10. \$1.50 in jewelry; donated by Wm. Forstrom, 3303 North Clark street.
11. One mission plate rack; donated by The Daily Socialist.
12. "The Rose Door," by Estelle Baker; donated by The Daily Socialist.
13. "The Wholesome Woman," by Dr. Greer; donated by The Daily Socialist.

- PRIZES FOR LADIES IN FANCY COSTUME
1. Hand-embroidered centerpiece, value \$15; donated by Mrs. E. Val Putnam.
2. Hand-embroidered sofa pillow, value \$8; donated by Mrs. J. P. Larsen.
3. One dozen photographs; donated by Sanders & Gross, 879 Milwaukee avenue.
4. Art statue; donated by the Young People's Socialist League.
5. Beveled oval mirror in gold frame; donated by A. W. Hornig.
6. Lady's handbag; donated by the entertainment committee.
7. Brass jardiner, donated by Rusnak Bros., 2632 North avenue.
8. One pair of lady's slippers; donated by Nelson Bros., 2445 North avenue.
9. One 16x20 water color painting, from any photograph; donated by H. Lehman, 2104 Milwaukee avenue.
10. One complete set of Dr. Greer's books; donated by Dr. Greer.
11. One aviation cap; donated by Chas. Fogh & Co., 2092 Milwaukee avenue.
12. Brass ornamental statue; donated by H. C. Diehl, candidate for alderman of the Ninth ward.

- PRIZES FOR MEN IN COMIC COSTUME
1. One \$25 suit; donated by Benson & Rixon, 1927 Milwaukee avenue.
2. One gold fountain pen; donated by A. B. Conklin, 1921 South Fifth avenue.
3. Pair of shoes, value \$4; donated by Roger Smart & Co., 127 South State street.
4. Three volumes of "The History of Great American Fortunes;" donated by Chas. H. Kerr, 118 Kinzie street.
5. One \$2 hat; donated by B. L. Ames company, 35 West Madison street.
6. One hat rack, with French beveled mirror; donated by The Daily Socialist.
7. One pair of cuff buttons; donated by S. Schiller, 967 Milwaukee avenue.
8. One stick pin; donated by Nordahl & Olsen, 781 Milwaukee avenue.
9. One year's subscription to The Daily Socialist.
10. One box of Bohn's No. 73 cigars.
11. Complete set of A. M. Lewis' works.
12. One pair of gloves; donated by Ames company, 35 West Madison street.

- PRIZES FOR MEN IN FANCY COSTUME
1. Gold watch; donated by A. B. Conklin, 1921 South Fifth avenue.
2. One \$8 pair of trousers; donated by Moeller Tailoring company, 2646 North avenue.
3. One \$3 hat; donated by B. Zimmerman, North and Artesian avenues.
4. One fancy vest; to order; donated by Adolph Christensen, 2947 Cortland street.
5. Three volumes of Marx's "Capital;" donated by Chas. H. Kerr, 118 Kinzie street.
6. \$2 in merchandise; donated by Mitchell & Mitchell, hatters, 128-130 Madison street.
7. One umbrella; donated by Schoenfeld company, 6222 Halsted street.
8. One fountain pen; donated by Horner's Stationery Stores.
9. One year's subscription to The Milwaukee Leader; donated by A. W. Mance, Milwaukee, Wis.
10. Morgan's "Ancient Society;" donated by The Daily Socialist.
11. One box of Segal's cigars; donated by Joe Segal, 1660 Madison street.
12. One fancy muffler; donated by Jones & Co.

Mask Ball Committees Here are those who will see that the mask ball is run off as it should be:

PRIZE JURY For the largest and best group in costume: Seymour Stedman, Mary O'Reilly and Val Putnam. For the couples in the best comic costumes: Percy L. Clark, Nellie M. Zeb and John Flora. For the couples in the best fancy costumes: W. F. Rodriguez, Mrs. Van Bogertaven and John Collins. For the best comic costumes: E. M. Stansland, J. H. Doleen and Walter Huggins. For the best fancy costumes: L. S. Manly, D. J. Bentall and Mrs. Emil Kuhne.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE J. P. Larsen, Chairman; J. P. Uhlenbrock, Chas. Larney, Wm. Chorney and Fred Ebeling.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE Seymour Stedman, Chairman; E. M. Stansland, Bernard McMahon, J. C. Kennedy, J. O. Bentall, Percy L. Clark, A. Dreiffuss, Frank Petrick, Steve Scalla, Catherine Stokes, Mrs. Margaret Sager and Caroline Lowe.

WARDROBE COMMITTEE J. M. Feigh, Chairman; Hugh McGee, B. H. Turner, A. Lohse, R. D.

Fletcher, M. A. Gurley, Don Kewley and H. W. Harris. FLOOR COMMITTEE W. R. Springstead, Chairman; Ed. McLain, V. Dudick, Gus Ebeling, John Nanson, W. F. Robbins, W. Van Bodegraven, Aug. Hornig, George Koop and O. E. Broberg.

HALIFAX HOTEL BURNED DOWN

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 29.—Fanned by a fifty-mile gale, fire of unknown origin early today destroyed the King Edward hotel, the largest in the city, sent 150 guests and employes scurrying to the streets in their night clothes, and then spread to the big St. Croix Paper company warehouses and four tenements adjoining.

In the few minutes that the hotel guests and occupants of the tenements were kept in the streets after being the flames they suffered intensely from the cold, the temperature being about 15 degrees above zero. A score of women and children are in local hospitals, threatened with pneumonia as a result of exposure.

The loss at the hotel, including the building, is placed at \$100,000, partly covered by insurance. Owners of the tenements put the loss at \$50,000. The paper company's loss is estimated between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

The paper company is a quarter of a mile from the hotel. Great burning embers were torn from the hotel roof and thrown through the windows of the warehouse, which blazed quickly. Before firemen from here and Dartmouth City and 200 sailors from the Canadian cruiser Niobe, who were fighting the blaze in ice, could divide their attack, both the warehouse and hotel were doomed.

BALL BACK FROM TOUR. REPORTS MOVEMENT GROWING

Samuel W. Ball, one of the speakers under the direction of the state office of the Socialist party, 25 Washington street, returned yesterday to Chicago from a successful tour through Illinois. Ball will remain in Chicago for a few weeks.

He spoke in Rockford, Freeport, Canton, Monmouth and Decatur, taking for his subject "What's Wrong With the World?" Following his address at Monmouth the Daily Atlas, published in that city, ran a column and a half "story" about Ball and his speeches. Ball reported that in Canton the Socialists are increasing the membership and they expect to carry the city for Socialism in the spring.

TEACHERS WILL NOT TEST BAN ON BIBLE READING

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29.—The Illinois State Teachers' Association closed its annual meeting here yesterday by electing the following officers:

President—J. D. Shoop, Chicago. First vice president—H. L. Brown, Chicago. Second vice president—Anna Parmelee, Normal. Third vice president—F. D. McKittick, Geneva. Secretary—Caroline Grote, Macomb. Railway secretary—W. J. Harrows, Chicago.

Treasurer—W. H. Herbert, Pontiac. Executive committee—Member for two years, G. T. Smith, Peoria; for three years, G. R. Randle, Mattoon. Board of directors—Grace Reid, Chicago; S. E. Rance, Freeport; Mrs. Constance Barlow Smith, Champaign; Miss Anna Morse, Charleston; T. C. Clendenin, Cairo; W. M. Campbell, Chicago.

The selection of the place of meeting next year was left to the executive committee. The association refused to appropriate \$100 for the committee named yesterday to bring a new test case in the Supreme Court on the right to read the Bible in the schools.

ALLIS-CHALMERS COMPANY PLANS TO REORGANIZE

New York, Dec. 30.—Confirmation of the report that the big Allis-Chalmers company is soon to be re-organized was obtained today from Vice President W. W. Nichols. He stated that at yesterday's session of the executive board here it was decided that the company's capitalization must be readjusted. Consequently, he said, the directors will probably not pay the interest on the first mortgage five per cent bonds next week, but will default. Then the re-organization will take place. Committees of the bondholders and stockholders are now striving to reach a basis of agreement and it is expected a plan satisfactory to all interests can soon be announced.

The company, which manufactures heavy machinery, has suffered greatly from the business depression, as few concerns are undertaking new work and lack of orders has curtailed earnings. The company has an authorized capital of \$50,000,000 and plants in Milwaukee, Chicago, Scranton and West Allis, Wis.

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EIGHT HUNDRED LIVES LOST IN MILWAUKEE, WIS., FIRE Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 30.—Eight hundred lives were lost in a fire here early today. The blaze which started from an unknown origin spread with remarkable rapidity and the victims were caught in their beds. Their dying squawks were pitiful to hear. Eight hundred chickens were victims of the holocaust. The property loss was about \$10,000 to the Engel & Miller Commission Company's building.

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